

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

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Lent & Easter 2026



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Presbyterian Church

*A community of faith where all are welcomed and encouraged to actively live out God's love with energy, compassion and joy.*

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# FROM PASTOR NICOLE

## Why Ashes?



One of my most memorable Ash Wednesdays was when a four-year-old came to worship with her grandmother at the church's noontime chapel service. When it came time for the imposition of ashes—when people began to come forward to hear the words, *"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return"*—I began to hear another voice intertwined with mine.

It took my brain a second to register what was happening. As I continued repeating, *"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return,"* the little girl's voice threaded through the sanctuary from the back as she sang, *"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."* Together we formed an impromptu choral round:

*"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

*"Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me."*

It was a sacred and holy moment—one that beautifully embodied the tension of the Lenten season.

Why do we mark ourselves with ashes at the beginning of Lent? We do so to show, in a tangible way, that we belong to God. God created us from the dust of the earth, and to dust we shall return. From beginning to end, we are part of God's good creation.

Ashes are messy. And yet, as they mark us with the sign of the cross, they remind us that God meets us in the midst of our mess. They proclaim that we are loved even in our brokenness, and that through the love of Jesus, redemption and re-creation are always possible.

That four-year-old understood something essential. She brought the worship service to life in a way no amount of careful planning or preaching could have accomplished. The Holy Spirit worked through her simple song, and the entire community was blessed.

## An Invitation

This year, I hope you will make plans to participate in one of MPPC's Ash Wednesday offerings on **February 18**. There are three different opportunities to choose from:

- **Ashes to Go | 8–9 a.m.**  
Stop by the front porch of the Sanctuary to receive ashes and a cup of coffee from Vintage. The Sanctuary will also be open for prayer.
- **Interactive Prayer Stations | 5–6:30 p.m.**  
Seven interactive prayer stations will be available on the Fellowship Hall porch.
- **Ash Wednesday Worship Service | 7 p.m.**  
A traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.

If you have a child in your life, consider bringing them with you to one of these opportunities. Children often embrace the mystery and messiness of the day in a deeply authentic way. They watch as others are marked, and when they come forward themselves, they not only hear—but see—that they belong: to this community and to God.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Nicole Partin Abdnour". The script is fluid and cursive.

## Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

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## A Prayer

*God, our guide in wilderness and testing, in Jesus Christ you show us the fast you choose:  
the practice of justice and compassion.  
Teach us to follow him in truth and grace, receiving our reward with your saints in glory; through Christ, the treasure of our hearts.  
Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 / Years ABC*

From the PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship

# LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

## FEB. 18: ASH WEDNESDAY

8-9AM: Ashes to Go  
5-6:30PM: Prayer Stations  
5:30-6:30PM: Dinner  
7PM - Worship  
*Imposition of Ashes available at every event.*

## MAR. 29: PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

8:30AM: Sanctuary  
9AM: Breakfast Church  
11AM: Sanctuary + Online  
10AM-1PM: Drop In Easter Fair

## APR. 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7PM: Sanctuary Service  
*Service of Communion ending in silence with the stripping of the chancel.*

## APR. 3: GOOD FRIDAY

12PM: Sanctuary Service  
11AM-2PM: Self guided Stations of the Cross around MPPC

## APR. 5: EASTER SUNDAY

8AM, 9:30AM & 11 AM:  
Services in the Sanctuary with Choir & Brass  
*Overflow available in the Fellowship Hall for all services, Livestream at 11AM*

**KEEP READING TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE EVENTS OR VISIT [MPPC.NET/EVENTS](http://MPPC.NET/EVENTS)**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Recently

The **Milestone Ministry** initiative broadens as it supports our children's faith development from birth through fifth grade. A painted stone and a Milestone card are given at every milestone, serving as physical symbols of God's presence and the congregation's commitment to support each child in their faith journey. Milestone Ministry highlights key steps in discipleship by fostering shared learning, worship, and intergenerational connections, helping children and families recognize God's presence throughout life.

**Milestone Ministry**  
MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**2026 Schedule**

**JAN**  
11 & 18 - Toddlers (Love). Anytime 8:30am-12pm  
During Nursery.  
25 (through Feb 22) - Second Grade (Prayer).  
During SS.  
25 (through Mar 22) - Third Grade (Bibles).  
During SS.

