

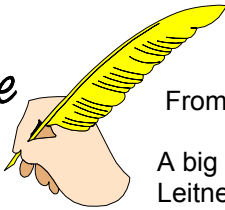


# PLEASANT TIDINGS



August 2003

*From the  
Pastor*



From the PPRC...

A big thank you to Cindy Leitner at St. Luke for compiling much of the biography of our new pastor.

It is my pleasure to welcome Jerry and Marlene into our Church family and I know that we all will support them in every way that we can.

Jerry was born in Sarasota, Fla. and lived there until the family moved back to Kansas. They lived there until Jerry's dad took a job here in Charleston SC at the Shipyard. When this job was over they moved back to Kansas. One of the things Jerry told us about early childhood was the time he was accidentally run over and was actually pronounced dead. He faced death and life after, but as a 9 year old he could not tell anyone for they would not believe him. His grandmother told him he survived because God had other plans for him, but then again he didn't understand what she was talking about.

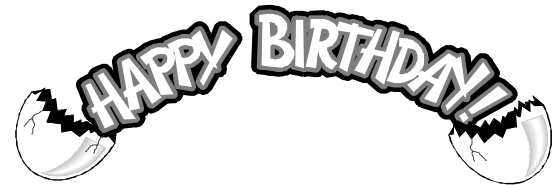
Moving on in his life, Jerry graduated high school and went into the Navy. He served on various ships at places like Hawaii, Norfolk Va., Charleston SC, Washington DC, Pearl Harbor, California. He met such influential people as Muammar Gaddafi, Cuban President Fidel Castro, the Shaw of Iran and Sen. John McCain's father, who Jerry refers to as a remarkable man. He retired after 20 years of service. Jerry also told us the story of wanting to play in the Navy string band. He always wanted to play strings, but the day before he arrived, the string band had been killed. Thus that is why to this day, the Navy has no string band.

Jerry decided he wanted to go into Ministry, but that presented problems for him. Everywhere he turned he was told the same thing, there was no funds available for him because he was too old. He pressed on, he went back to Charleston SC to go to Baptist College of Charleston, but once again, no money was available. He met two young men John Berry and George Anderson, who were instrumental in gaining funds for him to pursue his dream. Jerry graduated from the Lutheran Seminary in Columbia SC and has served churches in Jamestown, Shulerville, Gilbert, Port Royal, Vance, Bath, Lebanon, Cross and some places that had no names. Due to rheumatoid arthritis, Jerry had to retire from his love of preaching. Now he is able to take treatments that help him and he is back doing what he loves. Jerry mentioned to a friend that he wanted to get back into the Ministry and that person told Susan Ulmer, our District

Superintendent, and she made the call to Jerry and he responded yes and now he is here with us.

Jerry and Marlene (Marlene Helen McIntyre) met while singing in the church choir and were later married in Charlestowne, Mass. (a suburb of Boston.) They will celebrate their 45th anniversary on August 23, 2003. They have 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. Clay (is in communications) and his wife Kay, have three children: Christine, Paul, and Laura. Arthur is a meteorologist and has one son, Robert.

Currently they are members of the Littleton Street UMC in Elgin. Marlene is very involved with the congregation there. She loves to knit and be involved with her grandchildren, and Jerry said she has to follow him around to keep him straight. Jerry loves woodworking, singing and preaching.



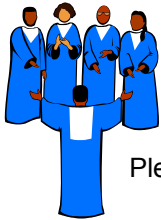
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| 1  | Bill Ballentine      |
| 5  | Tommy Graddick Jr.   |
| 14 | Charlie Frost        |
| 17 | Danny Bise           |
| 17 | James E Graddick Jr  |
| 17 | Keli Alexandra Price |
| 19 | Nicholas Johnston    |
| 22 | Nikki Douglas        |
| 30 | Ernest Frost         |
| 30 | Jerry Nelson         |
| 31 | Vera Graddick        |



## Happy Anniversary

- 4 Jerry & Janice Russell
- 19 Frank & Nanete McLane
- 23 Jerry & Marlene Nelson
- 25 Bill & Iva Cunningham

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## Mt. Pleasant Choir

We meet each Wednesday at 7:00pm

Please come and join us.



*Christian Education*



**FELLOWSHIP ON THE FIRST.** The first Sunday of every month this year, we will meet downstairs at 8:45am for muffins, coffee, juice, and of course, fellowship. Our next one will be Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:45am--Hope to see you there!!!!

If anyone would like to make a difference in the life of a child through teaching a Sunday school class, please contact our Chair of Education, Alice Payne at 786-7244.

**We continue to have the need for substitute Sunday school teachers to relieve our dedicated teachers when they must be away.**

**If you can help  
Please let Alice Payne know.**

**TEACHERS!!!**

**If you can't make it to either Sunday school or to help in the nursery, please let Alice Payne know by Saturday evening.**



## Late Breaking News

**ICE CREAM SUPPER..** Plan now to attend Mt. Pleasant's annual ice cream social on the evening of August 3. You are invited to bring homemade ice cream and goodies, which go well with ice cream. What kind of ice cream will Tommy and Samantha Graddick bring this year?

