

## Theme: "Rooted in Love"

*"As the Father loved Me, I  
also have loved you; abide in  
My love."*

(John 15:9) (NKJV)

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### *FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .*



(John 15:9)

*Greetings Mount Pleasant Family,*

In the Book of John, Chapter 15, Jesus provides a metaphor and compares Himself to a vine and God as the vinedresser (one who cultivates, prunes, or care for the vineyard). Jesus says He is the vine and that we, believers, are the branches of the vine. He says without being connected to the vine (Jesus), we cannot do anything without Him—we will not take root to be nourished, we will not survive and we will not flourish to bear any fruit.

In the focal scripture (John 15:9), Jesus provides a command that believers are to abide (i.e., remain, stay, continue, persist, live on) in His love. He goes on to state a promise to believers in John 15:10, "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." Why is it so important to have and maintain this connection to Jesus? I'm glad that you asked! So, love will take root in our hearts. Obedient and faithful believers will abide in His love. Being rooted in Jesus's love will help us to continue to love God, love others and love Him.

Stay rooted in love (Jesus) whereby unbelievers will know you are His disciples because of the love you show for one another. And perhaps they will seek the same love too.

*Be blessed and be safe this fall.*

## MPBC Connect

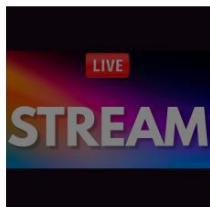
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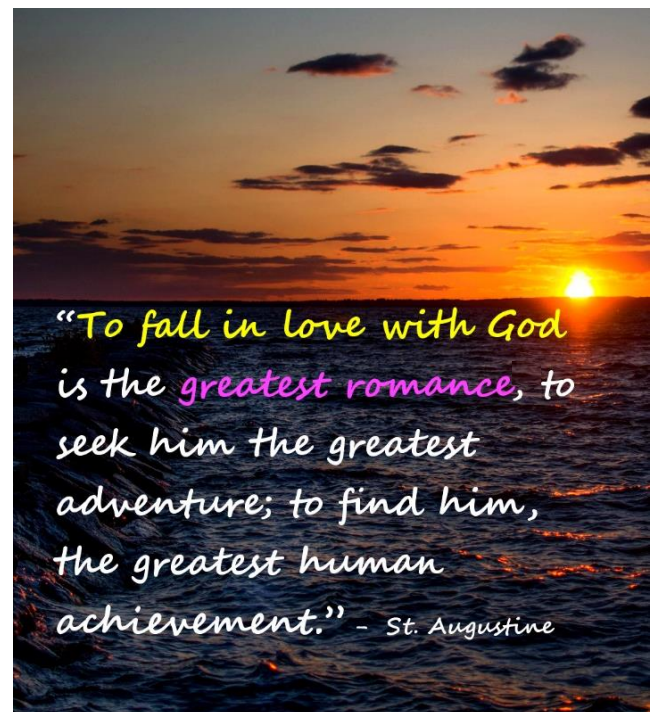
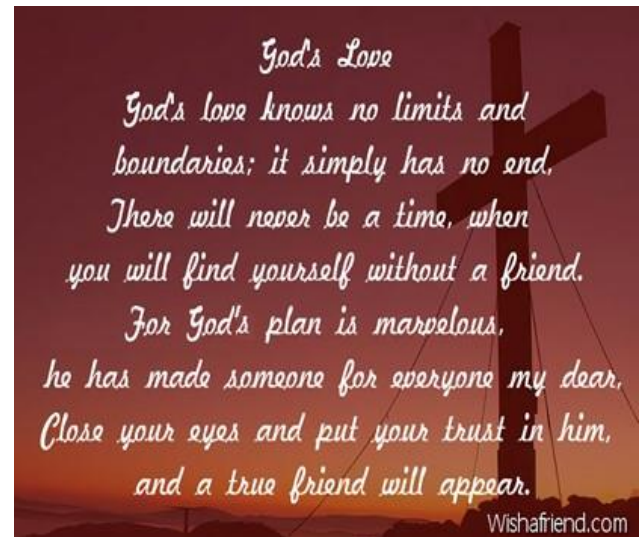


