

NEWS FROM THE PLEASANT GROVE PEWS

FEBRUARY 2026

For the Love of God ...

It's February and love is in the air! Valentine celebrations aside, it's also the time to immerse ourselves in God's love and grace as we begin the Lenten season in preparation for the renewal of Easter.

Pastor Paul Klepees writes about Lent this month, focusing on this quiet time of preparation as we enter our own wilderness, listening to God and discovering His grace. Read more on page 2.

Also on page 2, you'll find an opportunity to share some love with the hungry in our community. Pleasant Grove is going to Fill The Cart in February with cans of soup. All donations will go to our food pantry right here at Pleasant Grove, to serve our neighbors.

There are some new faces on the church's Administrative Board in 2026. Meet the new members on pages 6-7.

Associate Pastor Macy Storts has love on her mind this month — what it means to be loved by God and how it becomes our witness to others. Read more on page 9.

NextGen Minister Kris O'Neal has a different take on love, urging us to show love to strangers by welcoming them. Hospitality, he reminds us, is

a spiritual gift that God has entrusted to us. See what else Kris has to say on page 11.

If you've glanced at our very full calendar on page 5, you'll want to get the details from the announcements on page 13. There is a lot going on this month, from sweets sales by Limitless youth to the rescheduled Pitch Tournament and Women's Ministries floral deliveries. Turn the page to see our latest baptism, celebrate Pastor Macy's new baby and get the lowdown on the state of the church and potluck supper plans.

As we head into Lent, learn about fasting from Pastor Paul, find out about our Ash Wednesday observance, or sign up for confirmation classes. Our young people may want to check out the opportunity to join the Missouri Conference's Youth Leadership Team. Details are on page 19.

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 and Betsy Bell at mammabell003@gmail.com. We can't wait to hear from you!

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THE PASTOR'S PEACE



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT FRONT: SPENCER, PAUL, GIBSON BACK: MARGIE, EZRA, AND MAVERICK KLEPEES

Into the Wilderness

BY PASTOR PAUL KLEPEES

As we turn the page to February, the season of Lent draws near. It's not flashy, not festive — Lent begins quietly, with ashes and silence. But it offers something our souls deeply need: space to listen, slow down and be reminded who we are.

In Luke 4, we read that “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for 40 days He was tempted by the devil.” Before He ever preached a sermon or healed the sick, Jesus entered a wilderness season — a time of hunger, temptation and clarity. It wasn't easy, but it was essential. The wilderness didn't weaken Him; it prepared Him.

That's what Lent is for us: not punishment, but preparation. It's a time to strip away distraction and make room for the Spirit to

**JESUS, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
LEFT THE JORDAN AND WAS LED BY
THE SPIRIT INTO THE WILDERNESS.**

LUKE 4:1

work. To remember, as Jesus did, that “man does not live by bread alone” (Deuteronomy 8:3). Lent invites us to face our own hungers and hopes, our struggles and our questions, and to discover that grace meets us there.

So, I'll ask: Where in your life do you feel like you're in a wilderness right now? And what might God be forming in you there?

This season, we walk with Jesus — not just to the cross, but through the quiet, dusty paths that come before it. May this Lent be a time of listening, of formation, and of hope.

Grace and peace for the journey ...

FILL THE CART

SOUP'S ON

**I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME
SOMETHING TO EAT, I WAS THIRSTY
AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO
DRINK, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU
INVITED ME IN.**

MATTHEW 25:35

February is Super Bowl month. It's also a “souper” time for tackling hunger. Pleasant Grove is right there in the heat of the hunger battle this month, collecting donations of canned soup for Fill The Cart. Nothing hits the spot like a hot bowl of soup on a cold winter's day. All soup contributions will stay right here for use in the church's food pantry.

Pleasant Grove is a mobile site of the SERVE food pantry. We distribute food boxes on the third Thursday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church gym. This month, distribution takes place on Feb. 19. Anyone who needs food is welcome; just stop by and register that day to start participating in the food pantry at Pleasant Grove.

Let's Fill The Cart with cans of soup this month and warm somebody's day. M'm! M'm! Good!

