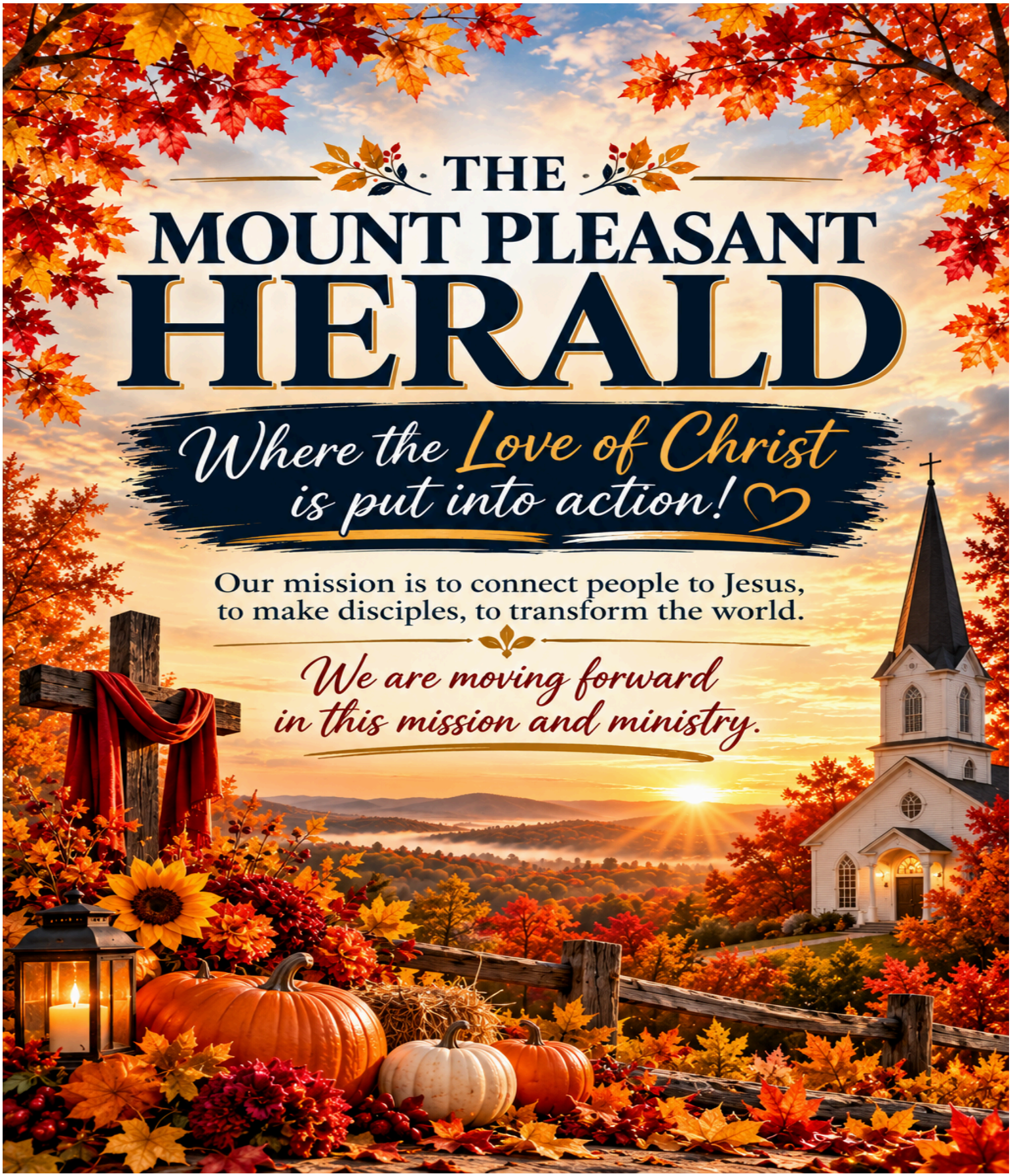
November 2026



Fall Transition Part 2

Welcome to Fall y'all!

We have made the transition. We have survived an onslaught of events. Things have gone well. Learning is and has taken place. The weather has been fall like! The leaves have been beautiful.

Now we enter the season of gratitude with 30 days of thanksgiving, practicing giving thanks, being thankful, expressing and showing gratitude, both to God and to others. (and maybe once in a while, ourselves!).

We have much to be thankful for.