Live Stream



Bulletin

## Inspirations





**Theme: “Ministry on the Move” (Philippians 3:14)**

Dear Ministry Member and Fellow Christian,

*Greetings to all!*

We pray that all is well. Please know we are here for you. We ask for your continued prayers and thank you for your continued support. We need you! If your address and/or other pertinent information has changed, please send Sister Anita Johnson, MPBC Church Clerk, an email to [clerk@mtpleasantbc.org](mailto:clerk@mtpleasantbc.org). The following are planned events for the remainder of 2022 and beyond. As always, if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

- Movie Night
- Gospel Shows
- Zoom Game Night
- Social Day

We want to extend a welcome to our new ministry members and greetings to ministry members who have celebrated and/or are celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary, retirement or any other celebratory event in September, October and November.

God bless you, continue to keep safe.

Deacon Karl Henderson, Deaconess Karin Henderson and Deacon James Cook  
Ministerial Team: Minister Myra Cook and Minister Angela Sheppard  
(Prince William/Stafford/Spotsylvania/Caroline Counties and Lorton (PWSSC&L) CCM)

**—Thought for the fall—**

“It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in Autumn.”  
(B. C. Forbes)



## Deaconess Ministry

The Deaconess Ministry continues to be fully engaged with the members of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in-person and virtually. Below is their report presented at the October 22 Church Conference.

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### MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We performed our normal duties by checking on the congregation via telephone calls, emails, texts, and sending cards. We continue to encourage our CCM members to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

We are staying active in the church body by regularly attending Worship Services, Church School, Bible Study, and Prayer meetings.

Over the past few months the Deaconess have also:

- Continued to attend our regular Deaconess meetings, every other month
- Continued to participate on the Re-Entry Task Force
- Continued to increase our in-person presence and participation as we resume our in-person duties, such as, preparing for Communion and Baptism
- Continued to attend the monthly Women's Ministry Fellowships
- We supported Pastor Johnson in person and virtually at outside preaching engagements
- **In July**, we supported the Emergency Preparedness Committee by participating in the Food Distribution
- **In August**, we had our Back-to-School supply drive for Parklawn Elementary School and MPBC students, attended Vacation Bible School (VBS), Homecoming and Church Revival services
- **In September**, we attended and participated in the Church and Pastor's anniversary services, we attended MPBC Leadership workshop, and Grace Evangelistic Ministries (GEM) Virtual Women's Conference
- **In October**: MPBC Deaconess Ministry sponsored a Deaconess Roundtable Chat, Challenges experienced by the church during the COVID-19 pandemic, methods used to stay connected with the congregation

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS (2022):

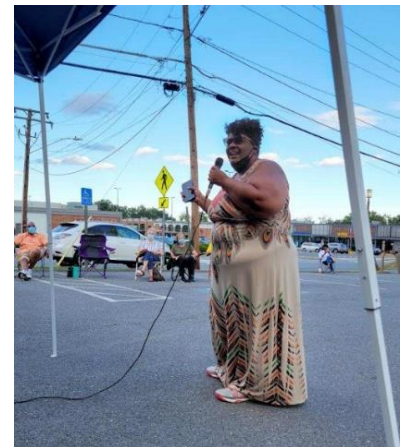
- **October**: Kids Against Hunger Mission Project, Food packing and donation drive, Saturday October 22, 2022
- **November**: Deaconess meeting on November 15, 2022
- **December**: TBD, looking at options for a holiday project



## Prayer Ministry



The Prayer Ministry (Chair, Deaconess Marilyn McPherson and Co-Chair, Minister Angela Sheppard) collaborated with the Evangelism Ministry (Chair, Deacon James Watson) for an evening of prayer on August 20. Members of John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Annandale and Mount Pleasant were in attendance at this time of prayer and worship. Below are a few pictures of the event.