PLEASANT GROVE UMC
LIMITLESS YOUTH

Valentine's
FUNDRAISER

\$15 A BOX

ORDERS DUE FEB. 4TH

MONEY DUE AT TIME OF ORDER

PICK UP FEB. 11

*A Caramel Apple and
Chocolate-Covered
Strawberries*

ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARD
YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Questions? Contact
Sandy Montgomery
573-826-9560 or
Kayla O'Neal
417-718-8608



PLEASANT GROVE MEN'S GROUP IS ...



*Pitching
In...*



10-POINT PITCH TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER!

HELP SEND KIDS TO UNITE CAMP.

PLAY 5 GAMES — TOP SCORE WINS!

\$100 PER TEAM OF TWO.

SIGN UP AT MYPGUMC.ORG OR USE THE QR CODE.

FEBRUARY 7 | 5:30 PM

FOOD BOOTH OPENS AT 4:30 PM



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CALENDAR & EVENTS

february 2026

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

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FRI

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<p>WORSHIP 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 A.M.</p> <p>YOUTH BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8:30 P.M.</p>		<p>YOGA 8 A.M.</p> <p>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>CUB SCOUTS PACK 32 6 P.M.</p>	<p>VALENTINE BOX ORDER DEADLINE KFJ 6-8 P.M.</p> <p>LIMITLESS 7-8:30 P.M.</p>	<p>MEN'S GROUP 7 P.M.</p>		<p>COFFEE WITH SISTERS IN FAITH 8:30-10 A.M.</p> <p>MEN'S GROUP PITCH TOURNAMENT 5:30 P.M.</p>
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<p>WORSHIP 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 A.M.</p> <p>FASTING 101 4-6 P.M.</p> <p>CHURCH UPDATE & POTLUCK MEAL 6 P.M.</p> <p>YOUTH BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8:30 P.M.</p>		<p>YOGA 8 A.M.</p> <p>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>CUB SCOUTS PACK 32 6 P.M.</p>	<p>ASH WEDNESDAY RECEIVE ASHES 7 A.M.-7 P.M.</p> <p>KFJ 6-8 P.M.</p> <p>LIMITLESS 7-8:30 P.M.</p>	<p>BABY GRACE PICKUP 11 A.M.-2 P.M.</p> <p>SERVE FOOD BOX PICKUP 11 A.M.-2 P.M.</p> <p>COMMUNITY LUNCH 12 NOON</p> <p>MEN'S GROUP 7 P.M.</p>		
<p>WORSHIP 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:10 A.M.</p> <p>CONFIRMATION CLASS 4-5:30 P.M.</p> <p>YOUTH BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8:30 P.M.</p>		<p>YOGA 8 A.M.</p> <p>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>CUB SCOUTS PACK 32 6 P.M.</p> <p>BOARD MEETING 7 P.M.</p>	<p>KFJ 6-8 P.M.</p> <p>LIMITLESS 7-8:30 P.M.</p>			

CHURCH UPDATE: THE 2026 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

GREET ALL YOUR LEADERS AND

ALL THE LORD'S PEOPLE.

HEBREWS 13:24

Pleasant Grove's Administrative Board met Jan. 27 to elect this year's officers and welcome three new members who replaced those with expired terms. The current makeup of the board for 2026 is:

- Laura Stinson, chair (renewed term expires 2028)
- Emery Jones, vice chair (term expires 2026)
- Nancy Linville, secretary (appointed position)
- Linda Nordwald, finance (term expires 2027)
- Josh Dennison, trustee (term expires 2026)
- Megan Marshall, staff-parish relations (term expires 2028)
- Chris Spradlin (term expires 2026)
- Stephanie Gilliam (term expires 2027)
- Cory Peck (term expires 2027)
- Justin Jones (term expires 2028)
- Gretchen Smith (term expires 2028)

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

GETTING TO KNOW THE PGUMC BOARD: JUSTIN JONES



New Administrative Board member Justin Jones has spent much of his life worshipping at Pleasant Grove. A native of Kingdom City, Justin has been a member of Pleasant Grove for more than 40 years. He has served in various ways over the years — as a teacher in Sunday School and Kids For Jesus, and as a member of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee.