**APR**  
19 & 26 (During SS)  
- Fourth Grade (Faith & Friendship)  
- Fifth Grade (Called to Serve)

**NOV**  
8 - Kindergarten (Sacrament Education). 12pm.  
With lunch for families.

**DEC**  
6 & 13 - 3K & 4K (God's Love & Ours). During SS.  
**UPCOMING**  
First Grade (Worship Education). 12pm. With lunch for families.

For more info visit [mppc.net/children](http://mppc.net/children) OR ask Jill childrensministry@mppc.net

Curriculum is specific to each age and grade level and begins at birth which is celebrated with love and gifts from the church family.

The success of Milestone Ministry program is attributable to the commitment of volunteer adult leaders and staff who exemplify positive role models and are steeped in their own faith. Thank you to all involved! If you want to learn more or become involved, please reach out to Suzy or me.

Since its launch at the end of 2025, **the Atelier**, an open, art-filled space that hosts opportunities for creativity, spiritual formation and gathering, has continued to evolve. Today, new additions, such as children's art tables and stools have ensured that even our youngest worshippers now have an inspiring and spiritual venue to learn, grow and create. Programming has expanded and the Atelier hosts nearly 60 W@W participants each Wednesday evening. A revitalized **Children's Library** is underway. Once completed, the space will be filled with cozy reading nooks and shelves filled with faith-based stories. This special space is being



prayerfully created to nurture young hearts and minds with stories that inspire faith, kindness, and curiosity.

Children's Ministry is also partnering with the Learning Center to develop creative programs that enrich students' experiences and share the simple message that **God is good!**

## Upcoming

**Lent** is approaching and we look forward to beginning the season with **Ash Wednesday**. Children, youth, and adults are invited drop in from 5-6:30 p.m. to move through the prayer stations. Families of W@W are invited and encouraged to come together on this Wednesday in place of our regularly scheduled program. This night is family night- for our whole church family! Our hands-on stations are provided to help us intentionally notice God's presence in the everyday and begin our Lenten journey together. Dinner will be served buffet style from 5:30-6:30. We look forward to gathering as a church family, sharing a wonderful meal, and creating space for reflection, wonder, and prayer as we enter this holy season of Lent.



On **Palm Sunday**, we will joyfully begin Holy Week with an **Easter Fair** hosted by the Children's Ministry. Families are invited to enjoy creative stations of interactive activities, arts-and-crafts and a shared lunch, offering a meaningful opportunity for connection and fellowship as we celebrate the coming of Easter.

## Looking Ahead

We are preparing for a summer filled with meaningful faith-based programs, beginning with **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** from June 22 - 26, followed by an **ART & MUSIC CAMP** led by the Music Ministry, from July 27 - 31st.

I am grateful that we are able to expand Children's Ministry efforts in all areas of church life.

## Jill Adams

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# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Making things new again... in the youth basement!

If you have been on campus lately, you may have noticed the big purple dumpster outside Grace Hall. Not only was this a super fun activity for youth group – yay dumpster diving – but it's the beginning of making our youth space brand new again! We are so lucky to have so many active youth here at MPPC and it was time for a more conducive space for them. We are also lucky to have a congregation generous enough to provide for us in a way that allows us to do a total revamp! We spent a whole night at youth group hauling out all the very well-loved furniture, rugs, and equipment from the basement and we were left with a big blank canvas. Over the next couple weeks, we had everything repainted and deep cleaned, and I've been busy redecorating. When you get a chance to go take a look, you'll see new seating, new rugs, lots of bean bags, a game corner, and even a new sound system. The new space will not only be refreshed but will serve our youth so much better. By making it a more open and malleable space, the youth will have more room for games, small group discussions, bible studies, movie nights, lock-ins and everything in between. We hope you come by and see it for yourself – maybe even sign one of our chalk walls or write a prayer for our youth!

Registration for ALL summer trips is now open! Summer trips are a wonderful and exciting time to grow in your faith and friendships. We hope you are able to join us at some point this summer! Registration for all trips closes on April 30th.



