

NEWS FROM THE PLEASANT GROVE PEWS

AUGUST 2026

All Summer Long

It's high summer in Hatton. We've been cruisin' along this season — having fun all summer long, taking breaks and making plans for the fall (and hoping for some cooler temps). The dog days may be here now, but Pleasant Grove is still the cat's meow.

Pastor Bill Koch is enjoying the warmth and beauty we all find in the light of late summer. Jesus was light, he notes, as are we, and Christ urged us to spread the light of the gospel to everyone. Read more on page 2.

We're gearing up for the start of school for this month's Fill The Cart campaign. We welcome donations of peanut butter and jelly in the cart for our Feed The Children ministry. Read more about this essential outreach to hungry Hatton-McCredie students on page 2.

The church's administrative board has undergone a few mid-year changes this summer. Learn about the new board members on pages 6-7.

A fruitful season is on Associate Pastor Macy Storts' mind this month. As gardeners and farmers enjoy God's bounty in the harvest to come, so too may we revel in the fruits of our spiritual harvest by sowing seeds of faith this summer

and fall. Read her take on how we can bear fruit on page 9.

NextGen Minister Kris O'Neal is still recovering from a week at UNITE camp with our Pleasant Grove youth. It was a great week of God's blessings, but now the challenge for campers is to bring back home what they learned as they continue to grow in their faith. Read more on page 11.

Our calendar on page 5 gives you the bare bones info for events this month and the details are in our announcements on page 13. Get the scoop on the annual Hog Roast, when some ministries reboot, and some extra space for travelers headed to Branson. Then turn the page for more news from the pews.

As we said, the UNITE campers are back. Get a glimpse of their week in the photos on pages 16-19.

This summer has brought many prospects for outreach. There's something for everyone, from young people to the young at heart. Check out the opportunities this month on page 21.

And as always, dear reader, you are the reason for *News from the Pleasant Grove Pews*. Share your news, events, photos and suggestions with Kathy Casteel at kcasteel@ktis.net. We can't wait to hear from you!

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BILL AND MARTI KOCH

The Light of Summer

BY PASTOR BILL KOCH

August has a unique beauty all its own. Gardens overflow with tomatoes, beans and flowers. Fields are turning golden as farmers prepare for the harvest. Children squeeze every last drop out of their summer vacation, while families gather for picnics, fairs and evenings on the porch. Long summer sunsets invite us to slow our hurried pace and simply notice God's magnificent creation. The warmth of the sun, the songs of the birds and the gentle breeze all remind us that every good and perfect gift comes from our Creator.

It is no wonder that Jesus chose the familiar image of light when He said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). Notice that He did not say, "Someday you will become the light," or "Try harder to be the light." He simply declared, "You are the light." Through God's amazing grace, we have been transformed by Christ and called to reflect His love and goodness in the world around us.

Just as the summer sun gives warmth, direction and life, followers of Christ are called to bring hope, kindness and encouragement wherever they go. Our light does not come from our own strength or goodness. Like the moon reflecting the light of the sun, we

**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE
WORLD ... LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE BEFORE OTHERS.**

MATTHEW 5:14,16

simply reflect the light of Christ.

Sometimes that reflection is seen in a caring conversation with a lonely neighbor, a meal shared with someone in need, a forgiving spirit after a disagreement or a quiet prayer offered for a hurting friend. These simple acts of love often shine brighter than we realize.

The world can sometimes seem overshadowed by worry, conflict and uncertainty. Yet darkness has never been able to overcome even the smallest light. Every act of compassion, every word of grace and every faithful witness reminds the world that Christ is still present and at work through His people.

As August gently gives way to autumn, may we not leave the warmth and joy of summer behind. Instead, let us carry the light of Christ into our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools and church. May others see in us not our own brilliance, but the radiant love of Jesus. And may this August be a season of joy, gratitude, faithful service and light-bearing for the glory of God.