A physician, Justin is the medical director at the Women's Eastern Reception Diagnostic Correctional Center in Vandalia. He and his wife, Donna, live in the country between Hatton and Auxvasse where they raised their daughter Cassidy, who recently married Jacob Jennings.

As a board member, Justin says his goal is to continue supporting the youth and the community. His focus, he adds, is "helping to carry on the mission of the church."



GETTING TO KNOW THE PGUMC BOARD:

GRETCHEN SMITH

New Administrative Board member Gretchen Smith has made Hatton her home for the past 20 years. “I grew up in Texas — and in this area off and on,” she says, adding that her junior high, high school and college years were based in the Lone Star State. She returned to Hatton in 2005 and started attending Pleasant Grove. She officially joined the church shortly before marrying Tad Smith 18 years ago at Pleasant Grove. The couple has two daughters, Adalynn and Hattie.

She works from home as a medical coder for University Physicians.

Gretchen helped with Kids For Jesus many years ago, then took a few years off, returning to KFJ several years ago to help in the kitchen, doing crafts, and teaching the 3-4-year-old class. She has served as Sunday School Superintendent and now teaches the pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School class and helps Kris O’Neal with Children’s Church on Sunday mornings.

“I am happy to help on the board,” Gretchen says. “I am not sure what my role will be, but I am excited to learn more about our church!”



GETTING TO KNOW THE PGUMC BOARD:



MEGAN MARSHALL

This isn’t Administrative Board member Megan Marshall’s first rodeo — she has served on the Pleasant Grove board in the past as chair of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. Currently she teaches the third-grade class at Kids For Jesus with her mother-in-law Angie Marshall, a job they’ve shared for the past four years.

Megan has a bachelor’s degree in health sciences and works as a medical assistant at Nephrology & Hypertension Associates in Columbia. She grew up in Williamsburg and started attending Pleasant Grove when she began dating Ethan Marshall in high school. They’ve been married for 11 years now and have two children, 8-year-old Lorelei

and 4-year-old Jack. They live outside of Fulton in the house they built five years ago.

Megan sees the playground improvement project as a big accomplishment of the Administrative Board. “I remember that project starting when Ethan was the trustees chair and it’s been great to see it come together,” she says.

She hopes to see the church continue to grow in numbers and in the programs Pleasant Grove offers the community. “I love seeing the positive impact we have on surrounding communities and churches,” she says, “and I’m excited to have a bigger part in that by serving on the board.”

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

PAPER PEONY PRESS



Strength IN THE Struggle

A BIBLE STUDY WORKBOOK
FOR WOMEN ON LETTING GO
OF FEAR AND ANXIETY

LAUREN IBACH

9:30 A.M. TUESDAYS
AT PLEASANT GROVE

Women's Ministries
Yoga

join us in the gym
8:00 AM
Every Tuesday

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



THREADS OF CARE

KALEB AND MACY STORTS WITH BOONE

Loving That Comes From God

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR MACY STORTS

The month of February often brings themes of love. We share cards, candy hearts and kind words with each other — friends, family and on social media. As followers of Christ, we are invited to reflect on a deeper and more enduring love, the love that comes from God and flowers through us to the world.

As 1 John reminds us, love is not simply what we do; it is something we receive from God and are asked to be its vessels. God’s love shapes who we are and how we live as followers of Christ.

There is a phrase I love to share when it pops into my mind: “being called to love is Ph.D. level work” (author unknown). Let’s think about that for a moment. God asking us to love isn’t just something we need to do to check off a to-do list, it is far greater than just moving through the motions. Choosing to love is the highest calling and a sacred act we should be doing every day. And, we get to do that because God first loved us.

God’s love is steady and faithful. It’s present in every season of life. When we remain rooted in that steadfast, sustaining and empowering love, we find strength to care for one another — even when it’s hard. Love becomes our witness, showing others what it means to belong to God, to be called to love, and to live as faithful followers of Christ, because Christ first loved us.

DEAR FRIENDS, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER FOR LOVE COMES FROM GOD. EVERYONE WHO LOVES HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD.



