

## Theme: "Oh Happy Day"

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**Matthew 28:6-7a (NKJV)**

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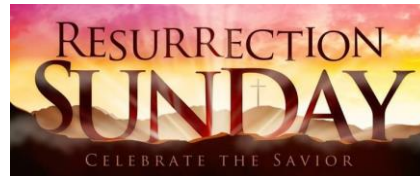
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## Oh Happy Day

(Matthew 28:6-7a)

*Greetings Mount Pleasant Family,*

We are in "Passion Week" where a series of events happened. Below are some of the "Passion Week" events:

- **Sunday** (Palm Sunday)—Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem as palms were laid before Him (Matthew 21:1-9)
- **Monday**—Jesus curses the barren fig tree (Matthew 21:18-19) and cleanses the temple (Mark 11:15-19)
- **Tuesday**—Jesus authority is questioned by leaders (Matthew 21:23-27)
- **Wednesday**—Judas agrees to betray Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16)
- **Thursday**—Jesus prepares to celebrate Passover (Matthew 26:17-19) and the Lord's Supper is instituted (Matthew 26:20-29)
- **Friday**—Good Friday. Below are accounts that happened to Jesus leading up to His crucifixion
  - **Betrayed with a kiss by Judas** (Matthew 26:48)
  - **Put through various trials** (Matthew 26:57; John 18:23; Luke 23:7, 11-12)
  - **Falsely accused** (Matthew 26:60-61; Matthew 27:12)
  - **Spat upon** (Matthew 26:67)
  - **Beaten beyond human likeness** (Isaiah 52:14)
  - **Stripped of His clothes** (Matthew 27:28)
  - **Forced to wear a crown of thorns pressed down onto His head** (Matthew 27:29)
  - **Mocked** (Matthew 27:29)
  - **Forced to carry His own cross to Golgotha's hill until He became too weak and could not carry it any longer** (Mark 15:21)

Jesus was ultimately crucified on a cross, bore our sins and paid our sin debt. He was put in a borrowed tomb and stayed there all day Friday, all day Saturday, but early on Sunday got up with all power in His hands. Oh what a happy day it is for Christians knowing that since Jesus was resurrected from the dead, all Christians have this hope as well. *Be blessed and continue to keep safe.*

## MPBC Connect

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**FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER**  
6:30 AM

Dial: 1.848.220.3300  
Code: 1571206#

**Tuesday**  
**Evening Prayer @ 6:00 PM**  
Dial: 1.848.220.3300 – Code: 1571206#



## Inspirations



### My Easter Prayer

May you walk a little surer  
On the path that lies before,  
May you see a little clearer  
May you trust a little more.  
May you come a little closer  
To the Lord of Love Divine,  
That your heart may sing for gladness,  
Is this Easter prayer of mine.

Author Unknown

Submitted by: Sister Anita Johnson (MPBC)

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### An Easter Song

A song of sunshine through the rain,  
Of Spring across the snow;  
A balm to heal the hurts of pain,  
A peace surpassing woe.  
Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,  
And be ye glad at heart,  
For Calvary and Easter Day,  
Earth's saddest day and gladdest day,  
Were just three days apart!

Susan Coolidge

Submitted by: Sister Anita Johnson (MPBC)



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

Dear Ministry Member and Fellow Christian,

*Greetings to all!*

Even though the building is closed, the church is still open. Your Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) is here to assist you in any way we can. As mentioned previously, the Grief Ministry is available for additional support. Please stay in contact with us as we continue to go through these difficult times together and continue to stay connected through Mount Pleasant’s virtual platforms. If you have not received an email from us, please send an email to Deaconess Karin Henderson, [Karin.Henderson@mtpleasantbc.org](mailto:Karin.Henderson@mtpleasantbc.org).

A new year has arrived, continue to lift up our Pastor and his family, our ministry and the members in prayer. There have been so many Mount Pleasant family members who have been impacted by deaths, illnesses, unemployment, etc. in which continued prayer is needed. Please join the Mount Pleasant family for prayer on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Fridays at 6:00 a.m. and Sundays at 11:00 a.m (see page 2 for access information). You may email, [prayer@mtpleasantbc.org](mailto:prayer@mtpleasantbc.org) to send a prayer request as well. Fervent prayers have kept us thus far and will continue to keep us. You may also email, [salvation@mtpleasantbc.org](mailto:salvation@mtpleasantbc.org) to have the Plan of Salvation extended to you if you do not know Jesus as your personal savior.

We want to extend greetings to ministry members who have celebrated and/or are celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary, retirement or any other celebratory event in March, April and May.

God bless you and continue to keep safe.

