

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

February 2020

Pleasant Chapel  
880 E 1100 N Roanoke, IN 46783  
260-519-5324  
[www.pleasantchapel.org](http://www.pleasantchapel.org)  
Sunday School 9:00 am

Joel Yeager, pastor  
260-229-4994  
[info@pleasantchapel.org](mailto:info@pleasantchapel.org)  
Worship 10:00am

*My command is this: Love each other  
as I have loved you.*

John 15:12





Feb 1 Jeremy Hunter  
 Feb 3 Ilo Jane Martin  
 Feb 5 Lane Ayers  
 Feb 7 Aaron Amick  
 Feb 10 Scott Hunter  
 Feb 12 Betty Rogers  
 Feb 14 Hannah Landis  
 Feb 15 Tammy Thornburg  
 Feb 17 Finley Parsons  
 Feb 18 Lizzie Colclessner  
 Feb 19 Kathy Charles  
 Feb 21 Tony Hicks Sr  
 Feb 23 Holly Lengerich  
 Feb 24 Joann Dolby  
 Feb 28 Cory Johnson

#### February Greeters

Feb 2 Julie and Tammy S  
 Feb 9 Reece and Lizzie  
 Feb 16 Kevin and Candy  
 Feb 23 Sarah and Glorial

#### February Acolytes

Feb 2 Ayers  
 Feb 9 Hands  
 Feb 16 Wisels  
 Feb 23 Amicks

#### March Greeters

Mar 1 Phil and Nicole  
 Mar 8 Mike and Cory  
 Mar 15 Vicki and Cindy  
 Mar 22 Leona And Ashlee  
 Mar 29 Monica and Heather

#### March Acolytes

Mar 1 Colclessers  
 Mar 8 Magnusons  
 Mar 15 Amicks  
 Mar 22 Hands  
 Mar 29 Ayers

**Sign up papers** for the coffee/cookie table snacks and also children's church are on the table in front of the mailboxes. Everyone's help is appreciated!

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

#### **Events**

Feb 2 - Souper Bowl following service  
 Feb 3 - Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
 Feb 10 - Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
 Feb 12 - UMW at 1:00 at Ellen's house  
 Feb 14 - Valentine's Day  
 Feb 17 - Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
 Feb 24 - Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
 Feb 26 - Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)  
 Mar 21 - Soup Supper 4-7

**Bible Studies** - All are invited to Parson's home each Monday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion.

**Thank you** to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table. Everyone enjoys this!

**Thank you** to each one who has been leading the children's church during the worship service.

**GO175** - For February, Pleasant Chapel will conduct a canned food drive for the Roanoke Food Pantry.

Listen for announcements regarding what is needed at the Pantry. Let's fill up the front of the church for donations to this ministry in our community!

#### **Inter-Church Events**

**Feb 9** Pulled Pork dinner at Seminary 11:00-1:30  
**Feb 26** Ash Wed. Service at Seminary 7:00 pm  
**Mar 20** Fish Fry at Christ's UMC  
**May 16** Spring in the Village  
**July 25** Roanoke Car Show - Christ's UMC food booth  
**Aug 1** Taste of Roanoke  
**Sept. 11-12** Fall Fest

#### **United Methodist Women**

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at Jill Law's home at 1:00 pm. President Jill Law opened the meeting with devotions. Roll call was answered with "memories of winter in bad weather."

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given. The Least Coin offering and our pledges have been mailed in.

Cards were signed to send to shut-ins and friends.

New Business: Blanket Fund/Tools of Hope Mission Fund: an easel with a blanket on it will be placed under the balcony at the church. Envelopes will be on the blanket for anyone to donate to this Church World Service Mission.

Announcements: Sunday February 2 – Souper Bowl Cook-off after Worship Service.

Offerings were taken.

Program: Jill read from the "Missions Messenger." Delicious refreshments were served to six ladies.

blanket and offering envelopes are displayed at the back of the sanctuary under the balcony for anyone wanting to give to this mission.

### Remind me again why are we doing this?

When I was in the classroom teaching, students would often ask questions like that, "Why are we doing this?", "When am I going to use this in life?", "What is the purpose of this stuff?" Most of the times the questions were asked as a reaction to what was being asked of them – work. I taught upper-level mathematics classes and they were hard and a lot of work. So most of the time, what I was really hearing were complaints. But sometimes the questions were legitimate. "How are we ever going to use factoring quadratic equations, geometry proofs, or imaginary numbers?" For those who were sincere with their questions, I explained where the content could be applied in real life settings (but most of the time I would tell them they would probably never directly use what they were working on, but rather what they were doing was *learning how to learn*. What skills they gained then could be applied to their specific careers and with technologies that haven't been invented yet.)

But the basic question, "why are we doing this" should continuously be asked to ourselves and this church regarding what we are *doing* in life as well as in our church. "Why do we include \_\_\_\_\_ in our worship service?" "Why do we have communion?" "What is the purpose of our community meals?", etc.

Our leadership committees are working on taking care of the church's business, planning activities for the year, and processing questions about the future of the church and the United Methodist denomination.

I am reminding myself and others as we grapple the "why" and "what" questions that we need to keep two key passages in the front of our minds. These are the **Great Commission** and the **Great Commandment**. In those is the heart of what we do and why we do it.



What we are to do:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. **Matthew 28:19-20 (NRSV)**

How we go about that:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." **Matthew 22:37-40 (NRSV)**



### Who can take the title? Who will claim the belt?

Souper Bowl soup and dessert competition on SuperBowl Sunday February 2 at

11:00. Bring your best soup or dessert or just come and eat and have fun.