[HTTP://MYPGUMC.ORG/YOUTUBE](http://mypgumc.org/youtube)

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





Coffee
with
Sisters in Faith

8:30-10 A.M.
FEBRUARY 7
AT PLEASANT GROVE

HOSTED BY
ANGIE RAEBEL

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KIDS FOR JESUS
FOR KIDS 3 YEARS OLD TO 5TH GRADE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
(EXCEPT THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

6-8 P.M.
DINNER PROVIDED



YOUTH GROUP FOR 6TH TO 12TH GRADERS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
7-8:30
DINNER PROVIDED

Limitless Bible Study

EVERY SUNDAY
6:30-8:30 P.M.
DINNER PROVIDED



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT FRONT: KOURTNEY, KIERSTYN BACK: KAYLA, KRIS O'NEAL

Hospitality Reflects Christ's Love

BY NEXTGEN MINISTER KRIS O'NEAL

February is often associated with love, but Scripture consistently pushes us to think beyond sentiment and toward action. In 1 Peter, we are reminded: "Above all, love each other deeply ... Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others."

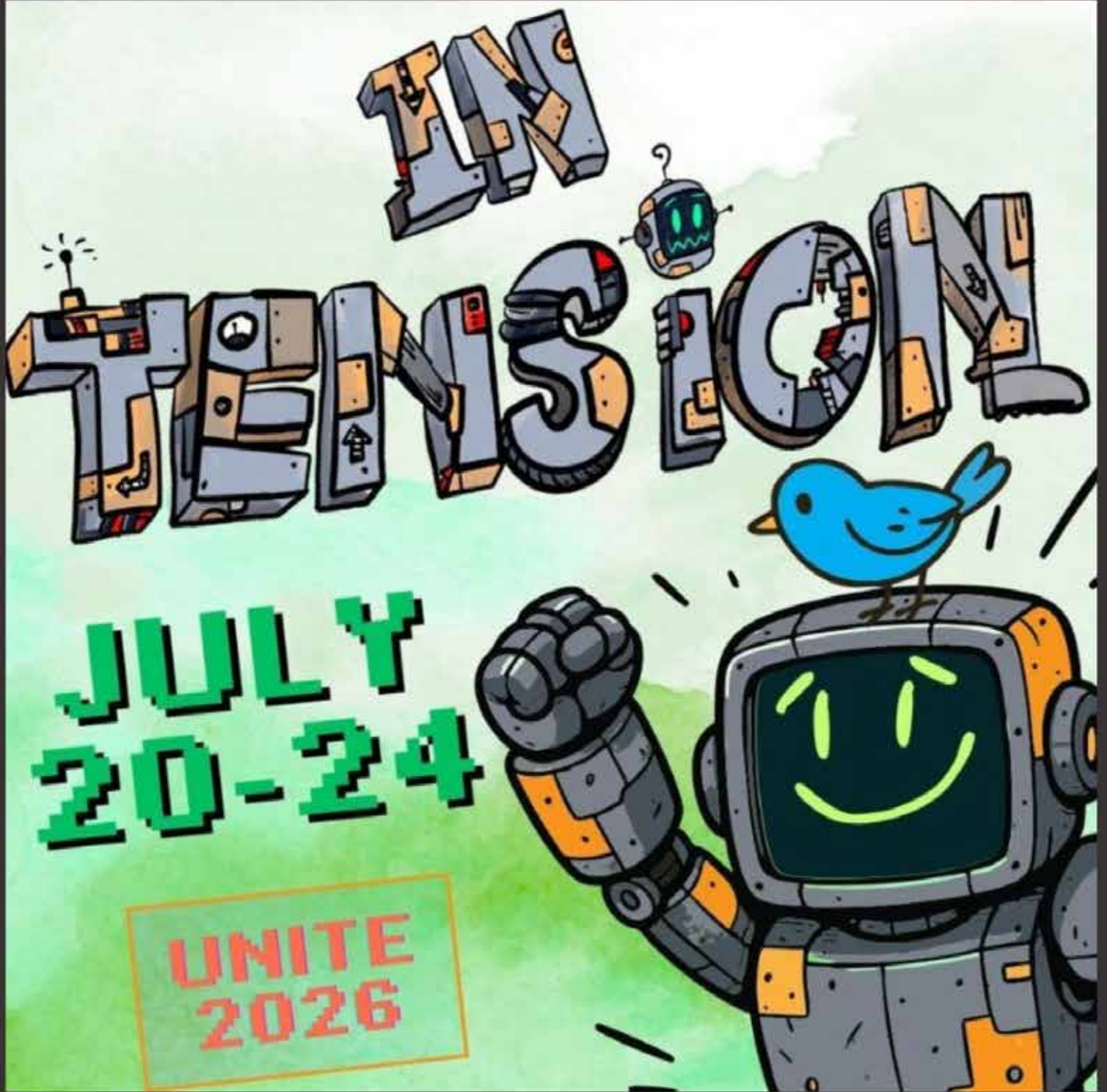
The word Peter uses for hospitality is *philoxenia* — literally, "love of the stranger." This is not simply being kind to people we already know or feel comfortable around. It is an intentional posture of welcoming those who may feel unseen, unfamiliar or out of place.

