

MT. PLEASANT MENNONITE CHURCH**“Reaching Up, Together, Out!”**

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If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary. Please join us again next Sunday.

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Bob Walker
Sanctuary

Youth Christina Mast
Fellowship Hall

Children Children's Sunday School Team
Fellowship Hall

Prelude Beth Ortolano

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome & Opening Prayer Pastor Nevin

Opening Hymn Led by Neady Harris

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle Jordan, Carole,
Ella Kate, and Emory Lee

Announcements & Scripture John Miller
Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Hymns Led by Neady Harris

Message Pastor Nevin

And *He* will be Called: *Everlasting Father*

Isaiah 9:6, John 1:10-13, Isaiah 53:10-12

Would you like to read through the Bible in 2023? Nancy Deal will be ordering *The Daily Bible* in chronological NIV version. The cost is \$20 plus shipping. Please let Nancy (757-439-1924) know **by Dec. 20**, if you would like to order one.

Please take note of the letter from the Leadership Committee regarding our pastoral needs, which was handed out on November 19. Copies of the letter are available in the foyer and at the back of the sanctuary.

Music Sunday - On **December 31, 2023**, we will worship the Lord with music. If you would like to share a vocal or instrumental song or reading, during the Sunday morning service, please contact Nancy Deal at 757-439-1924.

December 24, 2023 - The Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. **There will not be Sunday School.**

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2023, at **6:30 p.m.**



Christmas Eve Refreshments We'd appreciate contributions of finger foods and cookies for a light snack following the Christmas Eve service. Please bring generous helpings, so we may offer guests a snack after the service.

Ministry Team Sunday Schedule

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Greeter

Velma Morgan

Audio

Kurt Jarchow

Facebook Live

Colton Keffer

Leadership Committee

Nevin Mast - Lead Pastor

Lynn Keffer - Administrative John Miller - Community Life

Inga Mast - Missions & Evangelism Nancy Deal - Worship

Bob Walker - Spiritual Growth

Leadership Committee meets the second Thursday of each month. Please contact Pastor Nevin if you have any agenda items you wish to have heard.

Prayer and Praise

Josh and Kathryn Tabor wrote, “We wanted to reach out to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the prayers during Josh’s health crisis. In addition, your financial support was a big blessing to us. A scope this week indicated that Josh’s lungs are healing well, praise God! He is getting better each day and was recently able to return to his job part-time. With much love and many thanks, Josh and Kathryn”

Merv Troyer’s brother, **Don Troyer**, went to be with the Lord on December 14. Let’s cover the family in prayer as they grieve Don’s passing and many family members will be traveling to and from Ohio for his funeral on December 18.

Kurt Jarchow’s aunt, **Carole Butler**, broke her ankle, which required surgery. Let’s remember Carole in prayer as she heals; may the Lord bless her with a quick healing and strength. Also, let’s remember Kurt in prayer as he cares for Carole. **Get well cards may be mailed to Kurt’s address: 2604 Cypress Vine Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23456**

We join with **Judy Turner** in giving praise to the Lord for a return of feeling in her hands, arms, and legs, which has allowed her to take a few steps. Let’s continue to remember her in prayer.

Let’s continue to cover Jordan Lee’s father, **Dan Lee**, in prayer as he waits for a heart and liver transplant. He’s still in the ICU. However, he did receive a second heart pump, which is a blessing because it allows him to get out of bed.

As the conflict in **Israel** continues, let’s not become weary in praying for peace in Jerusalem.

Let’s continue to lift **Jim Leader, Junie Miller, LaVerne Weaver, Opie Besso, and Ken Kurtz** to the Lord in prayer as they battle cancer.

Christmas Giving Opportunities in our community and around the world



Giving Tree

Let’s help supply hot lunches to the Roma students at Lezha Academic Center, or give a Christmas Basket to a widow in Tanzania through YWAM. Take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. Lunches for one student for one month is \$25, and a basket of food and supplies for Christmas is \$25. Please place your check in the offering made out to MPMC and earmarked “LAC” or “YWAM”.

Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater

This year, the Lord has strengthened CPC to shine His light even more as they launched a new ultrasound clinic in the city of Portsmouth. Also, CPC’s new, first-of-its-kind Great Expectations Parenting Support Center is quickly taking shape. This new facility will allow CPC to centralize the distribution of essential resources to families they serve, while having dedicated space for their parenting classes. Between now and December 31st, the projected need to meet their budget is \$229,500. CPC is so grateful for those in our community who will stand with them! cpcfriends.org



Mt. Pleasant Christian School's Christmas Project this year, is providing birthday supplies to *Enchanted Day*, which provides birthday celebrations to children in need. If you would like to join in MPCS's Christmas Project, please see the flier on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for the list of items needed. Please see Christina Keffer if you have questions.

Rosedale Business Group Christmas Giving 2023

Rosedale International (RI) and Rosedale Business Group (RBG) are focused on taking the transformative love of Jesus to the ends of the earth. They do so by concentrating on least reached groups of people who have little or no access to this good news. The special projects featured in their Christmas Giving brochure, which is displayed in the church fellowship hall, provides an opportunity to directly impact someone’s life in a tangible way. Each opportunity has been selected to connect people with workers and locations where RI and RBG are currently serving or have planted churches in the past. The special projects include: school kits, fruit trees, Bibles, baptism classes, Bible school scholarships, supplies for new schools, and community celebrations. give.rosedalebusinessgroup.org

Please see the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall for additional information related to these giving opportunities.