



THE PLEASANT VISITOR

February 10, 2021

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PRAYER LIST

Jim & Sue Stump, Dot Lowdermilk, Tanya FitzGerald COVID, Lonnie Fox health, Family of Sharon Turney, Roland Kennedy COVID, Penny Schropshire, Healthcare workers & First responders, Mary Ann Rigney COVID, Shirley & James Stout COVID, Family of Mike Lee, Beth Caston healing from surgery.

SYMPATHY

*Christian sympathies for the Family of Mckenzie Hatch.

*We express Christian love and sympathy to Amadou & Chase Ngon whose mother passed away last week.

*Christian sympathies for the Family of Dr. Mary Martin whose son passed away last weekend.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next "Pleasant Visitor" will be published on **Wednesday, FEBRUARY 24th, 2021**. If you have any articles or information that you would like included in the Newsletter, please email your information to Dayna Bryden (dbyrden@mountpleasantumc.org) or call the Church Office (336-697-0444) by 2:00p.m. on **Friday FEBRUARY 19th, 2021**.

GIVING OPTIONS

Mount Pleasant Church now has several different options when it comes to giving: **Cash, Checks, Checks Sent through Your Online Banking and Through Tithe.ly (App or Online)**! If you would like to give by using Tithe.ly, you can simply download the app on your phone or you can go to [Tithe.ly/Give](https://www.tithe.ly/Give) and set up an account to give online.

BACK PACK MINISTRY

The Backpack Ministry is collecting **Canned Meats, Canned Pasta, Chicken Noodle and Tomato Soup and Fruit Cups**. Thanks for your continued support.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays at 7:00 PM by Zoom meeting.
Watch for email soon. Begins February 23.**

CODE LAVENDER PROJECT

Brothers and Sisters of Mount Pleasant,

What a year it has been! We miss seeing you all routinely, but each day grows closer to those hugs of reunion. You may recall last spring as the pandemic sidetracked us all and healthcare workers across the nation quickly made adjustments to deal with the new virus, you helped me offer appreciation and encouragement to the staff of the institution where I serve as the Manager of Spiritual Care (Randolph Health). We did this through the *Code Lavender* project.

Code Lavender is a twist on a CODE BLUE where the healthcare team rushes in to provide life-saving measures to a patient who is crashing. Well, sometimes, the healthcare team can feel like they are crashing, especially after a difficult event. So that is where Spiritual Care rushes in to provide support. And as the CODE BLUE team arrives by the patient's side with a cart full of life-saving tools, the CODE LAVENDER team arrives with a cart full of items to nourish one's mind, body, and spirit.

Last year, with your support, I was able to support nearly 600 employees. Our healthcare workers nationally (and globally) have worked tirelessly for nearly a year managing the coronavirus pandemic. This spring I want to do another institution-wide run of *Code Lavender* to say thank-you and hang-in-there. But I can't do this without your help. Please consider donating items on the following wish list. Donations can be delivered to the church with attention to Karen Angel/Code Lavender. Or you can contact me directly to make arrangements. I will need the items by March 22.

Blessings, Karen Angel

Code Lavender Wish List

Snacks: Must be individually wrapped

Expiration dates of April 2021 (the later the better)

Chips, Cookies, Crackers, Cereal Bars, Candy Bars
Candy, Water bottles (8 oz)

Other non-perishables:

Boxes of pre-sharpened coloring pencils (8-12 count)
Stressballs, Small slinkies, Yo-yo's, Small lotions, Small hand sanitizers, Chapsticks, Disposable aluminum roasting pans (various sizes)

CROSSROADS YOUTH NEWS

2021

LOVE DIVINE**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”****Charles Wesley**
UM Hymnal, No. 384

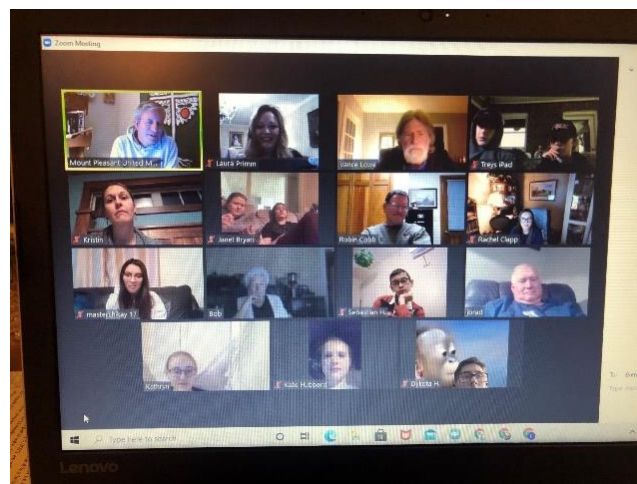
Love Divine, all Loves excelling,
 Joy of Heaven to Earth come down,
 Fix in us thy humble Dwelling,
 All thy faithful Mercies crown;
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Visit us with Thy Salvation;
 Enter every trembling heart.