## Word Search



# FALL

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

BIRDS  
BRISK  
CHANGING  
CLOUDS  
COAT  
COLD  
COLORS  
CORN  
CROPS  
FOOTBALL  
FROST  
GOURD  
HARVEST  
HEATER  
JACKET  
LEAVES  
MIGRATE  
NOVEMBER  
OCTOBER  
PUMPKINS  
RAKE  
SCARECROW  
SEASON  
SWEATER  
TREES  
WIND

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R	L	H	R	S	W	E	A	T	E	R	U	C	H

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.  
Find and circle each word.



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## **Are You Rooted?**

*<sup>9</sup>As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. – John 15: 9-10 NKJV*

Images from Hurricane Ian that pummeled Florida the last week in September display the devastation of a natural storm. Houses are flattened. Roads are flooded. And that is just the initial contact. People hunkered down while bracing the impact of 100 plus mile winds with little to nothing they could do. Life is like that sometimes. We are all, at times, placed in situations that will enact inevitable damage. These situations may arise suddenly, catching us unprepared. Or they may happen gradually over time. Some storms may come regularly, we just don't know from what direction or what the impact will be. We may even be hit with multiple storms before we can recover from the first one! However they come, whenever they come, the storms in our lives bring damage. How will we ever survive!?!

To survive, we must be rooted like trees. Trees, you say?! Yes. As we see, images of the hurricane's destruction, what is the one consistent thing? Trees! In every picture, every roadway, and near every house, there are trees still standing nearby. They endured the wind and rain and flooding, without any protection, yet they are still left standing. Why?

Trees, especially ones by the coastline, tend to have longer and stronger roots than the average tree. Why you say? While they may have access to the water easily, they cannot anchor in the mud. Ergo, their roots must go past the water table to anchor and not be swept away. They would never grow up if that's the case. Consider this... when trees have been overturned in the storm...the roots are exposed and above ground. A tree whose roots are no longer anchored will "uproot" and die in a storm. Yet, one that is firmly anchored will only give way to the storm... bend... may even lose a few dead limbs, but it will not be uprooted.

A tree that is uprooted is no good. It can no longer grow. But a tree that is broken, can still grow. So, what does this mean for us as we abide in Christ? Simply stated... not only are we anchored in Christ, but we are also anchored in God's creation. We have gone past the limitations of physical and mental alignment to secure our spiritual roots that will not allow the cares of this world to rip up and destroy. It would take extreme effort to evacuate these spiritual roots. And even then, it won't be destroyed.

Nothing can grow without roots. Essentially, once something has roots, it has staying power. It can be snipped and replanted. It can even grow more roots on top of the roots it already has! It can connect to roots of other trees to be sustained even more. And we, much like trees, must be aligned to Jesus such that we follow and be rooted in HIS words and His commands. God not only gives us the Bible, but nature itself speaks God's Word to us. A living and breathing example of what it means to be fully committed to Christ...an abiding so strong that we are rooted in it.

## MPBC Events

JOIN US AS WE RETURN BACK TO

# IN-PERSON WORSHIP

SUNDAY AT 10:00AM

MASK REQUIRED | SOCIAL DISTANCING

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Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson, Pastor



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THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY PRESENTS

REGISTER FOR SESSIONS  
[HTTPS://MTPLEASANTBC.ORG/MINISTRIES/CHRISTIAN-EDUCATION](https://mtplesantbc.org/ministries/christian-education)

## CHURCH BIBLE INSTITUTE

THEME: TABLE TALK

7-8 PM 12 NOV 2022 | VIRTUAL  
SESSION IS FREE. PASSCODE TO BE PROVIDED PRIOR  
[WWW.MTPLEASANTBC.ORG](http://WWW.MTPLEASANTBC.ORG)

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER  
SESSION 1 TABLE TALK  
DIGGING DEEPER IN THE WORD

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER  
SESSION 2 TABLE TALK  
BRIDGING THE GENERATIONAL GAP

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER  
SESSION 1 TABLE TALK  
PLANNING FOR THE CHURCH NEXT

Join us for our

# Saturday Morning PRAYER

November 5, 2022

8:00AM-9:00AM  
Meeting ID: 844 9723 9999  
Passcode: 825487  
Dial-In: 1.301.715.8592

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Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT, & SENIORS

# USHER DAY CELEBRATION

Join us!

