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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 Richard Kephart

Sanctuary

Youth Inga Mast

Fellowship Hall

Children's Sunday School Team

Fellowship Hall

Prelude Dave Zook

10:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome & Opening Prayer Pastor Nevin

Opening Hymn Gospel Group

Announcements & Scripture Kelly Keffer

Sharing & Congregational Prayer

Worship Music Gospel Group

Message Pastor Nevin

"The Realities of Heaven: Perfect Clarity" Colossians 3:1-4, 1 Corinthians 13

Announcements

Pastoral Call of Keith Miller - You will find a ballot for the approval of Keith Miller as part time associate pastor in the church foyer and at the back of the sanctuary. The ballot includes Keith's job description and the qualifications for an associate pastor according to the church constitution. Ballots may be returned to the white response box in the church foyer until **March 17**. Thank you for prayerfully considering Keith for the position of associate pastor.

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center is inviting EVERYONE to our 40th anniversary event, Celebrate Camp! The event will be Saturday, March 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at LifePointe Christian Church, 8841 Richmond Rd, Toano, VA 23168. Dessert and snacks will be served from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., and the celebration program will follow. Bring the whole family, bring some friends! Please RSVP to Bob Briscoe, wcrc@wcrc.info or call 757-566-2256.

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Summer Camp registration is open! The early registration discount of \$20 ends on March 30, so make sure to get your campers signed up. There are still many spots available but they do fill quickly! Family Camp registration will open on March 21st at noon! Go to www.wcrc.info/summer-camp

Summer Mission Trip - Please speak with Wendy Walker or Inga Mast if you feel the Lord leading you to join the summer mission trip to Albania. The tentative time frame is two to three weeks in June.

SAVE THE DATE:

March 7, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Everyone is invited to the Mt. Pleasant Christian School History Fair!

March 24, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Youth Event at Mt. Pleasant Mennonite Church



Come Celebrate our risen Savior! Easter Sunday, March 31, a light breakfast will be served from 9:45 - 10:15 a.m., followed by the Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. There will not be Sunday School.

Ministry Team Sunday Schedule

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Greeters

Leon and Peggy Yoder

Usher

Michael Miller

Audio

Jason Zook

Facebook

Colton Keffer

Nursery Attendants

Ashley Yoder

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Greeter

Velma Morgan

Usher

Bob Walker

Audio

Kurt Jarchow

Video

James Booth

Facebook

Steven McVicker

Nursery Attendants

Samantha Keffer and Raelynn 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

John Mukolwe suddenly went to be with Jesus on February 24. He was with a group of YWAM leaders and participants involved in the "Executive Masters in Leadership" course when their bus was struck by a large truck with failing brakes in Arusha, Tanzania. John and Jacenta Mukolwe shared their ministry in Tanzania with our congregation in 2022, and we have since supported their outreach to widows at Christmas time. In addition to the loss of John, eleven other passengers on the bus passed away and seven remain hospitalized. Let's remember Jacenta in prayer; may the Lord wrap her in his unending love, peace, and comfort during this horrific time. Also, we lift the seven, who continue to fight for their lives, may they be healed. YWAM is also asking for prayer for the work, which has been happening through those who passed away, to be carried on by others. All of the deceased were leaders of projects, training centers, and ministries. It is a major hit for their missions, especially in Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. Pray that much fruit will come out of these tragic deaths and Jesus will receive all the glory.

If you feel led to give to the enormous financial cost of repatriation, medical evacuation, family support, funeral arrangements, and many other logistics. YWAM has a link to give at **ywam.org** and click on "Bus Accident in Tanzania." The estimated cost of all of these arrangements is approximately \$350,000.

Kim Keffer is facing several health challenges and receiving hospice care. Let's remember her and her family in prayer.

Christina Keffer's grandmother has been hospitalized for a brain bleed. Let's remember Christina and her family in prayer.

Peggy Yoder would like to thank the congregation for our prayers, texts, phone calls, cards, and the beautiful flowers from the Good Cheer Committee. Let's continue to remember Peggy in prayer over the next few weeks as she recovers from surgery.

Johnny Scott was critically injured in an unprovoked attack in the Food Lion parking lot and remains hospitalized in the ICU due to severe facial trauma, brain injury, and many broken bones. Let's continue to remember Johnny and Judy in prayer, as he faces a long physical and emotional recovery. If you would like to donate to Johnny's care and recovery, there is a GoFundMe page at https://gofund.me/043c5703

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

Let's lift our **national leaders**, in prayer; may they lean on the Lord for daily wisdom and discernment.