## Summer Trip Details:

- **High School Montreat: June 14-20.** Spend a week at Montreat Conference Center exploring the theme wonder & wander. Youth will build an accepting community of unconditional love where every story matters. Through engaging worship, lively music, small groups, recreation, and practices of gratitude and fun, youth will find different opportunities to cultivate their spiritual faith journeys and practice sabbath. For rising ninth graders through graduated seniors. Register at [mppc.net/youth](http://mppc.net/youth).
- **Middle School Mission: June 28-July 1.** We are working with Charleston Youth Mission this summer and staying at the Presbytery headquarters in North Charleston. Charleston Youth Mission immerses young people in one of the oldest cities of our nation. Participants will learn about the area's rich history as well as the current situation of the city. From slavery to today's racial-economic disparity, at Charleston Youth Mission we will look at the common threads, serve our neighbors, and reflect on God's call for justice and equity for all. For rising sixth through eighth graders. Register at [mppc.net/youth](http://mppc.net/youth).
- **Middle School Montreat: July 15-19.** Spend an extra long weekend with us at Middle School Montreat! This is a conference run by Montreat, but it takes place at Maryville college in Tennessee. We will spend time in keynote, worship, small groups, plenty of recreation, and back home discussions. We stay in the dorms on campus and eat in the dining hall. The theme this year is Crafted by God. This trip is open to all rising sixth graders through graduated eighth graders. Register at [mppc.net/youth](http://mppc.net/youth).

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# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## Older Adult Ministry Winter Recap:

Third Act and Pacesetters adults have been busy in fellowship, learning, and outreach in the community!

- The **Pacesetters December** program was a delight as they welcomed musicians and their families from Charleston Music Therapy for a seasonal performance.
- In **January**, Dr. Shenwei Geng and her husband Hran Bagrazyan shared the music of Armenia and China in performance and story, to the rich enjoyment of the large crowd in attendance.
- **Third Act** on January 26 welcomed Alex English, chief development officer for The American College of Building Arts in downtown Charleston. Guests were treated to a fascinating exploration of historic building trades such as stone-carving, plasterwork, blacksmithing, timber framing, architectural carpentry and classical design— and the students and faculty who make them come alive in our community and around the world.



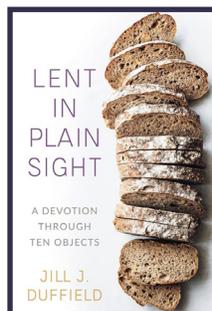
## Upcoming:

Third Act: February 23 at noon, “Now What?” – Find out what you don’t know about getting affairs in order. Learn, laugh, and lunch with new and old friends.” It’s a tender topic but something all of us need to consider and discuss with our families.

## Get Ready for Lent

**FEB 18–APR 3: SMALL GROUPS MEET FOR A SIX-WEEK LENTEN STUDY** based on *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects* by Rev. Dr.

Jill J. Duffield, pastor of First Presbyterian Church Greensboro, NC. Drawing on biblical wisdom and her own experience, Jill Duffield explores faith in conversation with ordinary objects: dust, bread, cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, coats, towels, thorns, stones. The book, which also lends itself to being a meaningful daily devotional whether or not you are in a group, focuses on spiritual lessons and recognizing how what seems ordinary can actually reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.



We will kick off the Lenten study on Ash Wednesday. Each of the seven prayer stations is designed around an ordinary object: Dust, Bread, Shoes, Oil, Cross, Coins, Stones. During the meal, participants are invited to together engage table prompts to intentionally and meaningfully explore the season of Lent as a whole church. Additional take-home resources will be available to guide us through the Lenten season: *Lent in Plain Sight* books (\$10 suggested) and a daily Lenten devotional “Inward Work for Outward Living” written by Teri McDowell Ott and published by Presbyterian Outlook. (no cost). In addition, all are invited to subscribe to *Lenten Seeds*, a daily devotional delivered by email. (Current subscribers do not need to resubscribe.) This year *Lenten Seeds: Seeking God* will explore words, questions, images in Scripture that invite us to draw closer to God.

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God’s quiet voice. *Lent in Plain Sight* draws readers’ attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

## Other Ways to Connect With CE:

### Wonderful Wednesdays:

On Wonderful Wednesdays through March 18, join the Pastor-led Bible Study happening in the Parlor from 6:00-6:45pm. A new scripture each week!

