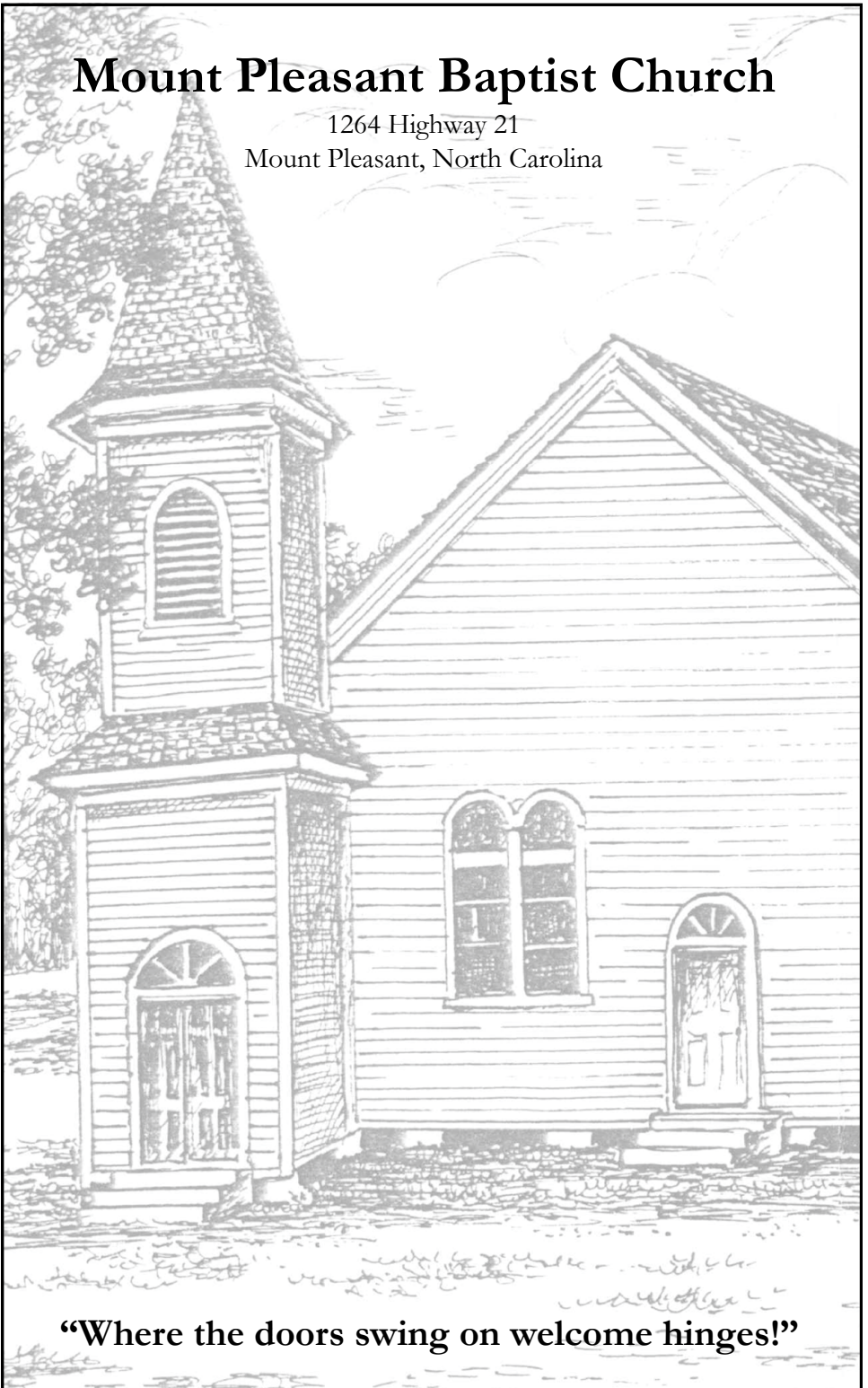


Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

1264 Highway 21

Mount Pleasant, North Carolina



“Where the doors swing on welcome hinges!”

Barbara Runnels Coats, FICF, RICP - Modern Woodmen
and Starkville Community Theatre present

Smoke on the MOUNTAIN

Written by CONNIE RAY

Conceived by ALAN BAILEY

Musical Arrangements by Mike Craver and Mark Hardwick

SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

The Cast

(in order of appearance)

Reverend Mervin Ogleshorpe Bob Swanson*

June Sanders..... Krista Vowell

Burl Sanders..... Paul Ruff

Vera Sanders Madeline Golden

Denise Sanders..... Cindy Ruff

Dennis Sanders..... Christian Dunne

Stanley Sanders..... Grif Lippencott*

**SCT acting debut*

Scenes & Setting

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
Just outside Mount Pleasant, North Carolina
Saturday, June 15, 1938

Act One

7:00 p.m., the Sanctuary of the Church

Act Two

About 10 minutes later

There will be a 10-minute intermission between acts.