In youth ministry, this matters deeply. Teenagers walk into rooms every day carrying labels, expectations and insecurities. Philoxenia challenges us to create spaces where students are not just invited, but genuinely received. Love, in this sense, is not loud or flashy. It is consistent. It listens. It makes room.

Peter ties hospitality directly to spiritual gifts. Hospitality is not an optional personality trait; it is a way we steward what God has entrusted to us. Whether that gift is encouragement, leadership, creativity or simply presence, God uses it to build others up.

As we move through February, my prayer is that our church — and especially our young people — would practice a love that crosses comfort zones: a love that opens circles, not closes them; a love that reflects Christ, who first welcomed us when we were strangers.

**ABOVE ALL, LOVE EACH OTHER DEEPLY, BECAUSE LOVE COVERS
OVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS. OFFER HOSPITALITY TO ONE ANOTHER
... SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE.**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarship Deadlines Draw Near

The application deadline for United Methodist Church scholarships is fast approaching. Check out these sources of financial aid.

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation awards funds to students attending Methodist-related schools through four scholarship programs. UMHEF awards upwards of \$2 million to hundreds of students every year. Applicants must be active, full members of The United Methodist Church for at least a year. Application deadline is March 1. Find out more at www.UMHEF.org/scholarships.

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry offers general scholarships, Black College Fund awards and Ministry as a Career scholarships. Eligibility requirements vary. Apply by March 6. For more information, visit www.GBHEM.org/scholarships.

Another Chance to Pitch In

Bitterly cold weather last month led the Pleasant Grove Men's Group to reschedule its 10-Point Pitch tournament to Saturday, Feb. 7, at the church. The event is a fundraiser to help send youth to camp. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.; the food booth opens at 4:30. Teams of two will play five games; top score wins. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Sign up at www.MyPGUMC.org.

Spiritual Growth Lift

Ladies In Faith Together (L.I.F.T.) will discuss what it means to be growing in spiritual maturity for the next two months. This month's get-together takes place Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pleasant Grove. For more information about L.I.F.T., contact Sarah Peck at 573-808-2324 or email cspeck428@gmail.com.

Flower Power

Pleasant Grove's Women's Ministries volunteers will be out and about in Columbia on Friday, Feb. 13, and Saturday, Feb. 14, delivering Valentine flowers for Allen's Flowers. The florist pays the group for the service and the money raised goes to fund Women's Ministries projects. Volunteers work in teams of two to a car, aiming to have five cars running each day. If you would like to get in on the fun, contact Cindy Feutz at 573-473-6316 or email cfeutz53@gmail.com.



Sweet Sale

Pleasant Grove's Limitless youth group is once again offering treat boxes for Valentine's Day. Each box contains a caramel apple and chocolate-covered strawberries, priced at \$15; all proceeds go toward youth camp costs this summer. Order from any Limitless member or pick up an order form in the church office. Order deadline is Feb. 4; pickup date is Feb. 11.

Men's Group Meets

The Pleasant Grove Men's Group will meet on Thursday evenings this month, Feb. 5 and 19. They will convene at 7 p.m. at the church. Get updates on Men's Group activities with a group text from leaders Cody Jones and Brandon Crawford. Connect with Cody at 573-826-0926 or Brandon at 573-220-5347.

