

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER  
October 2020

Pleasant Chapel  
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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am

*All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat  
and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown. First the blade and  
then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that  
we wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*~ Henry Alford, 1844*





# October 2020

Oct 2 Daxton Barber  
 Oct 3 Phyllis Simon  
 Oct 4 Monica Morris  
 Oct 4 Harley Henline IV  
 Oct 5 Nicholas Rupert  
 Oct 6 Richard Giordano  
 Oct 8 Adam Rogers  
 Oct 9 Tony Hicks  
 Oct 13 Rolla Parsons  
 Oct 16 Noah Rensner  
 Oct 19 Ezra Parsons  
 Oct 20 Deloris Smith  
 Oct 24 Pam Penrod  
 Oct 31 Renee Hicks  
 Oct 31 Ilene Lahr

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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October Greeters  
 Oct 4 Monica and Glorial  
 Oct 11 Griffin and Kendall  
 Oct 18 Larry and Joyce  
 Oct 25 Tom and Tammy L.

October Acolytes  
 Oct 4 Amicks  
 Oct 11 Colclessers  
 Oct 18 Magnusons  
 Oct 25 Amicks

November Greeters  
 Nov 1 Ryon and Gavin  
 Nov 8 Aaron and Austin  
 Nov 15 Reece and Lizzie  
 Nov 22 Phil and Nicole  
 Nov 29 Tom and Tammy L.

November Acolytes  
 Nov 1 Hands  
 Nov 8 Ayers  
 Nov 15 Hands  
 Nov 22 Wisels  
 Nov 29 Amicks

Anniversaries  
 Oct 6 Rev. Tom and Audrey Ford  
 Oct 10 Harley and Ann Henline

## Events

**Oct 5** GRYP 6-7pm @ PC  
**Oct 5** Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**Oct 7** Women's Cleaning Day at PC 9:00  
**Oct 11** – RALLY DAY @ PC  
**Oct 12** Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**Oct 13** GRYP 6-7pm @ PC  
**Oct 19** Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**Oct 26** Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**Oct 27** GRYP 6-7pm @ PC

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

**Cleaning Day** at the church Wednesday, October 7 starting at 9:00 am. Please bring cleaning supplies

**United Methodist Women**  
 The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on September 9 at 1:00 pm at the church.  
 President Jill Law opened the meeting by reading Psalm 46:1 and also from the Purple Cloth UMW newsletter.

Roll call was answered. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given. Thank you to Ilene Lahr for the donation to the treasury. We decided to donate \$30.00 to the GRYP program led by Heather Parsons.

Cards were signed for birthdays and to friends.

Cynthia Chesterman presented the program in "Intercessory Prayer." She read from Mark 3:13-19 and also read "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say".

Delicious refreshments were served.

**Thank you** to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table. Everyone enjoys this (looking forward to getting back to this?)

**Church Growth Spurt (RE-PRINTED FROM SEPTEMBER Traveler - changes in RED)** The Executive Board has been meeting to discuss several things regarding the church and its overall ministries. The church is at a unique time since we went through several weeks where church service could not normally meet and current services are limited in time and attendance due to



the restrictions COVID-19 has placed upon us.

But as we looking toward the other side of this, it is a great time to consider a *re-booting* of church. Now is a great time to consider what the church could be doing differently in order that overall church would become more effective to those who attend as well as being attractive to the unchurched in our community.

The Executive Board is therefore discussing ideas regarding

- church affiliation with the United Methodist Church
- discipleship opportunities for youth and adults
- facility maintenance and upgrades (a new “life center” or “fellowship hall” addition to the existing building)
- improvements to Sunday morning worship service accommodating the styles of all attenders
- service projects beyond the walls of this church

One of the first areas of work is the decision to remain connected with the United Methodist Church or to explore other options. The committee believes that this one needs some resolution before continuing with the other items. Last fall the church had an exploratory committee to consider disaffiliation. At that time, that committee unanimously decide to pursue this. Then COVID hit. The topic is now up again with the Executive Board and they voted to take

the step to have the Northeast District provide the church with the financial obligations Pleasant Chapel would have *if* the church did disaffiliate.

The committee is NOT deciding to disaffiliate, but rather find out what the church’s cost would be to do such. In order for the church to disaffiliate (at a later time) 2/3 of the voting members would have to agree to disaffiliation. If that happens, there will be opportunity for discussion from everyone regarding this important decision.

**The Board has received from the District the financial cost to disaffiliate (not including any legal fees which the church may incur)**

**Therefore, the church will provide opportunities for the entire congregation to hear and discuss the pros and cons of United Methodist denominational affiliation.**

**Why the church is considering this at this time can be summed up in the form of two questions, each of which all Pleasant Chapel attenders should be praying about:**

- 1. Can Pleasant Chapel be more effective as a church remaining in the denomination or disaffiliating from the UMC?**
- 2. How important is it for Pleasant Chapel to use this opportunity to acquire and retain the church assets such as the building, the property and finances (currently all assets are held in trust by the Annual Conference)?**

**The Board is currently scheduling a Church Conference which the District Superintendent will administer for the purpose of a church vote on disaffiliation. There will be 2 informational meetings prior to the Church Conference for anyone to come to hear about disaffiliation, ask questions, and/or voice concerns.**

**BE WATCHING FOR THESE DATES.**

It is important to keep a very high level of transparency about all of these items. The best improvements will occur when all people are informed and have input into what the church does. So as you hear discussions of things that are being proposed, ask questions. Talk to the Executive Board members (names below) so that great communication continues.

