

The Communicator

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THE PASTOR'S NOTE...

The arts have always played a significant part in the history of the church. From Catholic cathedrals that taught faith through art to illiterate civilians, to sponsored artists who painted masterpieces for the church (the most famous probably being the Sistine Chapel), to skilled musicians, who for hundreds of years, composed because of inspiration from the Christian faith—the mediums of music, paint, dance, and performance have long been ways for the Holy Spirit to communicate the beauty of faith and God's love through the beauty of art. Here at MHBC, there a couple of opportunities upcoming for the arts to shine again.

First, a group of our students are at Music & Arts Camp at Eagle Eyrie this week. They have volunteers leading them through the week, cooking their meals, teaching their classes, and helping to foster a love for music and art in their hearts. Some of my greatest memories of childhood faith are attached to the songs of VBS, the worship services I attended with friends my age, and the opportunity to create portrayals of faith stories. Please be in prayer for leaders and participants this week—for safety, participation, cooperation, and for the Spirit to help faith take root more deeply through creative means.

And second, we are officially rolling out the next MHBC Worship and Arts Ministry campaign: the **Psalm 104 Art Collective!** Flyers with details will be up soon, but essentially, we want to create art that will bring the text of Psalm 104 to life. Psalm 104 is one of the most beautiful portrayals of God's work through creation in the Bible, and we want it to serve as inspiration for artists of all ages at MHBC.

From now until December 1, read the Psalm in its entirety and find a verse or two that specifically inspire you. Create a piece of art based on that verse, and submit it to the church office, along with a written paper telling us which verse(s) inspired you. Any medium of art is welcome (including photography), though we do ask that you keep the size of your project under 24x36 inches if possible. If we receive too many pieces connected to the same verse, the Worship & Arts Ministry will reserve the right to reassign some for the sake of covering the whole passage—but will stick as close to the original intentions as possible! The project will go up sometime in the beginning of 2025 and will be displayed along the walls of the church for you to journey through the text in art at your own pace.

It's a joy to continue to find ways to bring faith to life with you as beautifully as possible—as a fellow traveler on the journey, and as your pastor. **-Josh**

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:45 A.M. – SUNDAY SCHOOL – There's a class for everyone!

11:00 A.M. – MORNING WORSHIP – The pastor's sermon is entitled, "David Spares Saul," 1 Samuel 24, Matthew 5:43-47
 The Chancel Choir's anthem is "Believe For It"
 Special Music by Kate Mc Phatter

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DEACON OF THE WEEK

July 21- July 27 Justin Owen & Mary Ellen Bryant

DEACONS SERVING JULY 21

Lesley McPhatter Nancy Campbell
Luke Hamel Mike Garrett
Marvin Jefferson Harold Massie

JULY USHERS

Sonny & Sheila Harvey

IN THE HOSPITAL

Ronnie Thacker – Home

Frances Coates Liberty Ridge (Rehab)

Linda Ray – Westminster Canterbury (Rehab)

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

There are not enough words to express how grateful I am for allowing me to be your church secretary for almost 34 years. Thank you Tracey Garrett, Tammy Coates and Dena Gardner and all those who assisted them for the wonderful reception. Thank you Josh for all you did in making the day so special!

Love and thanks to you all,
Diane Irvin

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

7:00 P.M.

July 24th Mr. Jeremy Fisher, led by Beth Freeman

July 31st Two Bad Mice, led by Sue Godsey

August 7th Peter Rabbit, led by Carolyn Harris

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pizza & Mini Golf – Sunday, July 21, noon – 4 p.m.
\$15 per person. Lunch provided (pizza & drinks)
immediately after church. Drinks provided at Tiny
Town. Children K – 5th grade.

Mill Creek Park – Wednesday, July 31 – 10 a.m.-3
p.m. Dress for water play! Bring water bottle, towel,
sunscreen, packed lunch and small kayaks! Children
K – 5th and all Youth are invited.

July 14, 2024

Budget Envelopes	\$ 5,400.00
(Weekly Budget Needs \$9199.06)	
Plate Offering	\$ 420.00
Designated Offering	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	\$.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 7820.00

FIND US FAITHFUL - \$1970.00

JULY WOM MISSION PROJECT
MIRIAM'S HOUSE

Items needed include paper products, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish detergent, etc. There is a container in the main hallway to place your donated items. Thank you for your support of this mission project!

****We will continue to collect magazines for Crossroads and other ministries in the community!**

CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKET

For the month of July we will be collecting macaroni and cheese.

Men & Boy's Camping Trip

August 2nd – 5th

Holiday Lake State Park

\$40.00 per person

Must be paid when signing up





Let's celebrate with Lexi Sale!
Saturday, August 10, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
The couple is registered at Target & Amazon.