The Crew

Director Pattye Archer
Assistant Director..... Louie P. Gallo
Musical Director.....Haley Harper Todd
Lighting Design.....Thomas La Foe
 & Louie P. Gallo
Lighting Operator..... Louie P. Gallo
Properties..... The Cast and Crew
CostumesPattye Archer, Michele Crescenzo
 and Melanie Harris
Poster Artwork Louie P. Gallo

Set Construction

Marty Haug

Christian Dunne, Wayne Durst, Louie P. Gallo, Madeline Golden,
Jessica Jolly, Mary Ann Jones, Thomas La Foe, Grif Lippencott,
Cindy Ruff, Paul Ruff, Bob Swanson, Daniel Swanson,
Nate Swanson, Henry Swanson

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Melanie Harris and Theatre MSU
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Ms Maude and Ms Myrtle

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These dear ladies are much appreciated!

Barbara Coats, Michele Crescenzo, Kat Hester, Jessica Jolly,
Kris Lee, Terry McDowell, Bonnie Oppenheimer, Brittany Page,
Abigail Voller and Amy Wilbanks

The Music Act 1

Rock of Ages

Pastor Mervin Oglethorpe

The Church in the Wildwood

The Sanders Family

Wonderful Time Up There

The Sanders Family

Build on the Rock

The Sanders Family

Meet Mother in the Skies

Stanley & Burl Sanders

No Tears in Heaven

The Sanders Family

Christian Cowboy

Dennis & Denise Sanders

The Filling Station

The Sanders Family

I'll Never Die (I'll Just Change My Address)

Denise Sanders

Jesus is Mine

Pastor Oglethorpe & Sanders Family

The Blood Medley

The Sanders Family

Nothing but the Blood

Are you Washed in the Blood

There is Power in the Blood

There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

I'll Live a Million Years

The Sanders Family

The Music Act 2

I Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now

Vera & Burl Sanders

Everyone Home But Me

Stanley Sanders

I Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now

The Sanders Family

Angel Band

The Sanders Family & Pastor Oglethorpe

Bringing in the Sheaves

Pastor Oglethorpe and the Sanders Family

Whispering Hope

The Sanders Family

Inching Along

The Sanders Family

The Transportation Medley

I'm Using My Bible for a Roadmap

Dennis Sanders and the Sanders Family

I'll Walk Every Step of the Way

Burl Sanders and the Sanders Family

I'm Taking a Flight

Vera, Denise and Dennis Sanders

Life's Railway to Heaven

Dennis Sanders and the Sanders Family

Smoke on the Mountain

The Sanders Family

I'll Fly Away

The Sanders Family

When the Roll is Called up Yonder

The Sanders Family & Rev. Oglethorpe

About the Cast

Christian Dunne (Dennis)

This is Christian's second performance with SCT. He's a senior at Starkville High School and often performs with International Thespian Troupe 1180, of which he is the President, but has been waiting eagerly to come back to the Community Theatre since playing "Lucas" in *The Addams Family* his freshman year. He's delighted to finally have the opportunity and is extremely grateful to everyone involved in making this show happen!

Madeline Golden (Vera)

Madeline could not be more thrilled to return to the stage at the Playhouse on Main and to be making music and memories with her Sanders family. Madeline first played the role of "Vera" 15 years ago when SCT produced *Smoke on the Mountain* for the 2005-2006 season. She reprised the role for the 2007 award-winning MTA and SETC production of the show, and for the sequel, *Sanders Family Christmas*. She admits to being a little terrified at the thought of having to revive her long dead and buried piano-playing semi-skills. But she believes with "hard work and prayer" she will make it through. Luckily, Madeline says, 'Vera' is a better piano teacher than player, and she taught 'Dennis' and 'Denise' well. Madeline thanks you for returning to the Playhouse and hopes you enjoy this evening of song and celebration!

Grif Lippencott (Stanley)

Ironically it was a connection through church that allowed Grif to act in his first SCT production, *Smoke on the Mountain*. When not on stage, you can find Grif on the farm raising cattle and chickens or playing any bluegrass instrument he can get his hands on. He offers his gratitude to his directors and fellow castmates for their patience, support and the new branch of family he's been given through this production.

Paul Ruff (Burl)

Many SCT regulars will recognize Paul, as he's been involved in over 40 shows at our theatre since he first joined us back in 1992. This return to our stage is also a return of another kind for him, in that he portrayed "Burl" back when we first did this show 15 years ago. He is grateful to have the opportunity to play this part once more, and even more grateful to have his wife join the cast this time as well. Performing is vitally important to him, and he sees it as a way to spread joy by doing

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something that brings him joy. As the current SCT president, Paul is thrilled that our doors are once again open and tickets are selling! (We need the money.) He would like to thank Pattye, Louie, Haley, his fellow castmates, and all of you wonderful people who support SCT. It's been too long!!!

