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Your Summer Project List

Every summer there are things around the house that folks work on and projects they check off their to-do list. If you are making your list as summer approaches, I have something to add. Invite someone to church. Most churches shut down their programs and even eliminate worship opportunities during the summer. At Mt. Pleasant, we actually gear up to offer additional ministries during the summer months. So... take out your list and invite someone to church.

Let's face it. When we invite people to church, the idea of it can be nerve-wracking.

There's a lot of inner dialogue that happens. How do I bring it up in conversation? What if I come across as judgmental? What if I get rejected? The tendency is to ask a lot of "what if" questions that focus on the negative side. But what if you reminded yourself of the potential, instead?

- **What if God has been preparing their heart and has been waiting for me to invite them?**
- **What if they say yes?**
- **What if they're hurting and find healing at church?**
- **What if they give their life to Christ, and future generations are changed because of it?**



Keep those in mind, and use the tips below to overcome any fears you might have!

How do you bring it up in conversation?

Approach #1 – When you're not sure whether they attend a church.

Lead with this simple question.

I was wondering, do you go to church anywhere?

If they answer yes, then the follow-up conversation is easy.

That's great! So happy to hear you have a church home. What church do you attend?

This approach works because it celebrates the church they're connected to and shows them you're not trying to recruit them to your church.

If they answer no, you can follow up with an invite.

Well, if you're ever looking for a great place to go, I go to Mt. Pleasant and would love to see you there!

This language is simple, casual, and friendly in tone. It doesn't assume they're looking for a church and leaves the decision up to them.

If they ask a question or share a bit of their faith journey, then it's a good sign they're open to hearing more. Always offer to meet them out front so you can escort them into worship. As a bonus, invite them to a small group or to join you for lunch following worship.

Take the opportunity to share more about your church: why you love it, how God's used it in your life, give them an invite card, etc.

Approach #2 – When you know someone doesn't attend a church.

Try leading with this question:

I'm curious—did you ever go to church when you were growing up?

The key with this question is how you follow up. This question is an easy way to start a conversation, but the real value is learning more about a person's background with church, faith, and Christianity.

There could be many reasons why someone doesn't currently attend a church. They could've had a bad experience growing up. Been hurt by people. Maybe they've always wanted to but never made it a priority. Whatever the reason, you're trying to understand why. So don't be afraid to ask follow-up questions.

- *Have you ever thought about attending a church (again)?*
- *If you don't mind me asking, how come you don't see yourself going to church?*
- *If it's not too personal a question, what was the bad experience you had?*

The answers to these questions will help you tailor a more personal invite at the right time. Use what you learn, and ask God for wisdom on how best to invite them to church. That could be during this conversation or another time.

Is there something about your church they'd like? Is there a specific message series you can share that speaks to a situation they're going through?

Remember, you don't have to invite people to church the very first time you talk to them. That can be something you work toward.

Who is waiting on you to invite them to be a part of a loving church family?



Pastor Chris

*“The Shepherd’s Staff”
MTP Elder’s Update*

This past month the Elders have been working on the vacancy for our Pastoral Care pastor. We have advertised the position and have been speaking with applicants. Pray for our search that God would lead us to the person who He has selected for the job. Thanks to Jane Mendenhall for taking on the temporary role of Pastoral Care in her role as Deacon over this area.

The Elders began another series of training videos on personal spiritual growth. These studies have sparked some great discussion among us to share our experiences in personal Bible study and spiritual disciplines.

Some of the Elders are working with the youth to help them with what we’ve called “life skills”. We are helping them understand simple car maintenance and getting them involved in small projects to learn carpentry skills. Thanks to Joe and Danny for leading those efforts, along with Daniel and Donny B.

Danny has also been making excellent progress with the church security and EMS response teams. He is working to get volunteers trained and a structured team on site each Sunday for the safety and security of our congregation.

We have merged the 11:00 am services and will be conducting a single service in the sanctuary, at least through the summer. If you haven’t visited the 11:00 service in the sanctuary, please consider attending to participate in our traditional worship service.