### Bible 4 Everyone (B4E):

Bible 4 Everyone is reading the Bible from start to finish. Pop in when it works for you: Sunday mornings 9:45 in Grace Hall 123.

### NextGen: Young Adults Ministry:

If you’re a young adult looking for a place to connect, come to NextGen! A fun, faith-filled group which meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 upstairs in Grace Hall 224 and holds monthly fellowship gatherings off campus. Contact [ecreedbranham@mppc.net](mailto:ecreedbranham@mppc.net) to get plugged in or just show up on a Sunday morning!



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Revisiting the Star: When the Light Lingers

In early January, the Sunday before Epiphany, we gathered around the story of a star... a light that guided the Magi through darkness and uncertainty, a light that did not explain everything, but offered enough glow for the next step.



That day, many of us chose a *Star Word*—a single word to carry with us through the year. Perhaps you tucked it into a wallet or Bible or placed it on a mirror or bulletin board. Some may have forgotten about it for a while- until you noticed it again!

Epiphany reminds us that God's light does not end with Christmas. It lingers.

Howard Thurman names this beautifully in his poem *The Work of Christmas*, writing that when the songs are stilled and the decorations are put away, the real work begins: to heal, to feed, to bring peace, to make music in the heart.

Our Star Words are one small way of asking:  
*Is the light still moving with us?*  
*How is the work of Christmas unfolding in my own life?*

I invite you to take a few moments this season to revisit your Star Word and wonder about it again—not as a task to complete, but as a companion on the journey.

### Here are a few gentle ways to reflect:

#### Pause and Notice

- Where has your word shown up unexpectedly? In a conversation, a challenge, a moment of joy or growth? Where has it felt difficult or distant?

#### Pray or Write

- Try writing your word at the top of a page and asking: "What is God inviting me to notice or practice through this word right now?" You might write a prayer, a few sentences, or even a short poem.

#### Share the Story

- Consider sharing your Star Word story with a friend, a family member, or your Sunday School class.

- You are also warmly invited to share your reflections with **Suzy**—your story may encourage someone else who is still learning how the light travels. Maybe the reflections you have can be turned into a devotional for next Advent? Prayerfully consider where your Star Word might lead you and us?

### Reclaim the Light

- If your word has faded into the background, this is a perfect moment to gently pick it up again. Stars still shine, even when clouds pass by.

The Magi did not stay at the manger. They carried the light home with them—into ordinary days and ordinary work. May your Star Word continue to be a small but steady reminder that the Christmas spirit is not behind us, but alive among us—calling us again and again to the holy work of love.

If you were away and did not receive a Star Word and would like one, please reach out. We have a STAR for you... it is never too late to wonder and follow the light.

## Upcoming Classes and Studio Time in the Atelier



### Open Studio Time

Curious about the Atelier?

Come and see it in action, look around and join in with the creativity during one or both of our Open Studio dates. We will have several art projects available for you to enjoy. Come play!

### Open Studio Dates:

Monday, February 23 Time: 10am-1pm  
Wednesday, March 4 Time: 3-6pm

### Prayer Journal Class led by Pam Spivey

April 21st and April 28th from 10 am to 12 pm.  
Please register on Realm!

In the first class on the 21st, Pam will lead you through making a simple prayer journal/ devotional book, plus learn some simple folded paper techniques to create pockets for prayers, devotionals, etc. In the second class, on April 28th, Pam will guide you through ways to decorate and embellish pages, more info on where to buy supplies, and where to watch tutorials. Pam will stay around after class 2 if you want to bring a bagged lunch and decorate some pages.

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## New Organ Update:

On the morning of January 23, 2026, Tony Sane, Mac Thigpen and Gregg Miller toured the shop at R. A. Colby to check on the progress of our new organ. We are excited to see this progress and hope to have it installed early summer of this year.



## The Grace McNally Trio



## Village Concert Series - The Grace McNally Trio:

Join us in the Sanctuary on Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m. for a free concert featuring the Grace McNally Trio, presented by the Village Concert Series!

The Grace McNally Trio, crosses genres and cultures with their arrangements, original music and interpretations of classical repertoire, jazz standards and Latin American folk songs. Featuring Grace McNally on guitar, Jonathan Lovett on keys/bass and Gino Castillo on vocals/percussion their concerts have been described as captivating and imaginative, as audiences journey through the rich cultural landscapes of West Africa and the Americas.

