### The Fountain

**JULY 2021** 



We love the longer days of summer. It feels good to be outside, in the sunlight, seeing the trees and flowers in all their glory. Early mornings have a wonderful temperature as the sun rises. Warm evenings can be enjoyed

as the sun goes down and the lightning bugs flash. Gentle breezes under a shade tree or even summer rains bring relief from the heat. It's good to be in the light of God.

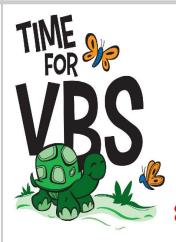
As the darkness of the pandemic continues to lift we find people attempting to return to normal... whatever that means. My mind still reflects on the Israelites of the Old Testament and the long years of waiting for relief from their periods of exile. "How long, oh Lord, will it be?" Time marches on and things change. It's natural to long for the "good ole days" but we can't go back and relive them. What is God up to now and what is God calling us to? Live in the moment and enjoy the here and now. But don't forget God, or who we are, or his calling on our lives.

In the sermon on June 20<sup>th</sup> I shared a saying I heard from a pastor many years ago, "Don't doubt in the dark what you heard in the light." It's a good reminder. When challenges come our way and we face difficult times it's important to remember the promises of God—the lessons we have learned in the light of Christ. It's easier to focus on the negative, to be weighed down by the darkness, but that's why it's so vital to be surrounded by the body of Christ and the light of God. Perspective! Do we listen to the voice of God or to the evil one who seeks to distract and bring us down? The evil one, and darkness, seeks to cast doubt and instill fear; whereas the light of God dispels the dark and brings life.

Scripture reminds us to live in the light of Christ!

Blessings,

Tony Bull



All kids, ages Preschool and up,

are invited to

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

This will be a one-day event on Saturday, July 10th from 10am—2pm.

We will have fun, age-appropriate activities for everyone!

(please wear clothes that can get wetl)

The youth will find the "joy" of random kindness!

Lunch will be provided...



"The Joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemish 8:10 Check out our website:

www.coldspringsumc.org



Online Ministries tab has links to



Worship live @ 8:45am





for online tithes & offerings



M.Y. Heart's ministry is collecting supplies to make blessing bags for the homeless. These items include such things as pocket Bibles, travel sham-

poos, conditioners, soap, and other necessities. A green bin is located under the mailboxes in the hallway behind the sanctuary and in the narthex. A list of other items are located on the flyer at these collection bins. If you have questions about this new outreach, email Julie Love at <a href="mailto:jaxandcb@yahoo.com">jaxandcb@yahoo.com</a>. Our current needs for spring/summer: white undershirts, deodorant, sunscreen, chapstick, ball caps, etc.

### Birthdays

- I-Grayson Huneycutt, Luke Howell
- 2—Charlotte Lefler
- 9—Homer Allman
- 13—Penelope Caldwell
- 17-Laura Bryant, Tillie Heintz
- 18—Lucas Barbee
- 19—Barbara Newsom
- 20—Brenda Maxwell, Earl Beaver
- 21—Linda Barnhardt
- 22—Carolyn Allman,
- 23—Terri Pruitt
- 25—Abigail Dowless
- 28—Clyde Kluttz
- **31**—Kim Overbay

### Anniversaries

- I—John & Kelly Meade Neil & Kelli Moser
- 2—Roger & Fonda Carter
- 14—Larry & Geri Clay
- 15—W.B. & Judy Allmon
- 18—Scotty & Shannon Huneycutt
- 22—Matt & Kristy Almond
- 24—Aaron & Pat Misenheimer

# JULY BIRTHDAYS &

**ANNIVERSARIES** 

## ?? Bible Quiz ???

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

- A. nephew
- B. niece
- C. brother
- D. sister



# Puzz]e!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



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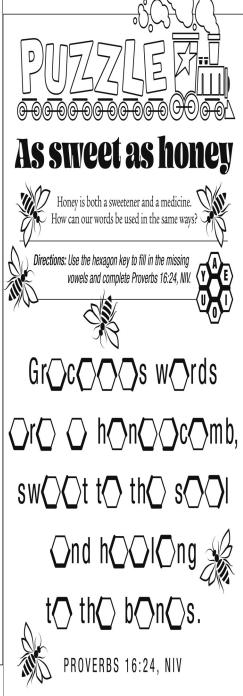
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Answer: Theretore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV



bones. Proverbs 16:24, MIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the

Dear Friends of Mt. Pleasant Bible Teacher Association,

Thank you so much for your continued support to keep Bible in our school. As everyone knows the pandemic brought many changes to our country, including the remote teaching in our schools. This was a new and difficult experience for all educators, thy faced challenges daily, and our Bible teacher, Mr. Dye, was no exception. Some of his students returned to class while others continued remote learning.

The MPBTA has continued to meet monthly to support and encourage him in his effort. He has received numerous reports of how his students enjoyed learning about the Bible, and for some it was a new experience. This would not have been possible without your support.

It is important to keep Bible in Mt. Pleasant High School. God sees and honors your faithful contributions. The MPBTA thanks you in advance for your help, and may God bless you!

Corresponding secretary, Pastor Faye McRorie

If you would like to contribute to the MPBTA, please indicate "Bible class" on your offering.

#### Mt. Pleasant Food Ministry's Current needs: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter & Jelly,

Thank You

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Soup, and Dried Milk

**Needs** Non-food items: Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Face Soap, Toilet Tissue, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Diapers

The basket for donations to this food pantry is located in the hall behind the sanctuary beside the church mailboxes.

Dear Cold Springs UMC Family,

**Pantry** 

Thank you so much for the graduation gift! I appreciate it so much and everything ya'll have done for me! Love, Gracie Cook

Dear Cold Springs UMC,

I personally want to say thank you for my gift. The gift card was more than generous and the Bible will be a bright light that will guide me through dark times. Many thanks, Jase Yount



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### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST:

Cancelled thru 2021

When sending prayer requests via email, please send them to prayer@coldspringsumc.org or REQUESTS submit them via the prayer PRAYER request form on the church website. This will allow requests to still be sent out even when the church office is closed.

Church Family,

In the past, you have been won-derful with your gifts/donation to the Salvation

the Salvation

Army. I now come to you with two requests:

THE SALVATION

- 1. Used children books for ages 12 and under: A scout from Troop 5 did his eagle project at the Salvation Army by making a "little library". This library is used all the time! Children books are taken most frequently and that is wonderful. We are now in need of children books. We have plenty of adult books. So, if you have any children books that you wish to pass on to another child, please place them in the Salvation Army box which is located under the mailboxes at church
- 2. The homeless shelter is in need of laundry detergent pods, no powder please. Any brand. These can also be placed in the Salvation Army box located under the mailboxes.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Blessings, Lila Barnhardt



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