



Highlights



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Director's Corner: Icky, sticky, oh so sicky

Important Dates:

February is American Heart Month, African American History Month, and Children's Dental Health Month

- ☺ 2/1: Summer Camp Enrollment begins!
- ☺ 2/2: Groundhog Day
- ☺ 2/3: Chinese New Year
- ☺ 2/14: Valentine's Day
- ☺ 2/21: Presidents Day (EVSC Closed)



February Bible Verse:

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:8



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Dear Families,

We hope that as you read this month's newsletter that everyone in your family is feeling happy and healthy. This past month, we've been dealing with an array of illnesses here at Mt. Pleasant! From the run of the mill colds & stomach bugs to strep throat and even pneumonia, we've been battling germs left and right! Please know that our staff is doing everything possible to keep your child healthy, including cleaning toys and having the children wash their hands frequently. We appreciate it greatly when parents keep sick little ones at home until they are feeling better. Also, if your child has been diagnosed with an illness, please let us

News to Use

Summer Camp enrollment begins on February 1st! If you are interested in enrolling your School Ager for a summer of fun and discovery, please contact Ms. Cory (in person, by phone or e-mail)

know as soon as possible to get the word out to other families. Hopefully by next month we'll be outside more, getting some much needed fresh air!

Germ aside, February is a month that celebrates love in all its splendid forms. (just make sure you use hand sanitizer after that hug) :-)
We're all looking forward to the fun Valentine's Day parties and cards, but what are some other ways you can teach your child about love? The Bible tells us about 4 different ways we can show children the wonders of love. The first is "teaching love through contact." This is easy—giving a friend a hug when they're sad, helping someone when they've fallen. The next is "teaching love through example." This



Parents of School Agers can sign their children up to attend MPCDC on Presidents Day, 2/21. The cost is \$15. Sign up sheets will be located next to the sign in/out sheets in the classrooms.

occurs by living up to Jesus' example in everyday interactions with others. The third is "teaching love through conceptualization." Families should talk about love every day, during dinner conversations or rides in the car, making children more comfortable and familiar with what it means to love one another. The final way is through "teaching love through practice." While it's easy to love those who love us back, it's difficult when others are mean or spiteful. Teach children that everyone is deserving of love, especially those who need it most.

Have a great month!
We love our families!
~ Ms. Cory



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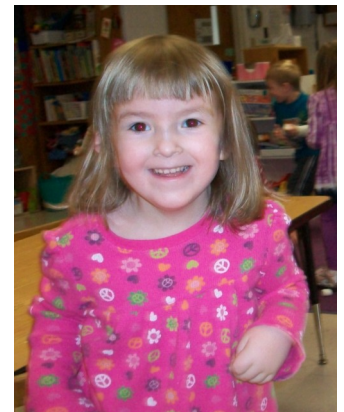


Photo Ops!

Sights from around Mt. Pleasant



The Pre-K enjoyed an indoor snowball fight in January!



News from Above

Upcoming Events at Mt. Pleasant Church



Upcoming Sermon Series @ Mt. Pleasant: *The "Reality" Series*

We often like to live our own lives through the people that participate in the various reality shows we see on TV. But the truth is life is not a game show and the realities we face each day involve our need for God, His Word, His Spirit and fellow believers.

February 6 – The Amazing Race - Hebrews 12: 1-6, February 13 – Survivor – Zechariah 10: 1-12, February 20 - The Apprentice – 1 Kings 19: 24-21; 2 Kings 2: 1-14, February 27 – The Biggest Loser – Mark 8: 31-35, March 6 – Dancing with the Stars – Philippians 2: 12-18, March 13 – Hell’s Kitchen – Matthew 23

Valentine’s Bash /Couples Night Out ...Enjoy a night out with your spouse for Valentines this year! Mt. Pleasant Church will provide childcare and the first twenty couples that register will receive a \$20.00 gift card to a local restaurant. Register at www.mpcev.com .The Valentine’s Bash is **Saturday, February 12, from 5-8 p.m.**

Financial Peace University...Mt. Pleasant Church is hosting its 8th FPU Event, beginning Sunday, February 13. This is a 13-week class that runs from 2-4 p.m. each Sunday afternoon in the K-House. Child care will be provided at no cost. For more info please visit our website at www.mpcev.com .



You Say It's Your Birthday! Happy Birthday in February to . . .



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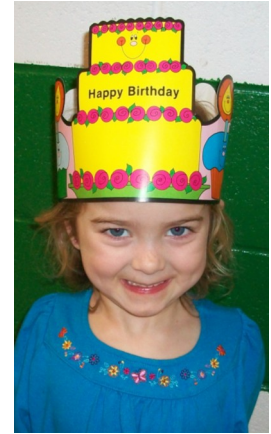


01/14/20

Chad, 2/21 (2's)



Ben, 2/2 (3s & 4s)



Jeweliana, 2/23 (3s & 4s)



Claire, 2/4 (SA 2)



Tyler, 2/4 (SA 2)



Ryan, 2/10 (SA 2)



Ms. Stephanie, 2/1 (3s & 4s)



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Family of the Month: The Daisey's!



Hi! I'm Abigail. I'm 5 years old and I'm in the Pre-K class. My family includes my dad (George), my mom (Melanie), my lab-mix dog (Casey), my Nana (Sally) and many fish in my fish pond! We currently live 2 miles from MPCDC, and will be building a house in Haubstadt very soon! My mom is a nurse at St. Mary's on the Mother/Baby GYN floor. My dad is a Computer Programmer Manager for American General. I am an only child. I love taking Tap/Ballet on Saturday mornings at Acros. We attend church at Old North United Methodist. I love spending time with friends and family and playing outside! Our favorite family movie is "The Wizard of Oz." My favorite place to eat is Gatti Town or Denny's! (mom and dad don't mind them either) If I could go anywhere on vacation, I would love to go to the Florida. My family's favorite team is Ohio State—Go Buckeyes! We like any sport they play, football being 1st and the undefeated basketball team 2nd! My favorite part about Mt. Pleasant is my friends and playing outside when it's nice out. Thanks for getting to know us!



From Ms. Pam's Kitchen!



Savory Vegetable Beef Stew

Ingredients:

3 pounds beef stew meat, cut into 1 inch cubes 2 cups water 1 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup Italian salad dressing 2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained 1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 (10.5 ounce) can condensed beef broth, undiluted 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
1 garlic clove, minced 1 bay leaf 1 teaspoon dried oregano 6 small potatoes, quartered
6 medium carrots, cut into 1 inch pieces 1 medium green bell pepper, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
1 medium onion, chopped 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour 3 tablespoons cold water



Directions:

In a Dutch oven, brown meat in salad dressing over medium heat. Add the next 10 ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1-1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Add the potatoes, carrots, green pepper and onion. Cover and simmer for 45 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Combine flour and cold water until smooth; stir into stew. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Discard bay leaf before serving