God, God's love, grace and mercy, forgiveness, the blessing we experience each day because God is with us, for us and Christ is in us making us new through the Spirit.

As we become more grateful and appreciative, we grow closer to God, more Christ-like, and connected to each other. So take time each day to be thankful and express gratitude!

I am grateful for your kindness, cards and gifts but especially your kind thoughts and words of encouragement. I am grateful for your dedication and commitment. I am thankful that you are growing in Christ-likeness.

As 2026 winds down, and we (at least I) look to 2027, we have some decisions to make.

- We will be here, but how? We can't be in mission and ministry if we are not here to do so.
- What missions and ministries can we maintain and which ones need to be maintained? (What needs to be let go of?) All three churches have talked about "do we have enough people to do this or that?" We need to prioritize.
- Are there new missions and ministries to begin? New directions to go in. House to Home is a great start!
- More importantly, how will we meet people where they are and share the good news? How will we disciple and mentor those around us?

I am thankful for your connection to House to Home, putting love into action by your donations, and some of you have even gotten involved and/or delivered those donations.

I am thankful for your faithfulness to the churches, the kingdom of God, and to each other.

Press on! (and you thought you may never hear that again lol)

Join me in prayers of thanksgiving and in discernment for God's direction as we look toward 2027.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Chris


Count Your Blessings
Give Thanks
NOVEMBER 2026
Birthdays & Anniversaries
SUN
MON
TUE
WED
THU
FRI
SAT
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Elaina Steele
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Jenny Criss
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Cindy Bloomer
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Butch Dobson
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Alice Reeves
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Harry Wright
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26
Thanksgiving
Debora Anderson
27
28
29
30
Birthday
Anniversary
No anniversaries listed for November.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
— Psalm 107:1
FAITH
FAMILY
THANKFUL
BLESSINGS

NOVEMBER Devotional

A Heart of Thanksgiving

Give Thanks to the Lord

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

November is a month when we often think about Thanksgiving, family gatherings, good food, and counting our blessings. But as followers of Christ, thanksgiving is meant to be more than something we celebrate one day each year. Gratitude is a way of life.

Paul tells us to give thanks in all circumstances. He does not say we must be thankful for every hardship, but that even in difficult seasons we can still thank God for His presence, His grace, and His faithfulness.

We can thank Him because He has not left us. We can thank Him for mercy that is new every morning. We can thank Him for the people He places in our lives, for the prayers He has answered, and even for the prayers He is still working on. Most of all, we can thank God for Jesus Christ, our hope in every season.

This November, take time each day to notice God's goodness. Some days the blessing may be big, and other days it may be as simple as a warm meal, a kind word, another sunrise, or the strength to keep going. When we begin looking for God's blessings, we often find they were there all along.

November Challenge

Each day this month, write down one thing you are thankful to God for. By the end of November, you will have a beautiful reminder of how God has been present in your life.

Prayer

Gracious God, thank You for every blessing You have given us, both the ones we easily recognize and the ones we sometimes overlook. Help us to have thankful hearts not only during November, but every day. When life is difficult, remind us that You are still with us. Teach us to recognize Your goodness, share our blessings with others, and give You praise in every season.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Don't just count your blessings—
use your blessings to bless someone else.

HOLY BIBLE

From the Administrative Assistant

Backpack BLESSINGS

Hope for Today
Essentials for Tomorrow



What Backpack Blessings Means to Me

This ministry is very personal to me, because I have been homeless. I know what it feels like to be cold, hungry, and unsure of where you will sleep. I know what it feels like to have little to no access to basic hygiene items. I know what it feels like to be overlooked and to feel invisible.

But I also know what it feels like when someone shows kindness — when someone sees you, cares about you, and reminds you that you are not alone.

Backpack Blessings is my way of giving back and sharing the love of Christ with those who are going through what I once went through. Each backpack is filled with practical items, but more importantly, it is filled with hope, dignity, and a reminder that they matter.

This ministry is not just about supplies — it's about showing people that they are loved, valued, and seen. It's about planting a seed of hope and letting them know that God has not forgotten them.