The bottom line is that Pleasant Chapel is called to be an inviting, attractive place where people feel **welcome to come** and be **connected with God and with fellow Christ followers**. The church should also be a place where people have opportunity to **grow spiritually** and to **serve** in the community. Not said to be negative or critical, but Pleasant Chapel can improve to become more effective in what it is we have been called to do.

It is the Board’s goal to begin taking steps to do just that – to create a space where Pleasant Chapel can be most effective at worshipping God, making disciples and serving our communities.

	July 5, 2020	July 12, 2020	July 19, 2020	July 26, 2020	August 2, 2020	August 9, 2020	August 16, 2020	August 23, 2020	August 30, 2020	September 6, 2020	September 13, 2020	September 20, 2020	September 27, 2020
Attendance	29	39	64	33	31	36	38	29	42	27	36	31	25
Giving	\$ 1,503	\$ 2,910	\$ 851	\$ 1,012	\$ 2,709	\$ 1,556	\$ 606	\$ 986	\$ 966	\$ 1,436	\$ 1,462	\$ 491	

The Board has been asked to consider each item and the discussion prayerfully. They are seeking to discern God's will for Pleasant Chapel. You are asked to pray through this process as well. Pray for this church, pray that God would make known his purpose for the church. Pray that God would be gracious to this church in order for it to be most effective. Pray for the Executive Board as they work through this process.



Pleasant Chapel modified its *traditional* Tenderloin Supper in order to maintain safety due to COVID-19.

## 2020 Executive Board Members

John Magnuson- Chairman  
Jill Law – Lay Leader, Secretary  
Andrea Amick  
Vicki Giordano  
Leona Bear  
Deloris Smith  
Aaron Amick  
Joann Dolby  
Mike Ayers  
Troy Husband  
Nicole Colclessner  
Roger Colclessner  
Joyce Hand  
Heather Parsons



The church parking lot and facilities transformed into a large drive-thru where people came and receive their orders of tenderloins, sides, and dessert.

## Tenderloin Supper



There was a great turn-out. 360 tickets were sold, 425 tenderloins cooked, and lots of pies and cake were prepared. The church netted approximately \$2200 which was given to the Trustees' Building Fund. (there may have been some records set!)

A very big thank you to all who helped, donated food, cooked, and helped with

traffic flow. Thank you especially to Tom and Tammy Lickey for organization and Joyce Hand for facilitating all of the desserts!

## RALLY DAY

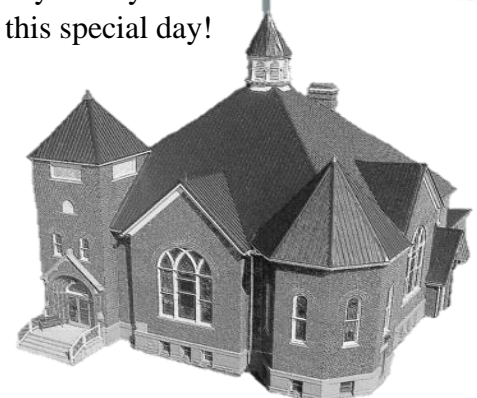
October 11 will be the Pleasant Chapel Rally Day. We are going to do our best to SAFELY continue in the church's tradition to provide a homecoming for our church family AND provide an invitation for the community to come to the church to check it out.

There will be coffee time from 9-10, worship service from 10-11:15 (including special music), a meal, and activities for the kids.

To ensure the safest environment, we will remain spread out in the sanctuary and all food will be pre-prepared and served (no carry in or self-serv-

ing).

Be thinking about who you may invite to this special day!



**Rick Warren on Healthy Church** When you look at the book of Acts, you find at least 8 characteristics of the early church that positioned them for this kind of blessing from God. If we echo the actions of the early

church, we can expect God's blessing on our church as much as those ancient leaders saw a blessing on the church in Jerusalem.

1. We must minister in the Holy Spirit's power. Acts 1:4 says, "Don't leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift My Father promised which you've heard Me speak about. John baptized with water but in a few days you'll be baptized with the Holy Spirit..." If you're a Christian, you already have the Holy Spirit living inside you, but we must rely on His power on a moment by moment basis. The power of God is given for witnessing, for ministry, for mission. To minister in the Holy Spirit's power means to have Spirit-filled, Spirit-controlled members. One of the characteristics of people who try to minister in a church without God's Spirit is simple – tiredness, fatigue. You end up running on your own steam rather than running on the power of God's Spirit. So the starting point is to minister with the Holy Spirit's power. He said, "Don't leave Jerusalem. Wait until you've got My power."