Charles Wesley, the writer of this beautiful hymn, wrote six thousand hymns and more than 9,000 poems in his lifetime. Many were published and became favorites in different hymnals for many denominations. Charles and his brother, John, spent most of their life traveling as preachers on horseback. It is said that Charles carried little note cards in his pockets where he scribbled poems and hymns in shorthand as he rode. As he went from village to village, Charles' thoughts were on Jesus, the Divine Love, and the joy of heaven.



As we celebrate Valentine's Day this year, let us remember our love for one another and also the love that God has showered upon the world in His Son, Jesus. Peace & Love, Laura Primm

**Youth Ministry Advisory
 Team**
Next Zoom Meeting
Monday, April 12 @ 7pm

**Mt. Pleasant UMC**

Pray for our students, mentors, and confirmation leaders

Confirmation SCHEDULE:

DATE	SESSION	TITLE
February 3, 2021	1	Let's Get Started
February 10, 2021	2	We are the Church
February 17, 2021	3	The Book of Books
February 24, 2021	4	God the Father
March 3, 2021	5	God the Son
March 10, 2021	6	God the Holy Spirit
March 17, 2021	7	God's Church Grows
March 24, 2021	8	We Worship God
March 31, 2021	9	The Church Celebrates
April 7, 2021	10	God's Plan for Our World
April 14, 2021	11	Faithful Disciples
April 21, 2021	12	We Live The Christian Life
April 28, 2021	13	Are you a Christian?

PLARN PROJECT

Sleeping mats for the homeless continue to be made and distributed to the homeless via the Salvation Army Store in Greensboro. Your help is needed: making plastic bags into PLARN (plastic yarn) and / or crocheting the mats. Crochet instructions are below. Contact person is Karen Goergen, kwreads@bellsouth.net, cell: 336-314-1361, home: 336-697-5693. Thank you!

Basic Crochet Sleep Mat Directions for a 3' x 6' Blanket

Supplies: Approx. 500-700 bags Q-Sized (15mm) Scissors

Terminology: ch= Chain Stitch, sc =Single Crochet stitch, st/sts = stitch/ stitches, sl st = slip stitch

How to Crochet Sleep Mat:

1. Chain 45
2. Row 1: sc in second ch from end, sc in each ch (43 sc sts), ch 1
3. Row 2: sc in each st. ch1 (43 sc sts)
4. Repeat Row 2 until bedroll is Approximately 6 feet or 72' (183 cm long)

Ending around Bedroll:

Once your bed roll is 6ft long, edge around your entire rectangle with a single crochet to anchor everything together, this will help to make sure your bedroll is sturdy. Tie off and weave in ends. You are not done yet! Next you will make trying straps to make it easy to secure, and a carrying strap.

Carrying Strap

Fold bedroll in half lengthwise and put two stitch markers at stitched that are 1/3 and 2/3 the width of the bedroll on both halves so you have. These will be the stitches you make your carrying and trying straps in.

Separate from the bedroll and turn. Sc into second chain from the end and each chain until you reach the end. 50 sc total. Ch 1 and SI St into the stitch in the 1/3 stitch to anchor the carrying strap. SI st into 2-3 other stitches around the anchor point to secure the carrying strap to the mat.

Do not tie off and weave in the ends yet.

Ch1 and turn, Sc into the other side of the chain (not into the sc you just made). When you reach the end of the row, you should have 50 sc total again.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ATTENDANCE

January 24th, 2021
(In person worship services cancelled)
(This offering is from donations received through mail in, drop-off and tithe.ly giving.)
General Budget – \$2,020.09
Building Maintenance/Repairs Fund – \$100.00
Mission Box – \$5.00
Other/Designated – \$ 200.00
Total: \$ 2, 375.09

January 31st, 2021
(In person worship services cancelled)
(This offering is from donations received through mail in, drop-off and tithe.ly giving.)
General Budget – \$3,811.73
Building Maintenance/Repairs Fund – \$.00
Mission Box – \$.00
Other/Designated – \$225.00
Total: \$4,036.73

Please Note: The Total Budget for 2021 is \$580,363.22. In order to meet the 2021 Budget, a weekly General Budget Offering Amount of \$10,199.29 is needed.



Mount Pleasant Church Seeks Children's Minister

The people of Mount Pleasant Church are searching for a new PART-TIME CHILDREN'S MINISTER. The committee is searching for someone with evidence of faith in Christ, experience in ministry with students, and a willingness to work collaboratively with the staff and members of the congregation. The position is not available to Mount Pleasant Church members. If you know someone who may be interested, please notify one of the search team members (Jeff Tuttle, Faye Whitesell, or Pastor Andrew Brown).

**ASH WEDNESDAY
PRAYER SERVICE
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
6:30 PM by Zoom Meeting**

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*Mount Pleasant Church makes disciples
 of Jesus Christ by loving God and neighbor*

Mount Pleasant Church
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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE!
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
(Online Zoom Meeting)