Kaffeeklatsch

Sisters in Faith are switching things up this year, moving their gatherings to Saturday mornings for Coffee with Sisters in Faith. Angie Raebel will host on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the church. For more information about Sisters in Faith, contact Angie at 573-416-6438 or email Plote.hogan@gmail.com.

MORE NEWS FROM THE PEWS

CELEBRATE BAPTISM



Lindsey Elizabeth Blevins was baptized on Jan. 18 as her family looked on — parents Schuyler and Kristen, sister Kennedy and brothers Daniel and Benjamin. Welcome, Lindsey, to the family of God!



HELLO, BABY!



Pleasant Grove's youngest parishioner, Drake Robert Storts, made his entrance into the world on Jan. 18. Proud parents are Associate Pastor Macy Storts and her husband Kaleb. Weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces, Drake had a quick NICU visit for observation but was back after 24 hours to room with mom and dad before they all headed home on Jan. 21. "We are enjoying this sweet time together as a family," Macy says, "and we praise God that Drake is here!"

TIME FOR A CHURCH UPDATE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 15. Pleasant Grove folks will gather for a potluck supper at 6 p.m., followed by a state-of-the-church presentation.

The discussion will cover:

1. A summary of the last couple of years.
2. An update on church finances.
3. A presentation of the 2026 budget.
4. A casting of Pleasant Grove's 2026 vision.

Bring a dish to share and catch up on church business. See you there!

SERVE and Baby Grace

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 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, FEBRUARY 19TH, 12 NOON



COUNTRY FRIENDS
Quilt Group

All local quilters are invited for
fellowship and fun! Bring your finished
products to show off!

Pleasant Grove @ 7:00pm

We meet on the second
Wednesday of each month.

L.I.F.T.

LADIES IN FAITH TOGETHER

**PLEASE JOIN US
AT PLEASANT GROVE**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
6-8 P.M.**

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FEBRUARY



Sacred Signs

*Discovering how ordinary things
reveal God's extraordinary grace.*



LENT



THE SEVEN WOES
LENT 2026

OUTREACH PLANS

Fasting 101

During Lent, fasting is an oft-discussed topic. What is it? How to fast? What is the purpose of fasting? Get the answers and learn the basics of fasting at Pastor Paul Klepees' class called Fasting 101 on Sunday, Feb. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Pleasant Grove.

Ash Wednesday Observance

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, a time for reflection, repentance and preparation. Throughout Scripture, ashes are part of rituals when people seek forgiveness and reconciliation with God. In this holy season, ashes remind us of our own mortality and our need for God's grace.

Pleasant Grove will observe Ash Wednesday with the opportunity to receive ashes on a come-and-go basis from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Confirmation Classes Begin

Confirmation classes will begin on Feb. 22 at Pleasant Grove. Taught by Pastor Paul Klepees, the classes take place on Sunday evenings from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and are open to all students in 5th grade and above who are ready to deepen their faith and take an active role in the church. Whether you have been baptized or not, this class is for you. Sign up in the church office.

Join the Youth Leadership Team

The Missouri Conference's Next Generation Ministries is offering young people the opportunity to grow in connection and leadership as a special team during Annual Conference. The Youth Leadership Team will serve as the steering committee for the youth ministries of the Annual Conference. Through conference-wide training, service and mission projects, spiritual retreats and other events, opportunities abound for spiritual growth and discipleship. Team members will be expected to not only attend Annual Conference, June 5-7, but also participate in regularly scheduled Zoom meetings to live out responsibilities per the Book of Discipline. The team will be chosen from throughout the state with at least two members from each district in the conference.

Interested? Contact NextGen Minister Kris O'Neal at 417-718-4772 or email nextgen@mypgumc.org to apply. Application deadline is March 2.

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.
6. Give through your Venmo account through our electronic giving platforms.

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 the church office by phone at 573-387-4822.

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 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 Paul Klepees at 816-752-3635.
4. Call the Prayer Tree at 573-597-2102 or email macy@mypgumc.org.