2. We must maintain a warm fellowship. Next, according to Acts 2:42-44, "They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and to the fellowship and the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe and many wondrous and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All believers were together and had everything in common." This is a perfect example of fellowship. They loved each other. When God has a bunch of baby Christians, He looks for the warmest incubator He can find. The church that has warmth and fellowship and harmony, God blesses that church with new believers because He wants them to be in an environment where they can grow. Ten times in the first five chapters of Acts it says, "they were unified". He uses phrases like, "they were of one accord... one heart... one purpose... one spirit... all united in thought." God can overlook a lack of facilities, a lack of programs, and a lack of leadership. But one thing He will not overlook is disharmony in the church. Harmony, unity, must be maintained at all costs because the church is a fellowship. We need to build fellowship into each other. Notice the results of fellowship: v. 47 "The Lord added to their number daily." The result of people being close to each other and celebrating warmth and harmony was that other people wanted to get involved.

3. We must multiply small groups. There are four advantages to meeting in small groups house to house:

- It is infinitely expandable.
- It is unlimited geographically.
- It is good stewardship.
- It promotes relationships.

There's benefit, wisdom, in God's way of multiplying small groups. As a result the Lord added to their number daily those that were being saved.

4. We must magnify our vision of God. In Acts 4:24, the apostles were essentially praying, "God, there are rulers and there are leaders and there are people against You but You're in control. You're the sovereign Lord. You made everything in heaven and on earth." We are children of the king. We're on the winning side. We've read the last chapter. We know how it's going to end. Jesus Christ has broken our chains and Jesus says in the Bible, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." We're attacking hell with squirt guns! And we're trying to snatch people right out of the jaws of hell. There are a lot of churches that want to play it safe. They get as far away from unbelievers as they can so they don't get tainted. I want to get so close to hell that I can smell it! That's where you set up your rescue station. Don't be afraid to rock the boat if Jesus Christ is the captain of the boat. We need to magnify our vision of God.

5. We must maximize the power of prayer. Forty-eight times in the book of Acts it says, "they prayed." We will have the power the early church experienced when we pray like the early church prayed. Spiritual warfare requires the use of spiritual weapons. Notice Acts 4:31, "After they prayed the place they were meeting was shaken." When was the last time you were in a prayer meeting like that? "They were all filled with God's Spirit and they spoke the word of God boldly." We must maximize the power of prayer if we're going to be like the church of Jerusalem.

6. We must model Christlike generosity. The New Testament church in Jerusalem was a giving church. Acts 4:32-37 says, "All the believers were one in heart and one in mind [there's unity again]. No one claimed any of that which was his possessions as his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and grace was with them all. There were no needy persons among them." Notice there were three results of their generosity. – v. 32 says there was unity in the

church. – v. 33 says it was a powerful testimony to the community. – v. 44 says there were no needy people.

7. We must mobilize every member for ministry. Acts 6 describes a problem that arose in the early church between the Greek-speakers and the Aramaic-speakers. One felt that the other was receiving special treatment and needs were going unmet. So, they chose seven guys to oversee this area of ministry to people. They presented these men to the Apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. Then the Bible says, "So the word of God spread and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly." When every member is a minister, discovers their God-given SHAPE, and serves someone else, the church moves from just a leader "adding" more people to the church "multiplying."

8. We must move out with God's mission. Acts 8 records God's reminder to the apostles of the Great Commission, "Go! Go into all the world and make disciples!" They initially started sharing the faith and the church at Jerusalem started getting bigger and bigger. But God never said, I want just the church in Jerusalem to be big. He said, I want you to go not to just Jerusalem but Samaria and to Judea and to the uttermost parts of the world. But they didn't do it. They didn't spread the gospel. So God applied pressure by allowing persecution to get them to spread. The Bible says, "On that day a great persecution broke out against the church of Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered through Judea and Samaria." Notice that: the pastors stayed home but all the people were scattered into Judea and Samaria. Why? Because that's where He wanted them to go. They scattered everywhere and shared the good news. Jesus never said, "I came that you might have meetings." He said, "I've come that you might have life." Where is life lived? In the marketplace and in the family.

We will be the New Testament church when we magnify the vision of God, pray like they prayed, when we are filled with the Spirit and when we are generous with each other. I am a believer and I know I'm going to heaven. Nothing can take that away from me. But between now and when I go to heaven, I want to take as many people with me as possible. I hope you'll commit to that same thing.

<https://www.visionroom.com/rick-warren-shares-8-characteristics-healthy-church/>





If you plant honesty, you reap trust.  
If you plant goodness, you reap friends.  
If you plant humility, you reap greatness.  
If you plant perseverance, you reap contentment.  
If you plant consideration, you reap perspective.  
If you plant forgiveness, you reap reconciliation.  
If you plant hard work, you reap success.

Nothing can substitute for these, and you can't  
speed up the process.  
Artificial fruit doesn't taste good.

So, be careful what you plant; it will determine  
what you will reap later.

For everything there is a season, and a time for  
every matter under heaven **Ecclesiastes**

