The HeartBeat of Mountainside



A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members

Mountainside Church A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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This Sunday at Mountainside

"Odd People"

Romans 12: 2



"Citizenship Pride"

The majority of us have our familial roots in another country or continent. Some were brought against their will to the United States while others immigrated from a country where the living conditions were less that satisfactory (to say the least). Regardless of how you got here and under what circumstances, we should all have pride to be living in a nation founded by Godly men with one purpose in mind – to build a better country from that which they came.

When the founders who came from England saw they could do it a better way, they rhetorically thumbed their nose at the king. They wanted their own country, free of a monarchy style of government where it had total rule over every aspect of their lives. Think about this for just a second. The government of England had control of everyone's private lives including their lands and businesses, but when Henry VIII founded the church of England and made himself to be its head, the king now had control of everyone's spiritual lives. If you didn't pay taxes, the government would seize your land and/or your business. If you didn't give to the church, the government would seize your land and/or your business. The monarchy had complete control of every aspect of their lives. When wise men wrote the constitution, they sought to keep the head of the church separate from government. Not that the church couldn't promote a religion, but as the First Amendment says, the government couldn't establish a religion – big difference.

People in the new country began to have pride in their new nation, even though they named some of their towns after people and places from where they came, New York being a prime example. They had pride in their roots but what came first was their citizenship they had acquired.

People who are born in this country are said to hold citizenship. They may travel to other countries, but we must carry passports to show our official citizenship is with the United States. Others still immigrate into our country and decide to become citizens. They study, take a test, and if they pass, renounce their connection with their old country and become full-fledged citizens of the United States.

Consider all the Christians spread out around the world. They have physical citizenship in the country in which they reside. However, as Christians have we "immigrated" our souls to another country? The answer is yes. We reside in a physical world, regardless of country, where our citizenship does not reside. In other words, we are aliens in this world. As strange as that may seem, there is Scriptural evidence for it.

Philippians 3:20 says, "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." When we accepted Jesus as our Savior and Lord, our citizenship was transferred from this world to Heaven. Scripture even tells us we were adopted into the family of God! There are too many references to talk about the riches and benefits of having been adopted. Suffice it to say, our citizenship was costly – it costs Jesus His life.

Walk boldly in this world knowing you don't belong here, and begin yearning for your true home, one built by Jesus Himself just for you.

Opportunities to Connect & Engage



THANK YOU!

"Thank you" to all of the wonderful bakers! We had so many pies, cakes, cookies and goodies. We asked and you answered! Also, A big thanks to all the ladies who helped setup and package everything. Our congregation is awesome! We couldn't have done it without each of you! Mission work is very important to Mountainside.

Jamie Langford



Upper Room

Join us **Thursday,November 12 at 5 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for food, fellowship and songs! Call the office at (501) 922-2626 to let us know if you are bringing a dish (salad, side dish or dessert).

Game night following after UpperRoom





Your Hospitality Team for November 15

Thank you Marilyn Sturges, Scott & Merry Voskuil, Linda Wagnon for serving this Sunday!

And speaking of serving, we're looking for big smiles and warm hearts to join the Hospitality Team. Members serve about once every 4- 5 weeks. Duties include greeting members and guests, getting guests nametags, handing out bulletins, putting out coffee and snacks, putting out attendance books and more. As Pastor Doug says, "Our greeters make the first impression on our members and guests as they enter Mountainside to worship and fellowship with us." Email Donna Mahle at donnamahle@att.net or call her at 512-304-0992 for more information or to join.

2026 Leadership Team

Pastor- Rev. Doug Walker
Chairperson- Bill Hoak
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Bart Langford
Marilyn Sturges
Mike Clarno

You can also check out our Leadership Team on our website
https://www.mountainsidechurch.com/leadership







THANK YOU!

We did it again! Another successful Fall Arts & Crafts Fair. To everyone who helped, (there were a record number of volunteers), thank you-thank you! We all deserve a huge round of applause. It really does take a "Mountainside Family" to make the Fair happen. The vendors and shoppers were duly impressed with how smoothly we ran the event. We did a "loose head count" and over 800 visitors came through our doors to shop and purchase all of the wonderful craft and food items for sale. That's impressive!!

So..... if you were not able to help with the Fall Craft Fair, don't feel left out because we are going to do it all over again on December 5th with the Winterfest Arts & Crafts Fair!

The volunteer sign-up sheets are on the counter behind the fireplace! We will again need all of your help with this next event. The vendor tables are already sold out! So start baking those wonderful cakes, pies, cookies and sweets for the bake sale. We need more of your crafts too!