Lastly, we have sent out a flyer to see if our leadership and small group leaders are interested in receiving some training in Biblical Counseling. The Association of Certified Biblical Counselors offers training to assist Christians in becoming more comfortable offering Biblical counsel to those who are struggling. We are gauging interest in hopes we can get a reduced group rate. It is a self-paced course of on-line videos with an accompanying notebook over 15 weeks. Contact either Bo or Eric if you have questions about the training or how you can be involved. We are consolidating a list of interested members by the middle of June.

As always, thanks to our staff for all the hard work on the upcoming summer programs. Jennifer, Donny, Greg and Felecia are all working with our volunteers to bring the Youth and Kids Summer programs to you.

*Bo Sink
Steve Cranford
Vince Brown*

*Joe Hayworth
Danny Buckner
Daniel Rich*

*Eric Hilton
Tommy McDevitt
Bill Baughn*

Col 1:9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;



Youth Parent Newsletter

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Youth Beach Retreat

June 5th-12th

Middle School: Drop off June 5, 11A | Return June 8, 1P

High School: Drop off June 8, 1:30P | Return June 12, 1P

Youth Lake Days

June 22nd, 23rd, 24th | 7:30A-4:30P

Youth Bible Study

High School: Sunday, June 27, 5:30P-7P

Middle School: Wednesday, June 30, 6P-7P

Youth Canoe Trip

July 8th | 8A-2:30P

[Register Online](#)

SUMMER CALENDER

A vibrant blue background with white clouds. The word 'SUMMER' is written in large, bold, yellow 3D letters with orange outlines. Below it, 'CALENDER' is written in smaller, bold, yellow 3D letters with orange outlines. To the right, a pair of colorful sunglasses is perched on a wooden post. A large black shadow is cast on the left side of the image.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

REMEMBER THIS

“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.”

Psalm 105:4, NIV

THINK ABOUT THIS

When it comes to good relationships, connection is key. But, connection takes time. And that can be complicated when we talk about a good relationship with God, who we can't see or touch. That's why learning about different ways to connect with God and getting to know Him better is so important. Because like any relationship, with the right habits in place, connection is more likely to happen. And the more we connect with God, the deeper our faith goes.

DAILY CUES



Morning Time

Commit to creating a habit of encouraging your teenager a certain number of days this week. Before your teenager heads out for the day, try to work in a unique way of encouraging them. Tell them something you admire about their personality. Even compliment their outfit. Just make it genuine and heartfelt!



Meal Time

A consistent meal time with teenagers can be a rare thing. But studies show this time, happening on a regular basis, matters. So set a goal this coming month, for how many meals your family can eat together- whether around a table or just in the same room. Make it less about the food and more about intentionally connecting with your teens. Leave phones in another room, turn off the TV, and come with some “would you rather” questions to spur on conversation.



Their Time

In the next week, ask your teenager to pick an activity for just the two of you. Maybe it's play a video game, watch a favorite show of theirs, or grab some chips and salsa at their favorite Mexican restaurant. Whatever it is they want to do, make sure you are all in. No complaints. No checking your phone. No looking at your watch. See if this time shared together could end up becoming a habit for you and your teenager!



Bed Time

Before your teen heads to bed, ask them if there is anything you could be praying about for them. You can pray together if they share something or, if that makes you uncomfortable, tell them you will be setting an alarm on your phone to get you in the habit of praying for this concern on a regular basis. Then be sure to do it! Don't forget to follow up with them later.



TONS OF FUN COMING UP WITH THE MTP KIDS KLUB! MAKE SURE THAT YOU VISIT OUR WEBPAGE TO FIND OUT MORE & TO REGISTER!

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REGISTER

- JUNE 17 | JULY 15 | AUGUST 12 - FIELD TRIPS
- JUNE 21 - 24 - KIDS SUMMER KAMP - EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE THROUGH WORSHIP ARTS AND ACTIVITIES. FOR KIDS 4 YRS OLD - RISING 4TH GRADERS.
- JULY 25 - 29 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- AUGUST 1 - VBS SUNDAY FINALE

VBS

JULY 25 - 29



MTP Women ...