**Church World Service Blanket Fund / Tools of Hope** is a mission offering of Pleasant Chapel's United Methodist Women's group. This mission offering is used in the United States and also around the world. Blankets are given to people in need to keep them warm in cold weather. *Tools of Hope* include clean water, tents, garden tools, seeds, education and other needs for people devastated by tragedy who are working to build a better life for themselves and their communities. A

	November 3, 2019	November 10, 2019	November 17, 2019	November 24, 2019	December 1, 2019	December 8, 2019	December 15, 2019	December 22, 2019	December 23, 2019	December 29, 2019	January 5, 2020	January 12, 2020	January 19, 2020		
Attendance	58	39	45	41	48	47	51	54	78	39	45	45	35		
Giving	\$ 2,209	\$ 486	\$ 829	\$ 1,108	\$ 1,827	\$ 1,047	\$ 858	\$ 1,033	-	\$ 838	\$ 2,019	\$ 1,446	\$ 741		



Everything we do therefore should be about making disciples, making followers, creating a place where people can connect and grow in Christ. And we do this with an atti-



tude of total love of Him and complete love of our neighbor.

Let's continue to remind each other that what we do in our lives and in the life of this church is to fulfil the **Great Commission** and the **Great Commandment**.

### The Legend of St. Valentine

The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better

soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to

one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

<https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2>

### It's all about focus.

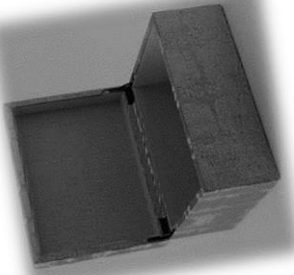
Can you see the 3-D image below?

It is about changing your focus to see the big picture.

(Hmm? Great message in there!)



		PLEASANT CHAPEL			
	OFFERING	& EXPENSE REPORT			
		DECEMBER	2019		
2019 OPENING CHECKING BALANCE		\$18,465.85			
TRANSFERS FROM SAVINGS		\$0.00			
TRANSFERS TO SAVINGS		\$0.00			
CHURCH OFFERING		\$5,602.98			
COMMUNITY AID /GO175 OFFERING		\$0.00			
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		\$0.00			
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING		\$0.00			
VBS OFFERING		\$0.00			
BIRTHDAY OFFERING		\$0.00			
TRAVELLER OFFERING		\$0.00			
MEMORIAL OFFERING		\$0.00			
TOTAL OFFERINGS		\$5,602.98			
AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING		\$1,303.02			
NEEDED EACH WEEK		\$1,074.62			
OVERAGE OR DEFICIT		\$228.40			
		2019	2019	PERCENT	DOLLARS
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	SPENT	REMAINING
SPECIALS PAID TO IC		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
TITHE/APPORTIONMENTS		7220.39	\$8,470.00	85.25%	\$1,249.61
ASS. CHURCHES-BIBLES		\$133.00	\$250.00	53.20%	\$117.00
BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES		\$424.00	\$550.00	77.09%	\$126.00
CUSTODIAN		\$1,939.57	\$2,100.00	92.36%	\$160.43
GUEST MINISTER		\$450.00	\$600.00	75.00%	\$150.00
INSURANCE PROPERTY		\$2,931.00	\$3,500.00	83.74%	\$569.00
MISCELLANEOUS		\$1,245.85	\$750.00	166.11%	(\$495.85)
OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$485.31	\$600.00	80.89%	\$114.69
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION		\$17,810.76	\$20,000.00	89.05%	\$2,189.24
PASTOR'S EXPENSES		\$ 1,562.95	\$2,000.00	78.15%	\$437.05
PLEASANT CHAPEL FOUND./Tru		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
SOCIAL SECURITY		\$874.64	\$4,500.00	19.44%	\$3,625.36
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES		\$199.00	\$600.00	33.17%	\$401.00
WORSHIP/EVANG. COMMITTEE		\$948.86	\$500.00	189.77%	(\$448.86)
CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE		\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00%	\$200.00
NON UMC Charities		\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	(\$200.00)
UMW		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
CHURCH LIGHTS		\$2,573.00	\$2,700.00	95.30%	\$127.00
CHURCH FUEL		\$3,294.41	\$6,000.00	54.91%	\$2,705.59
TELEPHONE		\$880.78	\$900.00	97.86%	\$19.22
KAREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
ANNUAL MISSIONS		\$338.30	\$1,000.00	33.83%	\$661.70
COMMUNITY AID/GO175 FUND		(\$831.47)	\$0.00	0.00%	\$831.47
SCHOLARSHIPS		\$0.00	\$660.00	0.00%	\$660.00
		\$42,680.35	\$55,880.00	76.38%	\$13,199.65
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES		\$820.78	\$1,074.62		
WEEK 52					
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 2019			\$33,406.79		
Trustees CD ACCOUNT AS OF 31-Dec 2019			\$13,292.81		
B SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF SEPT 30, 2019			\$102,225.87		
Anna Magnuson TREASURER					
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION BREAKDOWN					
HOUSING ALLOWANCE		\$12,000.00			
GROSS WAGES		\$ 8,000.00			
TOTAL COMPENSATION		\$20,000.00			



I have in my hands two boxes  
Which God gave me to hold  
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black,  
And all your joys in the gold."  
I heeded His words, and in the two boxes  
Both my joys and sorrows I stored  
But though the gold became heavier each day  
The black was as light as before  
With curiosity, I opened the black  
I wanted to find out why  
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole  
Which my sorrows had fallen out by  
I showed the hole to God, and mused aloud,  
"I wonder where my sorrows could be."  
He smiled a gentle smile at me.  
"My child, they're all here with me."  
I asked, "God, why give me the boxes,  
Why the gold, and the black with the hole?"  
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,  
the black is for you to let go."

Author Unknown