FILL THE CART

POWER SNACK

Protein is the new foodie buzzword. Everywhere you look on the grocery shelves, you'll find foods — especially snack foods — with extra protein added. Protein is good for you; it's the ultimate building block for your body. But we lovers of peanut butter and jelly already knew that. And what could be easier than PB&J? It's the quintessential comfort food. You've got your protein, your fruit and your carbohydrates to balance for the perfect sandwich.

Peanut butter is a staple of the American diet, packed with nutrients such as vitamin E, magnesium, iron, selenium and vitamin B6. At Pleasant Grove, we distribute this American essential in our weekend food packs for students at Hatton-McCredie Elementary School.

This month, Pleasant Grove will Fill The Cart with jars of peanut butter and jelly. The donations collected will replenish supplies for Feed The Children, Pleasant Grove's supplement to the Buddy Pack program that sends food home with hungry kids for the weekend.

Grab a few extra jars for Fill The Cart next time you're at the store and help add protein power to some kids' weekend menus.

JESUS SAID, "FEED

MY SHEEP."

JOHN 21:17

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

HOG ROAST



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

6 PM

PLEASANT GROVE UMC

—X—
FOOD, GAMES, FUN

—X—
**Kick off the new year for
KFJ & Limitless!**



SERVE and Baby Grace

Pleasant Grove is a mobile site for SERVE food pantry and Baby Grace.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

(We are open every third Thursday of the month.)

If you are in need of a food box from SERVE,
please stop by! You can register that day and
participate in the food pantry.

The Baby Grace store offers free diapers, wipes and gently used or new
clothing for ages birth through 5 years.



COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Discipleship Sunday School class invites
you to join us for a homemade meal.
Stay for a game of cards, dominoes, or
bring a suggestion!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 12 NOON



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 COFFEE WITH SISTERS IN FAITH 8:30-10 A.M.
2 WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 A.M. WORSHIP 11 A.M.	3 WESLEYAN GROUP STUDY 6-7 P.M.	4 YOGA 8 A.M.	5	6 MEN'S GROUP 7 P.M.	7	8
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23 WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 A.M. WORSHIP 11 A.M.	24 WESLEYAN GROUP STUDY 6-7 P.M.	25 YOGA 8 A.M. BOARD MEETING 7 P.M.	26	27	28	29
30 WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 A.M. WORSHIP 11 A.M.	31 WESLEYAN GROUP STUDY 6-7 P.M. CHOIR ICE CREAM SOCIAL 7 P.M.					

CHURCH UPDATE:

PGUMC ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD



Pleasant Grove's Administrative Board welcomed three new members at its May 26 meeting, replacing those who had resigned. The current makeup of the board is:

- **Laura Stinson**, chair (term expires 1/1/29)
- **Chris Spradlin**, vice chair (term expires 1/1/27)
- **Nancy Linville**, secretary (appointed position)
- **Linda Nordwald**, finance (term expires 1/1/28)
- **Josh Dennison**, trustee (term expires 1/1/27)
- **Megan Marshall**, staff-parish relations (term expires 1/1/29)
- **Keith Borcharding** (term expires 1/1/27)
- **Stephanie Fohey** (term expires 1/1/28)
- **Cory Peck** (term expires 1/1/28)
- **Justin Jones** (term expires 1/1/29)
- **Shelton Blevins** (term expires 1/1/29)

The board meets on the last Tuesday of each month; meetings are open to all church members.

GREET ALL YOUR LEADERS AND ALL THE LORD'S PEOPLE.

HEBREWS 13:24

MIDYEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

Through the first two quarters of 2026 (Jan.1 to June 30), Pleasant Grove's total income was \$9,500 greater than budget. Total expenses for the first six months of 2026 are \$14,293 less than budget. The Administrative Board approved this second-quarter finance report at its July 28 meeting.