The MTP Women's Group will be making a donation to the Murdoch Center Campership Fund.

The June Meeting will be on June 28 at 6:30pm. We will have a covered dish meal and we will be doing one blessing bag.

Our Mission Project will be a "Baby Shower" with the gifts being given to the Salem Crisis Pregnancy Center in Winston-Salem. Tracey Ray is reaching out to them to see what items are most needed.

Our July meeting will be on Monday, July 19 at 6:30pm. The date was changed to not meet during VBS.

Praying for God's peace and direction in your life

Greetings from MTP Men ...

Greetings from MTP Men. We changed things up this year and recognized our Graduates with a steak lunch with all the trimmings and wow this turned into a great event. We did not have a speaker for this event but surprised the parents at the lunch that they would be the speakers and share a little bit about their graduation. It was a special time of sharing and you could see and feel the love in the room, thank you to all who made this event amazing. Our next business meeting will be Sunday August 1st at 7am in the banquet room.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

Evangelism Committee ...

Our May-June C2 Event will be supporting Salem Pregnancy Center with our annual baby bottle change collection donation event. We will also have a large jug out in the lobby for you to donate your spare change to. We will be collecting change until Sunday, June 20. A little change changes lives.

Choir News ...

The MTP Choir will not be meeting on Tuesday evenings for practice throughout June or July.

Memorials & Donations

- Given to the Mt. Pleasant Memorial Association in Memory of Evelyn Leonard
by Jerry & Brenda Hilton
- Given to the Mt. Pleasant Memorial Association in Memory of Betty Hiatt
by Jerry & Brenda Hilton
- Given to the Mt. Pleasant Memorial Association in Memory of Sarah Smith
by Jerry & Brenda Hilton
- Given to the Mt. Pleasant Memorial Association in Memory of Peggy Woempner
by Jerry & Brenda Hilton
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Nancy White
by Floyd White
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Peggy Woempner
by Floyd White
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Gary Moore
by Timmy & Jill Hege

SERVING THE CHURCH IN JUNE

Ushers:

June 6: *Bryan Bray, Gary Craven, Scott Green, Jerry Hilton
June 13: *Ryan Hilton, Daniel Rich, Garrett Rich, Adam Buckner
June 20: *Joe Hayworth, Gary Hilton, Brad Stokes
June 27: *Brandon Harden, JW Motsinger, Timmy Hege

Greeters: 8:30AM

June 6: Doug & Gail Aderhold
June 13: Wendy Harper
June 20: Karen & Stan Bowen
June 27: Lin & Terri Blevins

9:45AM

The Owens Family
Bo Sink
The Shufelt Family
Chet & Lorrie Varner

11:00AM

Keith & Paula Knolmayer
Greg Moore
Glen Morgan

MTP KIDS KLUB SERVERS:

Nursery: 8:30AM

June 6: Phil & Sue Fitzgerald
June 13: Jescena & Allison Sink.
June 20: Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne
June 27: Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden

9:45AM

Laura Gregg & Jamie Proctor
Kim Walser & Pam Hall
Ellen Hilton & Megan Williams
Allison M., Whitney G. & Stacy D.

11:00AM

Tricia Anderson
Pam & Lindsay Hall
Jennifer Driggers
Jennifer Driggers

2 Year Old Class:

June 6: Cameron & Katie Koontz
June 13: Amy Johnson & Tia Starner
June 20: Anna Ruth & Baylee Crouse
June 27: Amy & Samuel Nifong

3 Year Old Class:

Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail
Casey M., Tiffany W. & Amber S.
Rachel B., Tammy V. & Hally A.
Michael & Amber Bridges

4 Year Old Class:

Keri Everhart & Tina Grubbs
Kearns & Danielle W.
Tina Grubbs & Leandra G.
Victoria McCrary & Misty Carr

Kindergarten:

June 6: Tony & Karen Hyde
June 13: Jill Murphy
June 20: Tobbie L. & Laura C.
June 27: Keith & Paula Knolmayer.