**LABOR DAY CELEBRATION...** On Sunday, August 31, worshipers are invited to wear to worship that day clothing which they would wear to work. That could be a uniform, coveralls, or whatever you might wear to work around the house or garden or farm. You are also invited to bring with you some tool or implement that you work with, to bring it to the altar and have it blessed.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE...** We need your help in updating our directory. We have no address for some of our members, and incomplete addresses for others. Some of these people are YOUR relatives! If you have current addresses for any of these people, please give that information to Betty Bloom, our membership secretary. We appreciate your help in updating our records. These are the members with incomplete information:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Karen Albea             | Erie and Cam Ayers      |
| Scott Ballentine        | David Bise and children |
| Scott Boatwright        | Ronald Wayne Bradford   |
| Charlie Frost           | Lacy Frost              |
| Joe Glenn, Jr.          | David Gonzales          |
| Shawn Harmon            | Jesse Harmon            |
| Earl and Stacha Hinnant | Rhett Hinnant           |
| Steve and Sandra Jones  | Donald Owens            |
| Sam Prentice            | Ronnie Price            |
| Brande Rambo            | Edward Richburg         |
| Jerry Sharpe            | Robert Sharpe           |
| Carl Sherwood           | Victor Stillinger       |
| Patricia Surratt        | Julie Wilson            |
| Ricky Wilson            | Chris Wolfe             |

**HOME COMING...** Sunday, September 14. Reverend Scott Cloninger has been invited to be the guest preacher.

**CHILDREN'S SABBATH...** We will observe Children's Sabbath on Sunday, Oct. 12. We will invite children to participate in the worship service this day. We will also invite children and youth (anyone under age 18) to submit black and white drawings that could be used for the cover of the church bulletin that day. Kids, sharpen those pencils!

**GOODWILL...** needs your donations and support. Did you know that Goodwill began as a ministry of the Methodist Church about one hundred years ago? Donations are at an all-time critical low, and Goodwill could use your help. When you do your spring-cleaning, you could drop off your "gently used" items at a Goodwill donation center. Remember, donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law!

**LAKE JUNALUSKA EVENTS...** The calendar of events for spiritual events, training events, and other wonderful opportunities at Lake Junaluska is now available. Events on worship, spiritual formation, servant leadership, music, laity convocation, prayer, and many other topics are available.

**THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP...** We can use your presence and your prayers! We have a small but faithful group gathering on Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM to pray for the needs of the church and her people. Please join us. And, if you have someone or something in need of prayer, please let us know.

**If you would like to write Nikki Douglas who is in the Air Force, her address is:**

**AB Douglas Victoria N  
331 TRS/Flt 614 Dorm A9  
PSC #3  
1500 Shaw Drive Unit 369-551  
Lackland AFB TX 78236-6095**

**VISITATION PROGRAM...** If you are interested in visiting people in our neighborhood who may be unchurched, or people on our church roll who may not be active participants in the church now, please contact Danny Bise or Jerry Nelson. Perhaps we can get our visitation teams started again.

**LAY READERS WANTED...** Lay readers assist in worship services by reading Scripture and leading some of the prayers during worship. If you would like to assist in worship this way, please let Jerry Nelson know.

**Opportunities for Ministry...** We need acolytes and ushers for our worship services. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to sign up on the sign-up in the narthex.

**COMMEMORATIVE PLATES...** showing Mt. Pleasant's old and new churches are available from the United Methodist Women. On the back of the plate is a brief history of Mt. Pleasant Church. Cost of the plate is \$25.00, and stands of various types are also available. Don't be the only family in the church without this historic plate! See Betty Bloom, Vera Graddick or another member of the United Methodist Women to order yours today!

**GOT AN IDEA FOR MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH?**

Please give your thoughts and ideas to Mark Kilpatrick, the new chair of the church's Administrative Council.



**YOUTH**



**NEWS/EVENTS**

The youth group at Mt. Pleasant is open to all youth from 6th grade to approximately 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**We are currently not meeting on a regular basis. Youth members will be notified of events as they come up.**

Budget short for 2002	<b>\$10,436.74</b>
Total 2003 Budget	\$54,356.48
Budget Need thru July 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$30,314.28
Budget Rcvd thru July 20 <sup>th</sup> (Including Memorials)	\$29,332.22
Budget (Shortage)	\$982.06
Weekly Budget Needs for 2003	\$1,045.32
<b>Weekly Offerings</b>	
5-25	\$541.50
6-1	\$1,401.00
6-8	\$870.50
6-15	\$820.54
6-22	\$828.00
6-29	\$874.00
7-6	\$1,352.00
7-13	\$972.00
7-20	\$663.00

Please be thinking of church news and information to be included next month. Give me a call any time you think of something and I'll be glad to include it. You may also **E-Mail me at mtjohn66@hotmail.com**

**Please send newsletter items early.**

**\*\*\* REMEMBER \*\*\***  
Deadline for the September 2003 newsletter:  
**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.**  
Contacts...  
Jerry Nelson 1-803-408-3013, Cell 463-1950(local call)  
Mark & Pam Johnston = 735-8404

# Mt Pleasant United Methodist Church

## August 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>31</b> 10:30am Prayer Group	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Fellowship on the first 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (Holy Communion)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>7</b> 10:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm UMW/UMM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>14</b> 10:30am Prayer Group Ruby Core 2:00pm Circle	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>21</b> 10:30am Prayer Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>28</b> 10:30am Prayer Group	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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Newsletter Deadline : Sunday, August 24th.