Financial Overview January to June 2026

	2025	2026
Total Offering	\$112,093	\$130,742
Total Income	\$112,967	\$131,750
Total Budgeted Income	\$121,898	\$122,250
Total Expenses	\$140,523	\$132,124
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$127,426	\$146,417

GETTING TO KNOW THE PGUMC BOARD: SHELTON BLEVINS

New board member Shelton Blevins has lived in the Auxvasse area all his life. He and his wife Kirsten, daughter Ella and son Easton live out in the country just east of Auxvasse. A physical therapist and certified athletic trainer, Shelton works at Peak Sport & Spine in Columbia and serves as the athletic trainer for North Callaway High School.

The Blevins family has attended Pleasant Grove since 2017. Shelton has provided narration at the Christmas cantata for several years. He has also served on the Nominations Committee.

Shelton says he sees his role on the board as one that assists and collaborates with other board members about decisions that will be in the best interest of the church family.

"I look forward to working with the other board members to grow our congregation and continue to play a role in guiding our youth through Christ and the Pleasant Grove family."



SHELTON, KIRSTEN, ELLA AND EASTON BLEVINS

STEPHANIE FOHEY



CARTER, IAN, STEPHANIE, REAGHYN AND LYNDON FOHEY

Church administration is familiar territory for Stephanie Fohey. In the 12 years she has been attending Pleasant Grove, Stephanie has served as a board member, Pastor-Parish Relations chair and Missouri Annual Conference lay representative. She has also taught in Vacation Bible School and Kids For Jesus and was KFJ director for several years. In 2023, the Missouri Conference honored Stephanie with the Harry Denman Evangelism Award for Laity, a tribute to her work with KFJ and her passion for telling children about Christ.

Stephanie, who grew up in Auxvasse, lives west of Hatton with her husband Ian and children Reaghyn, Lyndon and Carter. She works as director of customer services at Shelter Insurance in Columbia.

A motivated leader, Stephanie says she hopes to add another voice of stability and reason to the board. "I have been impressed with some board members and their leadership during transitional periods," she says. "I plan to celebrate the things we do well and look at how we may improve in our areas of opportunity."

KEITH BORCHERDING

Board member Keith Borcharding is a lifelong resident of central Missouri, attending North Callaway and Mexico schools. A graduate of Linn Technical College, he is the service manager at Crown Power and Equipment. He and his wife, Sara, live between Hatton and Auxvasse and have four children — Isabelle, Eli, Henry and Annalise.

Keith spends his free time working on garage projects and house renovations. He has been a Thunderbird Youth Wrestling coach for the past four years.

The Borcherdings have attended Pleasant Grove for 23 years. Keith has served as a trustee in the past. He is looking forward to performing his board duties for the church.

"I want to help PGUMC continue to grow and have a strong presence in the community," he says.



KEITH, ANNALISE, SARA AND ISABELLE (PLUS LANE KIMBLEY AND BANDIT), HENRY AND ELI

COFFEE WITH SISTERS IN FAITH

AT PLEASANT GROVE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
8:30-10 AM

HOSTED BY
ANGIE RAEBEL



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THREADS OF CARE



KALEB AND MACY STORTS WITH BOONE

A Season to Bear Fruit

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR MACY STORTS

The month of August brings a new start to many things. Fresh gardens, crop harvest on its way, the new school year and of course, county fairs or gatherings that celebrate the summer. It's a season that reminds us how much of life is lived between the first planted seed and the harvest we reap. We often wait patiently, trusting that the work we have done will bear fruit in God's good timing.

Paul writes in Galatians, "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." These words are a great reminder for the church as well. Faithfulness is not always measured by dramatic moments but by the small, steady acts of love we offer each day — every prayer whispered, every meal shared, every visit to a loved one — every instance we give is a good deed spent serving Christ. Sometimes we don't see the growth immediately, or at all. But we know God is at work anyway. Just as a sower trusts the season, we trust that God is bringing new life where we have planted seeds of hope, trust, care and grace.