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

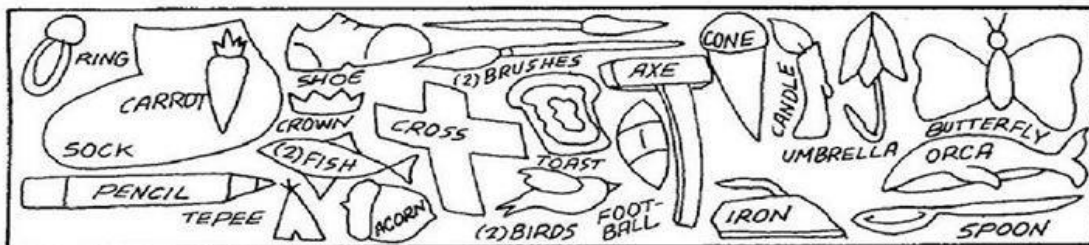
—Thought for the spring—

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.” (Martin Luther)



# Hidden Picture

Can you find the hidden items?



**MINISTER'S**



## **Oh Happy Day**

*“He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold I have told you.”* **Matthew 28:6-7 NKJV**

Have you ever been told something that just left you in a complete state of awe? Something so unbelievable, that you were just dumbfounded. I have. Whether good or bad, the initial shock left you a tad paralyzed, such that you needed time to process what you had been told. I can imagine this was the state of mind which Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, and the tomb guards where in when the stone at the tomb entry was rolled away. Jesus’ body was nowhere to be found. And an angel was standing in His place.

Listen to the angel’s words. “He is not here.” A dead man has disappeared! Not only is the stone rolled away, and Jesus’ body is missing, they are told that Jesus is heading to Galilee. How is this possible? Is Jesus walking to Galilee? I imagine these questions were running through the minds of these witnesses. It is running through my mind as well. But here in lies the great mystery of the Triune God. There will be several things we will never be able to understand. Two in particular:

1. God’s love for us.
2. God’s method to love us.

The scripture says God loves us (John 3:16). We quote it all the time. But I do not believe we fully understand the implications of this love. Imagine loving someone so much that you have placed a code in the blood stream to detect an issue (virus, poison, or cuts) and prepare the body to fight it off. Amazing right? God gave us a self-healing mechanism that minor issues will not harm us. Even further, He has reserved the greater issues that the body cannot heal to cause us to seek Him for it. Because God loves us so much, He has prepared us to heal both naturally and with assistance.

This speaks so clearly to Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. God sent Jesus, to be like us in every way and to be the example for us. Yet, God could not fully connect with us until Jesus bridged the gap between heaven and us. God’s love for us was sending Jesus. God’s method to love us was Jesus’ death. And now, all our sins are forgiven. All our shame is washed away. The shackles of the past are loosed and broken.

The future is much brighter only if we ask for it. And it’s on the day we confess Jesus and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead that we will bask in the joy of God’s love afforded us. That Day when we are no longer lost in the wilderness of sin. That Day when we are joined together with Christ as a joint heir to God’s Kingdom. That day will be a “Happy Day.”



# MPBC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

## Notes & News

SPRING 2021 EDITION



Financial wisdom from the word of God:

***There is desirable treasure,  
and oil in the dwelling of the  
wise, but a foolish man  
squanders it.***

**- Proverbs 21:20 (NKJV)**

Are you actively saving toward your financial goals?  
Open a **savings account** with your MPBC FCU today!

### THANK YOU!

A special thanks to all who supported and attended MPBC FCU's 20th Annual Meeting held virtually on February 22, 2021. There was an amazing turnout of 44 members!

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Congratulations to the following credit union members who were winners of the prize drawings:

- **Irene Stith-Coleman** - \$25 deposit into her share account
- **Linda Holland** - \$25 deposit into her share account
- **Jacqueline Thomas-Black** - \$25 deposit into her share account
- **Diahann Colbert** - Amazon Echo Dot
- **Amanda Brown** - 32" HD TV

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are YOUR Credit Union.



Tis' the season for tax time. There have been some key changes to tax season dates. Here's what you need to know.

**May 17:** The IRS has announced this as the last day for most Americans to file their 2020 Form 1040 federal tax returns unless you request a tax extension.

**October 15:** If you filed a tax extension, this is the last date to file your 2020 Form 1040 federal tax return.

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**Tax tips:** What will you do with your tax refund? Give your savings a boost with a deposit to your MPBC FCU savings account. No tax refund this year? We can help! Apply today for a signature loan up to \$7,500.

### OPERATION STATUS

Your MPBC Federal Credit Union continues to operate under altered conditions. Appointments can be made by request. Due to the altered operations, please allow extra time for a response.

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Thanks for your business.

## Ministry Opportunities

[There are still ministry opportunities to consider even though the building is closed.]

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

**Ephesians 2:10**

**Homeless Ministry** — Cooks — contact Sister Shirley Thomas

**Youth Ministry** — Director/Assistants — 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays during 11:00 a.m. Worship Service; Thursday Nite Takeover (TNT) Workers/Teachers/Helpers — contact Reverend E. Chris White, III

**Nursery Ministry** — Assistants — contact Sister Allie Hollister

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

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

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

**Church School** — Van Drivers/Teachers — contact Sister Yvonne Bush

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

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### **CHURCH CONFERENCE — JULY 24, 2021— 5:00 P.M.**

#### **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, “We Are Trusting God with Our Future!” (Jeremiah 29:11–12)

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