# HOLY WEEK

## Sunday, March 29 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Palm processional during worship services and reading through the passion narrative

8:30 am – Sanctuary

9 am – Breakfast Church, Fellowship Hall

11 am – Sanctuary + Online

10 am – 1 pm – Drop In Easter Fair in Grace Hall

## Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday

Service of Communion ending in silence with the stripping of the chancel.

7 pm – Sanctuary

## Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

Solemn service of scripture, prayer, and contemplation as we remember Jesus' crucifixion

12 pm – Sanctuary

Self guided Stations of the Cross

11 am – 2 pm around MPPC

## Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

He is Risen!

8 am – Sanctuary with Choir & Brass

9:30 am – Sanctuary with Choir & Brass

11 am – Sanctuary with Choir & Brass + Live Stream

Overflow available in the Fellowship Hall for all services

## Taste of Community: Lenten Soup Suppers & Worship

Join our congregation and others from the East Cooper Faith Community for the ECFC's 4th annual Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship. This year's theme is "The Engine of Reconciliation."

Each Tuesday in Lent, from February 24 to March 24, we will gather at All Saints Lutheran Church for an evening of fellowship and reflection. Share a simple, delicious soup supper with friends and neighbors from across the East Cooper area starting at 6:30pm. Then, join us from 7-7:30pm for a service of word and song to nourish your soul during this Lenten season. **The MPPC Choir will be singing on March 17.**

A free-will offering will be collected to support the vital work of ECCO in our community, which helps individuals and families in crisis with food, clothing, healthcare, and finances.

# HOPE HOUSE

## When You Know God is Present at Hope House

*"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand,"- Isaiah 41:10*

Many of the guests at Hope House come searching for hope and healing. Often, they come financially and emotionally broken. They need a place to find peace and rest while taking care of their loved one. In times of hardship, confusion or loneliness, the question often arises: "Is God here with me?"

At Hope House, God's presence is not always accompanied by dramatic signs or miracles. Sometimes, it is found in the quiet moments...a volunteer comforting a guest while praying for their patient or a handwritten note from a guest, with a sincere expression of gratitude for the respite found at Hope House.

God's presence has also been shown through the love and generosity of our volunteers, congregation and community, who have enabled the ministry to continue providing a safe and comfortable place for out guests to rest.

Hope House is more than just a place...it's a family where God's presence is experienced daily. Spiritual nourishment is plentiful for volunteers and guests. God is in this place!

### Beth Moore

Director of Hope House  
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## February Adopt-a-Day at Hope House

### February 2

In Honor of Pam and Rick Spivey, for their leadership roles in our church; given by Dick and Susanne Query

### February 3

In Honor of Billy and Moo Kirk; given by Harry and Allyson Smith

### February 4

On behalf of our children; Smith, Harry and Blair Passe; given by Ryan Passe

### February 5

In Honor of Martha Waters, for her leadership of the Connect 3 Sunday School class; given by Dick and Susanne Query

### February 6

In Honor of Beth Moore; given by Harry and Allyson Smith

### February 7

In Honor of Stacey Burrell; given by Harry and Allyson Smith

### February 8

In Honor of Dixie and Jerry Garner; given by Kim Iverson

### February 9

In Honor of Mindy Passe; given by Harry and Allyson Smith

### February 10

In Honor of Hope House; given by Ral and Nancy Smith

### February 10

In Honor of Nancy Dalton and her gift for flower arrangements which add beauty in our church, and in other MPPC settings for years; given by Dick and Susanne Query

### February 11

In Loving Memory of my husband, Charles "Chick" Dykeman; given by Nancy Dykeman

### February 12

In Honor of Hope House; given by Wayne and Brandon Capps

### February 13

In Honor of Hope House; given by Jeff and Amanda Leard

### February 14

In Honor of Hope House; given by Joe and Diane Molinari

### February 15

In Honor of Hope House; given by Elizabeth Fondren

### February 16

In Honor of Hope House; given by Walt and Kackle Martin

### February 17

In Honor of Hope House; given by Ben and Trish Black

### February 18

In Memory of Brenda Craig; given by Kathryn Deleot

### February 20

In Honor of Past and Present MPPC pastors; given by Robert Hervey

### February 21

In Honor of Jenny Thompson, Our Sister in Christ; given by Nancy Lewis

### February 23

In Honor of Hope House; given by J. Henry Stuhr, LLC Funeral Directors

### February 26

In Memory of Roger Barnes given by Hugh and Kelley Myrick

### February 27

In Memory of Roger Barnes given by Livie Myrick

### February 28

In Memory of Roger Barnes given by Griffin Myrick

Visit [mppc.net/hope-house](http://mppc.net/hope-house) to Adopt a Day or to learn more about our mission.