As summer gives way to fall, may we continue to be people who serve with joyful hearts. Let us welcome all who enter our doors, encourage one another through life's challenges, and remain committed to sharing Christ's love throughout our community. Thank you for being a church that continues to care for one another and for our neighbors near and far. Your kindness, generosity, and faithful presence are a witness to the love of Christ in our community. May God bless you and your families as you enjoy these last weeks of summer, and may Jesus strengthen us to continue the work He has begun among us.

LET US NOT GROW WEARY IN DOING WHAT IS RIGHT, FOR WE

WILL REAP AT HARVEST TIME, IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.

GALATIANS 6:9

Women's Ministries Yoga

Join us in the gym
8:00 AM
Every Tuesday

FOR MORE INFO
CONTACT
JULIE HUFFMAN
jthuffman@hotmail.com
(First yoga session is FREE)

PRAY WITH US



Let's support and uplift each other
through the power of prayer.

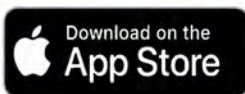
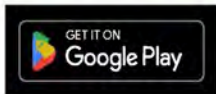
4 Ways To Request Prayer

1. Submit your prayer requests through the PG App by tapping Contact and the Prayer tab. Fill out the brief form and submit.
2. On our website, MyPGUMC.org, click on the Prayer Request graphic on the home page or click on the Prayer Concerns under the Stay Connected menu (MyPGUMC.org/stay-connected/prayer-concerns). Fill out the brief form and submit.
3. Contact the church office at 573-387-4822 or Pastor Bill Koch at 660-216-4662.
4. Call the Prayer Tree at 573-597-2102 or email macy@mypgumc.org.

The PG App



Powered by Ministry One



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Pleasant Grove is on YouTube!
Check out this channel if you can't
make it to church!



NEXTGEN NOTES



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: KAYLA, KRIS, KIERSTYN AND KOURTNEY O'NEAL

Following Through In Tension

BY NEXTGEN MINISTER KRIS O'NEAL

By the time you read this, our students and leaders will have returned from an incredible week at UNITE camp. As I wrote these words, we had not left yet, but I had great confidence in what God would do as more than 700 students gathered July 20-24 to worship, learn, laugh, serve and grow together — including the 93 students and 15 leaders from Pleasant Grove who made up our group of 108.

Throughout the week at UNITE, our students explored the theme “In Tension” by studying the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5. Jesus reminds us that the Christian life is not about avoiding life’s tensions but learning to follow Him faithfully through them. We all experience moments where we must choose humility over pride, mercy over judgment, forgiveness over resentment and faith over fear. The Beatitudes show us that God’s blessings are often found in the very places the world least expects.

My prayer is that each student returned home with more than just fun memories. I hope they came back with a deeper understanding of who Jesus is, stronger friendships rooted in Christ and a renewed desire to live out their faith each day. Camp has a unique way of removing distractions and creating space for God to work in hearts, and I am thankful for everyone who made that opportunity possible.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement and your support of our young people. Whether you volunteered, donated or simply lifted them up in prayer, you were part of what God accomplished that week.

Now the challenge begins. The goal of camp is not simply to have a mountaintop experience, but to carry what we learned back into our homes, our schools, our church and our community as we continue following Christ together.

BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND

FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD, BECAUSE GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5:11-12

5TH QUARTER

at Pleasant Grove

Join us after every HOME football
game for pizza, games and
fellowship!

KRIS O'NEAL
nextgen@mypgumc.org
417-718-4772



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kaffeeklatsch

Angie Raebel will host Coffee with Sisters in Faith from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, at Pleasant Grove. Find out more about Sisters in Faith from Angie at 573-416-6438 or email Plote.hogan@gmail.com.

Men's Group Meet-Up

The Pleasant Grove Men's Group will meet on the first and third Thursday this month, Aug. 6 and 20. The meetings take place at 7 p.m. at Pleasant Grove. For more information, contact Russ Hardesty at 573-819-0712.