1st Grade:

Tiffany Brister
Leandra Glance
Kelly Kiger
Josh & Heather Beasley

2nd Grade:

Eileen Sloan
Dianne Reid
Jane Mendenhall
Emily Sanders

3rd Grade:

June 6: Kelly Kiger
June 13: Stephanie Comer
June 20: Misty Petree
June 27: Erica Martin

4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt
Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt

Children's Church:

8:30AM:

June 6: Diana Payne
June 13: Christine Turner
June 20: Kaylie Sink
June 27: Lisa Lane

11:00AM Pre-K

Trina Sprinkle
Jennifer Driggers
Amy Johnson
Macie Owenby & Bryce McDevitt

11:00AM Elementary:

Josh & Chelsea Kearns
Cindy Buckner
Julie Butt
Kristin Hagee

MTP Youth Servers: *If you would like to be added to the servers list, email Youth@MtPleasant.Church

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

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- 2 - Brooks Bray, David Varner, Dana Evans
 - 4 - Julie Waynick
 - 5 - Michael Hoffman, Craig Peacock
 - 6 - Paula Knolmayer, Juli Motsinger
 - 7 - Zack Borgman, Jackson Palmer,
Amber Rinaldi
 - 8 - Cooper Clontz, Bonnie Darr, Donald Palmer,
Laney Alphin
 - 9 - Everly Hartley
 - 10 - Joe Jarosz, Samantha Miller
 - 12 - Bobby Green
 - 13 - Quinn Miller, Kristi Nameth
 - 14 - Macy Green, Landon Lassiter
 - 16 - Amy Johnson
 - 17 - Sarah Craver
 - 18 - Max Graeub, Renee Low
 - 21 - Brandi Jordan
 - 22 - Jane Payne
 - 24 - Adam Swartz
 - 25 - Madison Palmer
 - 26 - T Gardner, Brandon Harden, Casey Miller
 - 27 - Byron Low
 - 28 - Dan Taylor
 - 29 - Bryson Conrad, Shirley Johnson
 - 30 - Amy Schuler, Renee Woempner,
Scott Woempner
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Get Connected...

We have numerous Small Groups offered during the week as well as on Sunday mornings. Find out more information on our website or by calling the church office.

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

April 25, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 154
9:45 Worship - 231
11:00 Worship - 40
Total Weekend Worship - 425
Sunday Small Groups - 248
General Offering - \$13,784.61
FLC Offering - \$1,335.00

May 2, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 146
9:45 Worship - 226
11:00 Worship - 80
Sunday Small Groups - 254
General Offering - \$13,046.00
FLC Offering - \$2,110.00

May 9, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 158
9:45 Worship - 286
11:00 Worship - 68
Total Weekend Worship - 512
Sunday Small Groups - 198
General Offering - \$19,504.00
FLC Offering - \$1,795.00

May 16, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 134
9:45 Worship - 239
11:00 Worship - 55
Total Weekend Worship - 428
Sunday Small Groups - 244
General Offering - \$13,342.78
FLC Offering - \$2,676.00

May 23, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 131
9:45 Worship - 315
11:00 Worship - 70
Total Weekend Worship - 515
Sunday Small Groups - 103
General Offering - \$10,010.00
FLC Offering - \$730.00

June 2021 Events

Monday's	Prayer Group Meeting	6:45 PM
Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10:00 AM
Tuesday's	Open Gym	12:00 - 1:00 PM
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM

June 5 - 12	Youth Beach Retreat	
June 13	Youth Sunday	8:30 9:45 11:00 AM
June 20	Father's Day	
June 21 - June 24	Kids Kamp	
June 22, 23, 24	Youth Lake Days	
June 27	Celebration Sunday	
June 28	MTP Women's Group Meeting	6:30 PM

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