# MPPC MISSIONS

## Repairing Homes, Strengthening Community: Fix-It's Impact in Mount Pleasant

On cold, rainy days, it's easy to take comfort in warm, dry homes that shield us from the elements. Yet for many families in Mount Pleasant, that sense of security is far from guaranteed. Hidden in plain sight are homes with leaking roofs, rotting floorboards, faulty electrical outlets, and doors and windows that do not properly secure or protect the people living inside.

These are the neighbors served by Fix-It!, a critical home repair program operating under the umbrella of the East Cooper Faith Network (ECFN). Founded in 2009, ECFN is a collaboration of Mount Pleasant churches and community partners working together to meet local needs. Since its launch in 2012, Fix-It has focused specifically on helping low-income homeowners remain safe in their homes by addressing urgent repairs related to health, safety, and accessibility.

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church has been actively involved with ECFN since its founding and continues to support Fix-It as a local mission partner. Today, approximately 20 MPPC members volunteer their time and skills through the program, joining volunteers from churches and organizations across Mt. Pleasant.

The scope of Fix-It's work is significant. In 2025 alone, the program received 61 applications from families seeking assistance. Many were referred by trusted community organizations such as ECCO, Meals on Wheels, the Navigation Center, and other local resource providers. Over the course of the year, 13 volunteer groups contributed more than 1,500 volunteer hours, completing 35 critical home repairs throughout Mount Pleasant.

Among those 35 projects were 13 full roof replacements and eight additional major roofing repairs, with MPPC leading or participating in work on at least 12 of the homes. The total value of the completed repairs amounted to approximately \$170,000 invested directly back into the Mount Pleasant community.

While these numbers illustrate the scale of the program, Fix-It's true impact goes far beyond

statistics. The work is deeply relational. Volunteers build connections with one another, with partner churches, and—most importantly—with

homeowners whose lives are directly affected by the repairs. In many cases, Fix-It volunteers form relationships with neighbors they might never otherwise meet, strengthening community bonds across socioeconomic lines. The results can be life-changing. One current project for MPPC volunteers involves helping a young mother and her 13-year-old son living off Rifle Range Road. For families like theirs and others, a repaired roof, a stable foundation, and safe flooring is more than a home improvement—it's peace of mind, dignity, and stability.



Fix-It's ability to continue this work depends on both volunteers and financial support. Funding for ECFN comes from grants and contributions from churches, community partners, and individuals. Donations can be made through MPPC and designated specifically for Fix-It. Major repairs, particularly roof replacements, are costly, but community generosity has made a real difference. During last year's Operation Dry Bucket fundraiser, supporters raised more than \$60,000 for roof repairs, providing momentum the program hopes to sustain.

There are many ways to get involved. Volunteers can serve on repair teams, offer specialized skills such as electrical or plumbing work, or support projects in non-construction roles. These include delivering meals to work crews, taking photographs, helping with social media, or assisting homeowners during the application process. Fix-It can work closely with volunteers to match individuals with roles that fit their interests and abilities.

Through practical service and shared purpose, Fix-It is repairing more than homes. It is strengthening relationships, fostering compassion, and making Mount Pleasant a safer, more connected community. Those interested in making a positive impact on their neighbors are encouraged to support Fix-It in whatever way they can—by volunteering, giving, or simply helping spread the word.

For more information about Fix-It, please email [ecfnwendell@gmail.com](mailto:ecfnwendell@gmail.com).



# MPPC UPDATES

## MPPC “Rakes on Wheels” Will Roll March 7-22

Our 8th annual spring yard cleanup for homebound elderly and disabled Meals on Wheels recipients is a “GO” for those folks requesting assistance this year. Our raking teams spend no more than 2 hours helping this group of folks, and make their day in the process! You pick the weekend (morning or afternoon) that works for you and your family, small group, or Sunday School class.