Pig Out

Help us kick off a new year of Kids For Jesus and Limitless youth group at Pleasant Grove's annual Hog Roast on Sunday, Aug. 16, at 6 p.m. Come out and enjoy pulled pork with all the trimmings, games and friendly fellowship. Meat and drinks provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. For more information about our youth programs, contact Sarah Kennon for KFJ at 573-397-8198 or NextGen Minister Kris O'Neal for Limitless at 417-718-4772.

Ready, Set, Go!

Speaking of youth programs, our young people are champing at the bit to get back into the Pleasant Grove routine. Limitless youth group — for students in sixth through twelfth grade — begins meeting every Wednesday on Sept. 9. We provide dinner for the gathering that runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Kids For Jesus will start up again on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Open to children 3 years old to fifth grade, KFJ meets every Wednesday during the school year (except the second Wednesday of the month) from 6 to 8 p.m., dinner provided.

Branson Bound

Good news, travel fans! The On the Road Again gang is heading to Branson in September with 34 travelers in tow so far, including some from Montgomery City and Sedalia churches. A few spots remain open, if anyone else would like to go. The trip is Sept. 23-25, and includes two nights of lodging, three shows, a tram tour through Dogwood Canyon Nature Park and a visit to Shepherd of the Hills Conservation Education Center and fish hatchery. Get all the details from Jan Hankinson at 573-999-2139 or email janhankinson@gmail.com.



Yuletide Tuneup

Pleasant Grove's music makers are getting into the Christmas spirit this month, making plans for the Christmas cantata.

Have you ever thought about lifting your voice to God, especially at Christmastime? Join in with the choir for this year's cantata, "Come and Behold Him." Cantata prep kicks off with an ice cream social on Monday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. Enjoy ice cream and toppings as you listen to the cantata music.

Rehearsals are set for Mondays, starting Sept. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the church. Questions? Contact Choir Director Jan Hankinson at 573-999-2139, email janhankinson@gmail.com, or Linda Norwald at 573-253-0346, email lnorwald@socket.net.



MORE NEWS FROM THE PEWS

THIRD THURSDAY FUN



There's more in store for patrons of Third Thursdays at Pleasant Grove. A noon Story Time debuted in July with Sarah Kennon reading to a gaggle of tots as their parents shopped the food pantry or browsed the Baby Grace offerings or helped prepare the community lunch.

"We served 20 at the food pantry and assisted 18 with Baby Grace," says coordinator Cindy Feutz. "Story Time was a big hit."

We'll do it all again this month on Aug. 20. Food pantry and Baby Grace are open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Story Time and lunch get started around noon.

Come out this month and join the fun!

KIDS AND COWS AND QUILTS AND PIES, OH MY!

Last month's Callaway Youth Expo in Auxvasse featured several Pleasant Grove youth as they demonstrated their skills. Brothers Ben (left) and Dan (right) Blevins deftly maneuvered their charges around the ring in the bucket calf competition on July 10. The boys and their sister, Kennedy, all brought home trophies.

Other Pleasant Grove youth won awards as well. Bryli DeLashmutt took first place in the pie contest with her Tart Cherry Pie and Bourbon Pecan Pie. Bryli's quilt qualified for state fair competition in August. Lexi Rhoades and Erica Young also qualified projects for the state fair. Congrats to all our youthful exhibitors!



SPIFFING UP THE PARSONAGE



Volunteers worked tirelessly early this summer to fix up the parsonage for its newest occupants, Pastor Bill and Marti Koch. Under the direction of trustee Josh Dennison, workers installed new flooring, replaced the base trim and reset the toilets, patched and painted all the walls, including the garage, installed a new kitchen faucet and cleaned the entire house.

Special thanks are due to Joe Baldwin (pictured at left, hard at work), Meda Young, and the Borcharding, Blansett and Dennison families, with a shout-out to Eddie Williams for the flooring work.

When everything was in tip-top shape, the Kochs moved in on July 27.

You can see the results of some of their handiwork here.



