

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER
April 2021

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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am



Birthdays

- Apr 2 Addy Hall
- Apr 3 Tom Truit
- Apr 5 Harley Henline
- Apr 7 Breanne Hoffman
- Apr 7 Jacob Rupert
- Apr 9 Kingston Barber
- Apr 13 Chalene Johnson
- Apr 15 Collin Paul
- Apr 15 Jayma Zahn
- Apr 16 Asher Wisel
- Apr 17 John Smith
- Apr 18 Lillyan Wegmann
- Apr 18 Sherry Fulbright
- Apr 20 Chris Hicks
- Apr 21 Dave Fields

Greeters

- Apr 4 Tom and Tammy L.
- Apr 11 Andy and Andrea
- Apr 18 John and Anna
- Apr 25 Nick and Kasey
- May 2 Jim and Cynthia
- May 9 Dale and Sue
- May 16 Larry and Joyce
- May 23 Roger and Ellen
- May 30 Griffin and Kendall

Acolytes

- Apr 4 Hands
- Apr 11 Wisels
- Apr 18 Amicks
- Apr 25 Colclessers
- May 2 Magnusons
- May 9 Amicks
- May 16 Hands
- May 23 Ayers
- May 30 Hands

Anniversaries

- Apr 12 Adam and Amanda Rogers
- Apr 23 Taylor and Hannah Landis
- Apr 30 Jason and Jillian Parsons

APRIL 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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Events

- Apr 5** –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
- Apr 10** – CPR Practice 9:00 at PC
- Apr 11** – **Executive Board 11:00**
- Apr 11** – Cemetery Board 5:00 at PC
- Apr 12** –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
- Apr 5** –UMW time TBD
- Apr 17** – Tenderloin Supper 4-7
- Apr 19** –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
- Apr 26** –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30

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 (looking forward to getting back to this?)

Thank You - A big thank you to everyone that donated money, food and work for the Soup Supper on March 20. The supper was a success. Many people commented that the soup was very good. A total of \$868.00 (plus some later donations) was turned over the church trustees.

Thank you to everyone that donated paper products and non-perishable foods for the Roanoke Food Pantry. About 15 boxes and bags were taken

to the Food Pantry on Monday, March 29. Good Work PC!!

Mrs. Sue Grooms died on March 1, 2021. She was born December 6, 1931.

Sue and her husband, Rev. Marvin Grooms, served as our pastors here at Pleasant Chapel for the years of 2003 through 2016.

Her funeral was held at Pleasant Chapel. Our sympathy and love from your Pleasant Chapel Church Family to Pastor Marvin and all of the family.

Zoom! A five week virtual Bible Study was completed last week. The study used Zoom to bring people together to read and study Scripture with people from our church family. It was nice to be able to connect with people hundreds of miles away (Chestermans in Vegas). The topics were a continuation of the message from the previous week's Sunday service.

Be watching for another one of these type of studies (or maybe an in-person / Zoom hybrid) in the near future.

Tenderloin Supper – Yep we’re going to do it! April 17th from 4-7. The supper will be drive-thru and pickup like last fall’s supper. This time we will not presale tickets though. People will come, purchase their tickets in their cars (\$10), make their selections, and then pick up their meals in to-go boxes. Please consider signing up to help with this FUN EVENING. Contact Tammy Lickey for more information.



**Pleasant Chapel
Version 4.0**

History will show that Pleasant Chapel had an important milestone on March 28th 2021. The church chose to make another version of itself for the future.

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| Version 1.0 – 1844 United Brethren |
| Version 2.0 – 1946 Evangelical United Brethren |
| Version 3.0 – 1968 United Methodist |
| Version 4.0 – 2021 Independent |

The United Methodist General Conference (the main governing body) has been at an impasse regarding the future of the church. General Conference 2019 provided law that

would allow churches a window of opportunity to sever its relationship with the denomination, retain its property and assets, and become an independent church.

For the last year and a half, the leadership teams and the entire congregation have been praying through, thinking through (and a little of fighting through) whether this option would be an advantage for Pleasant Chapel.

For the purpose of transparency, members and non-members were presented with as much information as possible for this consideration. The advantages and disadvantages of disaffiliation, the financial costs to disaffiliate, the legal ramifications, the added responsibility to the local congregation, etc. were published and discussed at two separate informational meetings on March 21 and March 24.

North East Indiana UMC Superintendent David Neckers conducted a Church Conference on March 28, 2021. Assistant Superintendent Kathy Jones and Ian Hall, Director of Administration and Finance accompanied Rev. Neckers at the meeting.

Nearly 60 people were in attendance (physically or virtually through teleconference). The vote to disaffiliate from the UMC was 100% in favor (including voting members as well as votes not included in the official Church Conference total). The decision now goes before the Indiana

Conference for approval which will occur June 10-12, 2021.

What happened was bitter-sweet. The *bitter* part was the fact that the church is broken and that is why the vote occurred in the first place. There is disunity and distrust and for that, there is a sadness that the Body is not one as it has been called to be.

The *sweet* part was probably best expressed by Kathy Jones when she closed the Church Conference with prayer and said, “I can see you are of one heart.” That said a lot about this congregation and its heart to move forward in a new direction.

Look again at the image depicting the church. That was chosen to illustrate that this new version of the church is really a shell or an outline. It is virtually empty. Right now there is no leadership team, there is no statement of belief, no polity on how it will be governed, no procedures on selecting pastors, and no legal identity of the church. All that has to be developed. Clearly there is some work to do.

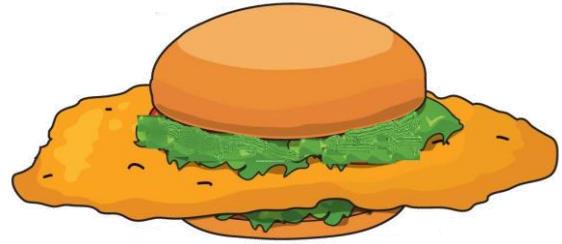
But what a great opportunity! To keep the focus on repurposing this church to better glorify God by creating a place for all to become disciples of Jesus.

It’s time to get to work!

Please continue to be prayerful for this church and to consider how you may be an integral part in making **PC v. 4.0 awesome!**

| | January 3, 2021 | January 10, 2021 | January 17, 2021 | January 24, 2021 | January 31, 2021 | February 7, 2021 | February 14, 2021 | February 21, 2021 | February 28, 2021 | March 7, 2021 | March 14, 2021 | March 21, 2021 | March 28, 2021 |
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| Attendance | 25 | 35 | 19 | 22 | 0 | 14 | 19 | 30 | 25 | 21 | 26 | 43 | 51 |
| Giving | 950 | 1512 | 4916 | 541 | | 1122 | 1441 | 704 | 1450 | 1182 | 770 | 1464 | 1921 |

Tenderloin Supper
Saturday April 17, 2021
4-7 pm



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Menu

Grilled or Breaded Tenderloins

Henline Beans

Coleslaw

Homemade Pies



\$10 / person

Drive up (no pre-sales)

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

But the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, 'You have seen Hell.'

They then went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple" said the Lord, "In this place the people have learned to feed one another."

"Remember this, when Jesus did on the cross, he was thinking of you."