No worries if you don't have a rake. We supply rakes for all volunteers (kids too) as well as bags. This assistance is very meaningful to our neighbors who lack the resources/ability to do this task – they realize they are not forgotten. Kids chattering and working in their yard often reminds them of earlier times when they did this project at their home with their children.

To participate, just email Jim Ingham ([inghamsc@hotmail.com](mailto:inghamsc@hotmail.com)) or Chris Abdnour ([abdnouc@yahoo.com](mailto:abdnouc@yahoo.com)) and tell us how many rakers, including small children. We will make sure every home has enough “big” people to finish the job in 2 hours. Don't know what date you want yet? We will work out the details together and find the best date!

## MPPC Refugee Mission says Thank You to God's Goods!

God's Goods, the Mount Pleasant Thrift Store and local mission partner, made a generous donation to the MPPC Refugee Ministry Team. MPPC has begun to help another family from Afghanistan, a family of 7 (2 parents and 5 children). Lutheran Services, the refugee resettlement organization, connected us as this family no longer qualifies for Medicaid but they were able to purchase medical insurance through the ACA Marketplace. This leaves dental and vision as self-pay. The father has significant dental issues and three of the children need glasses. Because of God's Goods generosity and the generosity of you and our partners, we can assist this family with these extra expenses that their insurance and paychecks do not cover.

## MPPC Lost & Found

Lost something at church? Stop by the reception desk to visit to Lost & Found! Any items remaining by the end of March will be donated to God's Goods.



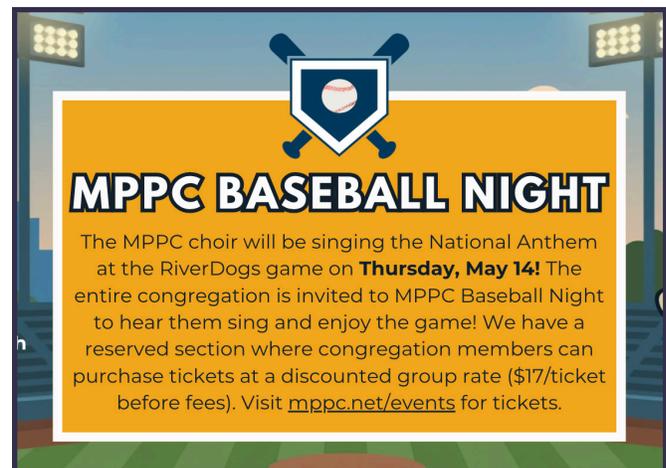
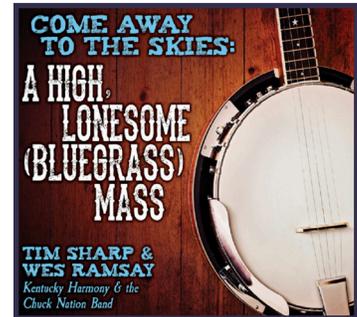
## Stop by the Seabrook Library

Check out the Library in Seabrook 209 during Lent (or anytime!) for resources to deepen and guide your faith, as well as to challenge and delight. New in the library: Rotating prayer stations. Drop by for a quiet moment to interact with the materials provided and spend time with God in new ways!

## Save the Dates for the Summer!

**May 3** - Music Ministries Sunday: “A High Lonesome Bluegrass Mass” by Tim Sharp and Wes Ramsey with the Chuck Nation Band.

**May 14** - MPPC Baseball Night



**May 17** - Kirkin' O' The Tartan Service

**June 22-26** - Vacation Bible School

**July 27-31** - Art & Music Camp

## Associate Pastor Position

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is still reviewing profiles of potential candidates for our Associate Pastor position. If anyone at MPPC knows of a pastor or faith leader who might be a wonderful match for our community, please encourage them to apply through the CLC system and reach out to us at [mppcassocpastor@gmail.com](mailto:mppcassocpastor@gmail.com).

Our search's CLC ID number is 12923. We welcome and appreciate all recommendations and prayers as we continue this search together. If you would like to apply directly or review the job description, please visit [mppc.net/careers](http://mppc.net/careers).



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8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service + Live Stream  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Church, Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service + Live Stream

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