The Blessings of Faith

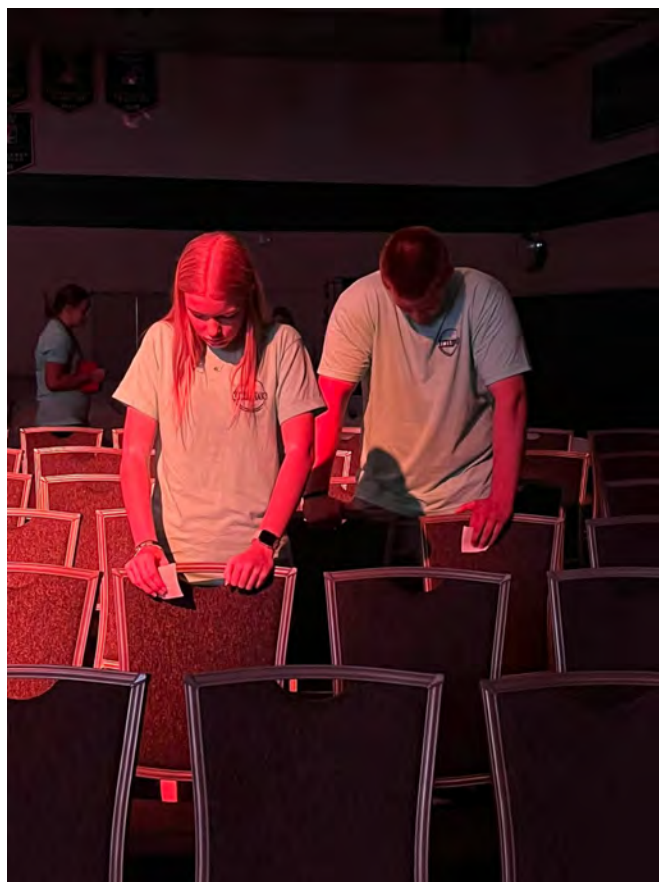
Pleasant Grove youth find a way of life in the Beatitudes.

A contingent of nearly 100 campers made their way to Fayette in late July to spend a week at UNITE on the campus of Central Methodist University. It was a week of deep thinking, earnest discussion and revelation. Inspired by Christ's blessings in the Beatitudes from His Sermon on the Mount, the young people discovered in these blessings a way to live their lives and follow the call.

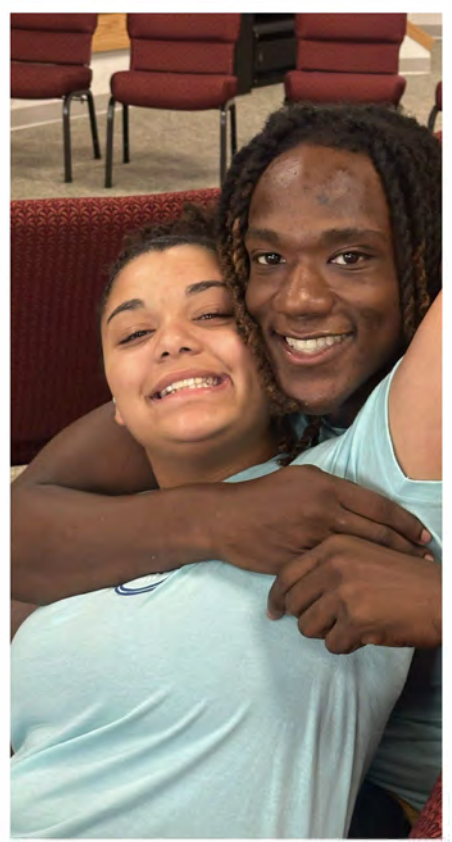
"We walk alongside others," one camper declared. "This is a way to follow Jesus."

The week featured faith-filled music, worship and games as well as special moments for the Pleasant Grove crew — wearing T-shirts offering prayer with a tap on the shoulder, bird watching, "strip poker" with quilting strips from the Country Friends quilt group, and even the chance to see NextGen Minister Kris O'Neal dressed as a pickle (for a Veggie Tales talent show).