"For 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 (NIV)

What We Include

- Non-perishable food items (ready to eat)
- Bottled water
- Socks (men's & women's)
- Warm blanket
- Hats, gloves, scarves (seasonal)
- Basic clothing items (seasonal)
- Hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, wipes, etc.)
- Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons, etc.)
- Tissues & hand sanitizer
- Small first aid items
- Encouraging note and a Gospel message
- A reminder that they are loved and not alone

Together We Can Make a Difference

Every backpack is a reminder that God's love reaches beyond our church walls. Thank you for supporting Backpack Blessings and for helping us share hope, one backpack at a time.

If you would like to donate or have questions, please contact me:

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A Heartfelt Thank You

Worship is a beautiful expression of our faith, and it is made even more meaningful because of the many **hands and hearts** that serve each week.

Thank you for your faithful presence, your generous **support**, your **prayers**, and **participation** in worship. Whether you greet at the door, sing in the choir, serve behind the scenes, prepare the sanctuary, teach, volunteer, or simply join us in lifting our voices in praise, you are an important part of the ministry of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord... forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
—1 Corinthians 15:58 (KJV)

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Prayer Concerns

- Jean Evans
- Olivia
- Our country
- Steve's dad (dementia)
- Debbie Anderson
- Megan Fox (Patsy Bee's grandaughter)
- Mike Duckworth
- Sue Emerick
- Deloris Cox
- Michelle (Patties niece)
- Jerry Pifer family (his passing)
- Keri Gilcreast
- Rita Collans
- John Province passed
- Pat Province (his Mom), his wife Treva, his sister Sue Burge, and his son Ben and family
- Steve Morris (Lea's brother)


The
SHARED
BLESSINGS
Food Pantry
NEEDS
SPAGHETTI SAUCE
LET'S COME TOGETHER TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE.
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
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CLASSIC
SPAGHETTI SAUCE
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SPAGHETTI SAUCE
Thank you for your generosity!
For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.
Matthew 25:35


5th
SUNDAY
MISSION SUNDAYS
11/29
Sand Hill / Boaz
combined at 11am

Growing TOGETHER IN FAITH & LOVE

Worship. Grow. Serve. Make a Difference.



GENERAL CONFERENCE:

Be disciples who are empowered by the Holy Spirit to *love boldly, serve joyfully, Lead courageously.*



INTERESTED IN **BAPTISM** OR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

We'd love to walk with you!

Please contact Pastor Chris

SUNDAY WORSHIP

join us!

10:45 AM

LIVESTREAM

JOIN US ONLINE!

LIVE

Livestream is on the new Mt Pleasant Facebook page @ Mt. Pleasant UMC-Mineral Wells, WV.

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9AM - 1PM

CONNECT WITH US!

Don't forget to like and follow us on facebook @ Mt. Pleasant UMC-Mineral Wells, WV.



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

JEFF MATHENY is leading class.
You are invited to stop in.

***Need a Sunday school class, start one!**
We have a lot of resources to get you started on the bookshelves in the office.

CHURCH WIFI *for our guests*

GUEST PASSWORD: *blessings*



PASTOR CHRIS' OFFICE SCHEDULE

- Mondays & Fridays 9AM - NOON in the office
- Tuesdays 9AM - NOON at Sand Hill
- Wednesdays 9AM - NOON at Wayside
- Thursdays are the Pastor's Sabbath

Always Available

Regardless of office hours or location, the Pastor is *always available.*

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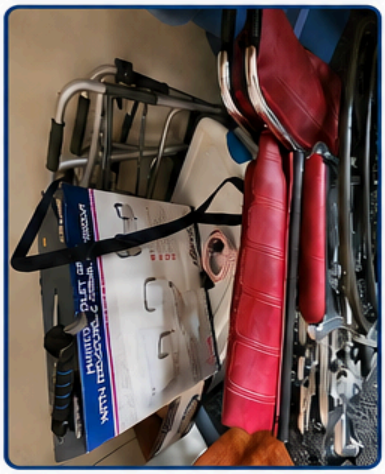
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Medical Equipment Lending Ministry

Our church is here to help! The following items are available to borrow ***at no cost****, as supplies are available.*





Medical equipment available through our church lending ministry.

AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT INCLUDES:

- Wheelchair
- Mobility Scooter
- Walkers
- Raised Toilet Seat
- Vehicle Assist Handle (for getting in and out of vehicles)
- Walking Assistance Strap (for added support while walking)
- Leg Lifter Strap (for helping lift legs into and out of vehicles)

If you or someone you know could benefit from these items, please contact the church office for availability and borrowing information.