NOVEMBER 6, 2022  
10:00AM

Preacher:  
Minister Angela Sheppard

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★ ★ ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 8TH ★ ★

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

# VOTER INFORMATION

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★ EVERY ★  
★ VOTE ★  
★ COUNTS! ★

To Vote on Election Day, Please Register In Your Assigned Jurisdiction:  
For more detailed information, visit  
<https://elections.maryland.gov>  
<https://elections.virginia.gov>  
<https://dcboe.org>

You Can't Vote If You Don't Register  
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READY SET VOTE EARLY  
• IN PERSON BEFORE ELECTION DAY  
• BY MAIL BEFORE ELECTION DAY

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY  
BECAUSE YOUR VOTE MATTERS

YOUR VOTE YOUR VOICE!

Honoring Those Who Served

# Celebrate VETERANS DAY

PREACHER:  
MINISTER CARL HOLLISTER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022  
10:00 A.M.

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## Community Food Give Away

Drive-Up Give Away Only | Must be in Car | Mask Required

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Saturday at 9:00 AM November 19, 2022

A Food Give Away Will Be Held At The Church For All  
Members And Community At-Large





## MPBC Events – Continued

◆ The Church School Annual ◆

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Virtual Christmas Program

**Sunday  
December 11, 2022  
9:00 AM**

**Rehearsal Schedule**  
Time: 1:00PM-2:30PM

SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2022  
**REHEARSAL**

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022  
**REHEARSAL**

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2022  
**REHEARSAL**

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 2022  
**RECORDING**

A joyful celebration of singing and dancing proclaiming the "Reason for the Season".

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

JOIN US WITH A TIME WITH GOD

## Virtual BIBLE STUDY

*Prayer & Meeting*

**THURSDAY**

Youth Bible Study "TNT"  
Thursday Night Session - Ages 5-18  
6:30PM

Prayer Meeting  
Led by the Congregational Care Ministry  
6:30PM

Adult Bible Study  
7:00PM

Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode to be provided

Zoom ID and Passcode will be provided after group registration.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

To register for sessions: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/149679>

**GRIEF SHARE**

Virtual Grief Ministry Session

Sessions held on Monday  
May 16, 2022 - August 22, 2022  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
(No session 7/4/2022)

Contact:  
Denise Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org

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**SUNDAY | 9:00 A.M.**

## CHURCH SCHOOL

CLASSES FOR AGES 5-ADULT

Virtual adult classes will be held in the Pinkett/Sheppard Memorial Chapel for in-person worshippers.

Online classes are available for adults, children, youth and young adults.

Zoom conference ID's and passwords will be provided prior to the event via email and mobile app notifications.

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## WAYS TO GIVE

**TEXT TO GIVE**  
Text "GIVE" to 703-215-2545

**GIVELIFY**  
Mobile App

**WEBSITE**  
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Mobile app interface showing Mt Pleasant Baptist Church details: Pastor Rev. Dr. Carl Johnson, The dedicated Bible organization, (703) 256-1268, 6477 Lincolnia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Mount Pleasant Baptist

Tuesday Evening  
**PRAYER CALL**  
6:00PM (EST)

Dial: 1.848.220.3300  
Code: 1571206#

JOIN US FOR  
**zoom**  
PRAYER MEETING

# MPBC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

## Notes & News

FALL 2022 EDITION



And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

### INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY®

October 20, 2022 marks the 74th anniversary of the globally celebrated International Credit Union (ICU) Day®.

The day is recognized to reflect upon the credit union movement's history, promote its achievements, recognize hard work and share member experiences.



The ultimate goal is to raise awareness about the tremendous work that credit unions and other financial cooperatives are doing around the world and give members the opportunity to get more engaged.