Cindy Ruff (Denise)

You may have last seen Cindy back in 2018 as "Alice" in *The Addams Family* or as "Janet van de Graaf" in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, or maybe you remember her from *Nunsense*, *She Loves Me*, or *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Do you notice a trend here? This lady loves singing onstage!! Cindy has also been in some non-musicals at SCT, like *The Dixie Swim Club*, *The Octette Bridge Club*, and *Don't Dress for Dinner*. She sends love and thanks to her onstage family, the Sanders, and a big THANK YOU to Pattye, Louie, and Haley! She hopes you enjoy our show!

Bob Swanson (Reverend Oglethorpe)

Bob is a newcomer to the Starkville Community Theatre stage. He and his family (wife, Meredith, and three boys – Daniel, Nate and Henry) made the move from Tupelo to Starkville in 2019. While in Tupelo, Bob appeared in TCT Off-Broadway's production of the Johnny Cash musical revue, *Ring of Fire*, and starred as "Bert" in *Mary Poppins* at Tupelo Community Theater. Bob sends his love and appreciation to his family and would like to thank directors Pattye and Louie for support and encouragement. As for his talented "Smoke" castmates, he would like to thank them for making him part of the Sanders Family.

Krista Vowell (June)

Krista is so grateful to be able to revisit Mt. Pleasant! She has participated in several SCT productions over the years, including *Noises Off*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *Catfish Moon* for which she won local, state, and national awards for her performance. In real life she is mom to Peyton and Meghan (they've grown up since seeing the show the first time!) and serves as Elementary Principal at Starkville Academy. Krista says she hopes the audiences enjoy being back in the theater and that this show brings them a couple of hours of joy that carries on beyond the final bows. And to Bruce - "I know you are busy leading the choir up there, but if you have a minute, look down on your June. She misses you."

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The cast of *Smoke on the Mountain*—Krista Vowell (June), Madeline Golden (Vera), Paul Ruff (Burl), Cindy Ruff (Denise), Grif Lippencott (Stanley), Christian Dunne (Dennis) and Bob Swanson (Rev. Oglethorpe).

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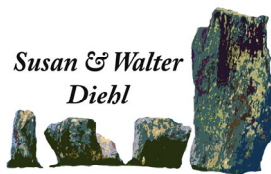
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UPCOMING AUDITIONS

Auditions for *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*

SCT will hold auditions for *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* by John Bishop at 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday, November 7 and 8, at The Playhouse on Main. The show runs February 4 through 12, 2022.

This over-the-top comedy, sponsored by Renasant Bank, tells the story of the creative team responsible for a recent Broadway flop (in which three chorus girls were murdered by the mysterious “Stage Door Slasher”) as they assemble for a backer’s audition of their new show at the Westchester estate replete with sliding panels, secret passageways, and a German maid who is apparently four different people. What happens when the infamous “Slasher” makes his reappearance and strikes again - and again? Come audition and find out.

The large cast includes roles for five men and five women of various ages. Sides for auditions are available upon request from the director, Michele Crescenzo (michelecrescenzo@gmail.com).

To be considered for casting, anyone auditioning (or interested in assisting as a crew member) must be able to provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination.

Ten roles, all ages. More information on our website and Facebook page.

Auditions for *9 to 5 The Musical*

SCT will hold auditions for *9 to 5 The Musical* at 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday, December 5 and 6, at The Playhouse on Main. The show runs March 31 through April 9, 2022.

Directed by Paula Mabry and sponsored by Vollor Law Firm, *9 to 5 The Musical* features music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, and is based on the 1980 hit movie. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic.

Please look for additional information on auditions in the coming weeks. This show is going to be fun, so make plans to be a part of it.

Congregational Hymn

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

REVELATION 20:12
J. M. B., 1893

James M. Black, 1893



1. When the trum - pet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more, And the
2. On that bright and cloud - less morn - ing when the dead in Christ shall rise, And the
3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the dawn till set - ting sun, Let us



morn - ing breaks, e - ter - nal, bright and fair;
glo - ry of His res - sur - rec - tion share;
talk of all His won - drous love and care;

When the saved of earth shall gath - er o - ver
When His cho - sen ones shall gath - er to their
Then when all of life is o - ver, and our



on the oth - er shore, And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.
home be - yond the skies, And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.
work on earth is done, And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.



Refrain



When the roll _____ is called up yon - der, When the roll _____ is called up yon - der,
When the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there, When the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there,



When the roll _____ is called up yon - der, When the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.

