The HeartBeat of Mountainside



A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members

Mountainside Church A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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This Sunday at Mountainside

"The Greatest Title"

John 15: 12-17



"Appreciation"

We love a lot of things. Just think about it, we love our cars, our houses, our favorite pair of shoes or boots, our favorite TV shows, etc. But why do we say we "Love" them? Do we love our shoes in the same manner with which we love our spouse or significant other?

When we say we "Love" something, we are actually saying we appreciate it. Our favorite coats make us feel warm, our cars may make us feel sporty, and even our houses make us feel safe. So going with that mental thread, it's what emotion a person, place, or thing evokes is related to our opinion of it. If we extremely dislike something, we say we hate it. If we are ambivalent toward something, we say we have no opinion (or feelings) toward it or them. So why do we say we "Love" something so easily?

The basics of human nature say we are self-centered and selfish. We want things our way or want to feel better in our world than to not. In other words, if something makes us feel better, then we include it; the converse is certainly true. And here is the kick-in-the-gut you may disagree with me on: we have friends in our lives because of what they can do for us or how they make us feel! It's true. Just think about someone who can't offer you anything. They may be classified as a casual friend or acquaintance, but certainly not a close friend. We have people in our lives because of the way they make us feel such as mentors, best friends, spouses, and significant others. While we may have associates, if they can't do anything for us, then they stay as just that – associates.

Why is this so? We like to feel appreciated. We enjoy the feeling of someone responding in a positive manner when we work hard or go out of our way to do something for someone. If we do not feel appreciated, then we are less apt to give our time or our efforts to bosses, colleagues, or even companies and organizations. If we are shown appreciation by our immediate supervisor, we tell people, "I just love my boss." My premise here is this: appreciation is the seed of love.

In the New International Bible, the word "Love" is mentioned 551 times, but the word "Appreciation" does not appear in any modern translation. Why is this? I propose one must appreciate someone or something before they can love, and love is the goal.

Did the disciples love Jesus instantly or did they appreciate Him for what He could do for them. They felt a drawing certainly, an initial emotion because of what Jesus had shown them, e.g. Andrew and Simon (Peter) with the fish. Later they began to admire Jesus, then they loved Him deeply.

This week, tell someone you appreciate them, and then tell them why. It will be music to their ears in a world that is constantly beating everyone down. Your relationship with them will thrive! And isn't love a better emotion to feel rather than hate? I hope you love this article!!

Opportunities to Connect & Engage



Calling All Bakers

Pull outyourrolling pins and baking pans, we need your sweet skills for two upcoming events:

Fall Arts & Crafts Fair: Sign up behind the fireplace to participate and drop off your baked goods Friday, **Nov. 6** between 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Label your creations and indicate if they contain nuts, are gluten-free, etc. A crew will package items. All proceeds benefit the Mountainside Mission Fund.



Crafters and Volunteers Needed

If you're goodwitha glue gun and have the scars to prove it, we need your help making items to sell at the Mountainside craft booth for the Fall Arts & Crafts Fair, Nov. 7. Call Jo Hoak at 501-693-7818 with questions. We also need volunteers to help facilitate the event. Sign up sheets for different roles are behind the fireplace and you can sign up for more than one task.



Up perRoom

Join us **Wednesday,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).





Come for the Upper Room Gathering on November 12 and stay to play Dominoes or just come to play at 6pm. Singles, couples, all are invited to share the fun and get to know each other a little better. See You there!!



Your Hospitality Team for November 8

Thank you Judy Sloan, Mike & Liz Clarno, and Jennifer Ellis 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
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Bobby Mahle
Larry Brocaw
Ken Guzel
Bart Langford
Marilyn Sturges
Mike Clarno

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



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.

New Look. Same Warm Welcome!

Our new & improved website is LIVE!

Explore church events, sermons, ministries & more.

Come take a look—and share it with a friend!



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HOSPITALITY 2026 OCT-NOV-DEC

11/08 Judy Sloan, Mike & Liz Clarno, Jennifer Ellis

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
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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