There will be a "wrap-up" meeting for the Fall Fair on November 16th at 10:00am in classroom B. We will also be discussing teams and needs for the Winterfest Fair on December 5th, so all are invited to come and be involved in these important fund raisers for Mountainside. We welcome new thoughts, ideas and people for the Fair.

Donna Mahle & Rita Hoover

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Winterfest
Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, Dec. 5 • 9A–2P

301 Elcano Dr., Hot Springs Village

40 Vendors • Handcrafted Gifts
Bake Sale • Raffle

"Smokey Mountainside Brothers"
BBQ Pre-Smoked Meats for sale



Mountainside Christmas Dinner Our church Christmas dinner will be held at Diamante County Club on Thursday, December 10th beginning at 5:00PM. Beverage of choice will be at 5:00, credit cards only. Only cash you will need is if you want to leave a tip for the servers. Dinner will be served at 5:30 beginning with a Caesar Salad and bread followed by Spinach and cheese stuffed chicken, Baby carrots, and wild rice. For dessert a Snickerdoodle bread pudding with Bourbon caramel sauce with whipped cream. The menu price is $41.00 per person. If you are planning to attend, which we hope you are, make checks payable to Carol Schramm. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, December 3rd.

The photo gallery is now active on the new website. It can be found under the Calendar heading. Several pictures from the recent fair set up and fair in process have been sprinkled in the gallery.





HOSPITALITY 2026 NOV-DEC

11/15 Marilyn Sturges, Scott & Merry Voskuil, Linda Wagnon

11/22 JD & LouAnn Walker, Dorothy Bodine, Donna Mahle

11/29 Bill & Jo Hoak, Peggy Dvorak, Kevin Hoak

12/06 Donna & Bobby Mahle, Marilyn Sturges, Arlene McAlister

12/13 Judy Sloan, Robin Williams, Jennifer Ellis, Linda Wagnon

12/20 Bill & Jo Hoak, Scott & Merry Voskuil

12/27 Marilyn Sturges, Kevin Hoak, Mike & Liz Clarno

If you cannot serve on a date, please find a substitute or contact Donna Mahle: 512-304-0992 – donnamahle@att.net



Community Thanksgiving Meal
Wednesday, Nov. 25th, pickup at 10 AM—noon
At Mountainside Church, 301 El Cano Dr.

Are you alone, nowhere to go, don't want to cook for one or two, shut- in because of health issues? Celebrate Thanksgiving with a take-out complimentary meal with turkey or roast pork loin, dressing and all the fix-in's from Mountainside Methodist Church. We will be taking orders for Thanksgiving meals for pick-up on Wednesday, November 25. Meals will be in styrofoam containers. Friends and neighbors are welcome to participate. Complete the order form and telephone, e-mail or drop off at the church. RSVP to Mountainside Church at email mountainsidechurch@gmail.com or tel: 501-922-2626 by Monday, November 23rd. Free will donations will be accepted and appreciated. (A Mountainside Methodist Men's function)

(Meals include mashed potatoes & gravy, candied sweet potato, cranberries, choice of meat and dressing. Check which type of meat and dressing you want).

Meat: Turkey: white _____ dark _____
Roast pork loin: _____
(with apple sauce)

Dressing: Cornbread____
Bread_____

Number of meals: _____

Name:_____
Address:_____
Tel:_____email:_____

Prayers



Pray ers Needed

As a praying church, we value the importance of lifting those up who need a little help and grace. Please add these people to your prayers this week.

Mary Justina Ackley
Karis Alderson
Matthew Baker
Jeff Boor
Steve Crumpler
Joey Dean
Rickie Barnes
Don Heinz
Brian Karriger
Todd Lombardi
Brian Little
Renee McKinley
Mary Davis
Steven Thompson
Ray Jones
Kathy Jones
Jeff & Melissa Owen
Elain Pool
Mallory Seibert
Marcia Wanner
Chuck Anderson
Peggy Hadley
Leon Hadley
Carol Willson
Richard Wood
Wendy Lenox
Don Pappe
Bob Boocker
Theresa Young
Gary & Brenda Putnam

Other Prayers

- The people of Ukraine
- The entire Middle East
- Our state & national leadership
- Mountainside Church & leadership
- Active Military and Family Members

If you would like to make additions/corrections/ deletions to the prayer list, please call the church office at **(501) 922- 2626** or email Stacy at **mountainsidechurch@gmail.com**.

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