The theme for the week was "In Tension" — how to trust God while facing the tension in life. "We're learning," another camper noted, "to depend on God instead of trying to handle everything ourselves."









Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for
they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for
they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children
of God.

MATTHEW 5:3-9





PLEASANT GROVE MEN'S GROUP

**JOIN US ON THURSDAYS AT
PLEASANT GROVE**

**3686 STATE ROAD E
AUXVASSE, MO**

**AUGUST 6 & 20
7 P.M.**

**RUSS HARDESTY
573-819-0712**

OUTREACH PLANS

Knowing Who We Are

Associate Pastor Macy Storts will lead a Monday evening study of the Wesleyan tradition this month. Based on the book, *Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace* by Laceye Warner, the five-week DVD-guided study with group discussion will explore God's grace, the foundations of our faith, and how John Wesley's theology continues to shape the way we live, love and serve. The group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, Aug. 3-31, at Pleasant Grove; books will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

5th Quarter Returns!

The popular 5th Quarter postgame gathering is back next month for another season. All youth are invited to hang out at Pleasant Grove after North Callaway home football games for food, fun and fellowship. In September, the 5th Quarter parties will take place on Friday, Sept. 4, 11 and 18. Find out more from NextGen Minister Kris O'Neal at 417-718-4772 or email nextgen@mypgumc.org.

Sunday Schoolers Move Up

The new Sunday School year at Pleasant Grove will kick off in September with a refreshed program, new classes and some new teachers. Stay tuned for details on Promotion Sunday next month. For more information on Pleasant Grove's Sunday School program, contact Associate Pastor Macy Storts in the church office, 573-387-4822, or email macy@mypgumc.org.

Buy a Quilt, Rebuild a Life

The Festival of Sharing is accepting donations for its annual quilt auction. The online auction, set for Nov. 1-7, raises funds for the Church World Service Blankets Program, which helps people rebuild their lives after disasters. Last year's auction raised more than \$7,500. Mail or drop off donated quilted items to the Missouri Conference office at 3601 Amron Court, Columbia, MO 65202, by Saturday, Aug. 15; mail-in submissions will be accepted through the end of the month to account for mailing delays. Details and donor forms are at www.festivalofsharing.org/quilt-auction.

Home Away From Home

College students will be packing up and leaving for school later this month. Those who find themselves on an unfamiliar campus in a new town may need some help in finding a church home away from home. We've got you covered. Wherever your college student's campus home is, most likely there's a college ministry nearby to offer support and fellowship. Check out this list of college-age ministries in Missouri at www.MoUMethodist.org/college-age-ministries and get settled in.

BLESSINGS

**BRING THE WHOLE TITHE
INTO THE STOREHOUSE
... AND SEE IF I WILL NOT
THROW OPEN THE FLOOD-
GATES OF HEAVEN AND POUR
OUT SO MUCH BLESSING
THERE WILL NOT BE ROOM
ENOUGH TO STORE IT.**

MALACHI 3:10

Join us in our mission to know Jesus Christ and make Him known. Your generosity enables us to help more and more people experience a life-changing relationship with Him. We are truly grateful for your donations and hope the convenience and simplicity of our ways of giving are helpful to you.

1. Try scanning our QR code.



2. To use mobile giving, download the "Church By Ministry One" app to your mobile device. Search for Pleasant Grove by entering the zip code 65231.
3. Online giving can be found at www.mypgumc.org/donate.
4. Text "GIVE" to 573-312-2909.
5. Cash and checks can be placed in the offering plates during worship services or mailed to the church office at 3686 State Road E, Auxvasse, MO 65231.

Consider becoming a recurring giver. Church statistics show that churches with high numbers of recurring givers experience the most growth.

If you need assistance or have questions about our digital giving methods, please reach out to Nancy Linville in the church office Monday through Thursday, by phone at 573-387-4822 or email admin@mypgumc.org.



Pleasant Grove

W O R S H I P T I M E S

First Service 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:10-10:50 a.m.

Second Service 11:00-Noon