For more information on ICU Day, visit: <https://www.cuna.org/content/cuna/cuna-org/products/international-credit-union-day.html>

We are YOUR Credit Union.



## Hello FALL

### DID YOU KNOW:

You are eligible to join the MPBC FCU if you are a member or employee of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Your immediate family or household members are also included in the field of membership.

To become a member, you must submit:

- a completed membership application,
- proof of identification
- minimum deposit of \$6.00 (\$5.00 for opening a share savings account and \$1.00 towards administrative fees)

Once a member, always a member! Your membership in MPBC FCU is lifelong--whether you move, change jobs or retire--as long as your Share Account remains open.

If you don't have an account with us, don't delay: sign up for one today!

Visit [www.mtpleasantbc.org/mpbcfcu](http://www.mtpleasantbc.org/mpbcfcu) for more information.

### OPERATION STATUS

The Credit Union is open for business on Sunday mornings! Operating hours are from 8:45 AM - 10 AM. Church entry protocol must be followed and masks are required. For more information, please contact the Credit Union.

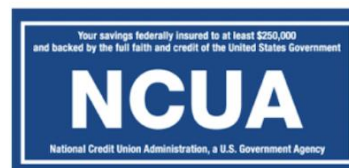
### CONTACT US:

**MPBC Federal Credit Union**  
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Alexandria, VA 22312

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[mpbcfcu@mtpleasantbc.org](mailto:mpbcfcu@mtpleasantbc.org)

[www.mtpleasantbc.org/mpbcfcu](http://www.mtpleasantbc.org/mpbcfcu)



Thanks for your business.

## Ministry Opportunities

[There are still ministry opportunities to consider.]

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand ...”*

**Ephesians 2:10**

**Youth Ministry** — Teachers — Youth Bible Study — contact Reverend E. Chris White, III

**Nurses Ministry** — Nurses — contact Sister Phyllis Jordan

**Audio/Visual** — Assistants — contact Church Office

**Grief Ministry** — Members — contact Sister Denise Mackie-Smith

**Church School** — Teachers — contact Sister Yvonne Bush

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY (CCM) by DEACON, DEACONESS, MINISTERIAL STAFF and ZIP CODE

Pastor Johnson	John White (MD) Jessie LeCount-White Jerry and Rosie Brown Marcia Gilbert-Gregory Annette Colclough Rev. Vonda Batts Rev. Dwight Cokely	Karl and Karin Henderson James Cook Min. Myra Cook Min. Angela Sheppard	Jerald and Faye Stark Maurice Evans Gloria Giron Min. Myron Euille Min. Leticia Watson Min. Stephanie Gillus Min. Eldred Williams	Carlton Brown Amanda Brown Dalton Martin Min. Linda Hayes Min. Percell Spinner	David Evans Spencer and Mattie Charles Michael and Sylvia Hardy Min. Henrietta Nelson Rev. Yvette Baldwin	Barry Newsome Glenn Blackwell La'Tonia White Rev. Chris White Rev. Margaret Barr	John and Barbara White Edward Robinson Rev. Cornella Carter-Taylor	Kenneth and Rita Jackson Averil Tomlinson Robert Brooks Sherri Morgan Rev. Brian Morgan Min. Mark Miller	James and Jean Watson Michael Wilson Susie Taylor Rev. Jessie Reynolds
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Ronald Hampton Marilyn McPherson Karen White Josephine Byrd Min. Aleia Taylor Min. Carl Hollister									
Falls Church and Baileys X-roads 22041 22042 22043 22044 22046									

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### **VIRTUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2022**

#### **Vision Statement**

A Church “Growing by Grace.” (2 Peter 3:18)

#### **Mission Statement**

“To grow a congregation of believers committed to the ministry of Worship, Evangelism, Missions, Discipleship, Service, and Fellowship with a heart for Prayer, Bible Study, and the Great Commission.” (Matthew 28:19–20)

#### **Theme**

@ the Mount, “Expanding For A Greater Work” (Isaiah 54:2)

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