

We walk with each other in the spirit- married or not. Jesus made us to be together in the Kingdom as well. Jesus procured our souls to be with Him in the Kingdom together as His priests- proclaiming His goodness and glory and giving us the occupation of reigning on earth.

We think of our lives; the times of sparseness and the times of plenty. We think of the changes we have seen and wonder what changes we will see. God made us to change and grow. Yet, He remains the same. Constantly present, always loving, always providing, always calling.

### **Why do we say “catholic church” in the creeds?**

In the creeds, catholic is designated by a small “c” meaning universal coming from the Greek word katholikos meaning the church for all people and all times.

When we say the holy catholic church, it affirms there is only one unbroken Christian church spanning across history and geography, across all times, places, and cultures.

This affirmation signifies the church is not limited to a specific location, or time, but is one eternal, global, and holy church.

The Apostle’s creed was written between the 1st and 2nd centuries. It evolved from the Old Roman creed written in the first century.

The Nicene Creed was written during the council of Nicaea in 325 AD convened by emperor Constantine to establish universal Christian doctrine regarding the divinity of Christ and substantiate Christ is of the same substance as the Father.

The creeds were developed as a way to teach the core Christian beliefs of the apostles and counter teachings of the pagans.

The creeds are recognized as foundational affirmations of faith.

### **How many words can you make out of EASTER BUNNY?**

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Bring completed words to Pastor for a special prize!

## Announcements and Happenings

**April 1- Lenten Lunch 12 Noon Mount Pleasant**  
**April 2 – Maundy Thursday 7 PM**  
**April 3 – Good Friday 7 PM**  
**April 5 – Sunrise Breakfast 8 AM, Church 9 AM**  
**April 12- June 7 Mark Bible Study 9 AM**  
**April 29 – Food Pantry 5-7 PM**  
**Trailer of Hope 5-7 PM**  
**May 2 – Mother’s Day Tea 2 -4 PM**  
**May 3- Ad Council 9 AM**

### UPCOMING SERMON TITLES

April 2 — Do this in Remembrance  
April 3 — I am NOT  
April 5 – Seeing is believing  
April 12 — God Chooses us  
April 19 — To Be Married  
April 26- Made for the Kingdom

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### CHURCH FINANCES

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### **Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church**

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## The Pleasant News

Sunday Worship 10:00am  
Bible Study 9:00am

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### **Pastoral Ponderings**

April- the month God makes all things new. Snow melts into sunshine and warmth, cold shivers away into warmer days, and the ground gives up its beauty hiding in the frigid darkness. God made this earth to change in its many seasons. He made us to change as well according to the seasons He brings us.

The season of Lent brings us to remembrance. We participate in Lenten fasts, prayer, readings, and meditations in remembrance of the covenant God made with us His people. We remember the blood of the Passover lamb. We remember the blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ- our Passover lamb.

We all have had seasons of betrayal. We have been betrayed by friends, by family and by those we trusted. We have betrayed friends, family, and those that trusted us. Are you with them? Do you think the same as they do? Will you stand up and be counted? Are we will to trust Christ with everything, or will we say-I am NOT?

We have all heard the saying “seeing is believing” there are many people who try to fool us- to scam us, to trick us into believing their story or the stories they want us to believe, so we ask for proof. We want to see the documentation, to see the physical proof the stories are valid or worth believing in. We want to see to believe.

God sees us. In all our failures and mistakes, in all our efforts to believe, God chooses us. He chooses us to be part of His plan in this place at this time to spread His love and mercy. He chooses us to be loved by Him. He chooses us to have His grace and peace. He chooses us as his missionaries to work together for His glory.

How more can we give God our glory? If we are married, to hold each other, be devoted to each other, keeping ourselves and each other only for each other. To be married is hard work- an occupation God gives us as precious. To be married is to pray together nurturing each other’s spiritual walk together.