

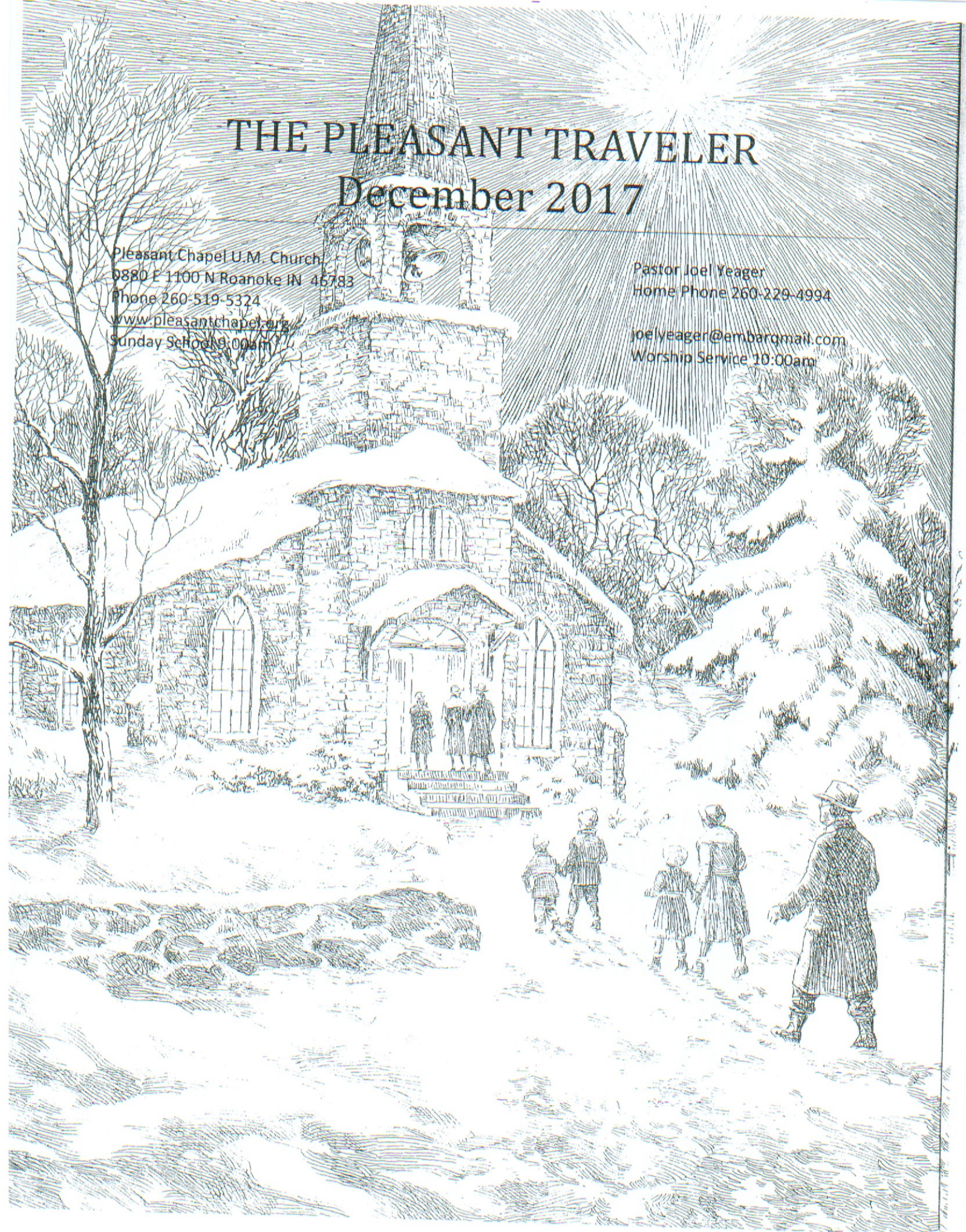
THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

December 2017

Pleasant Chapel U.M. Church
9880 E 1100 N Roanoke IN 46783
Phone 260-519-5324
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Sunday School 9:00am

Pastor Joel Yeager
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Worship Service 10:00am



There's a baby coming! My daughter Jenna and son-in-law Matt are expecting their first child around the first of the year. It is exciting times as we wait for this new addition to our family (This will be #11 for us - 14 if you count all the dogs). Thirty years ago, Karla and I were expecting our first child. Jenna was born in May and our lives changed as we became parents. To be truthful, I can't remember a lot of the details. I can't remember what the anticipation was like as we waited for the coming of our child. Probably a guy thing. I'm sure that when we experienced this, we could not fully appreciate the magnitude of the event; what it was like to be parents. With time we can appreciate things more, especially when we get to re-experience them. Jenna and Matt chose to not learn the baby's gender which adds to the anticipation. The waiting and anticipating is real again. It is neat to see Jenna and Matt make preparations for changes that are going to alter their life course forever. Do they *get that*? Do they fully know what a child will do to their lives? Who really does? I get it a little more this time. Having watched my children become adults and seeing them begin their families, I appreciate the coming of a child more.



Similarly we wait for another child. We, as followers of Christ, are in this time of waiting. We wait for Christmas to celebrate the coming of a child. What a great time, what wonderful events that are all part of the many ways we celebrate Jesus' birth. Just as we appreciate birth more each time we get to experience it, we too appreciate more God's gift to us each year when we celebrate Christmas. We may *get it* just a little bit more each year.

Regarding Christmas, I've been thinking about a statement that is credited to CS Lewis, "Jesus didn't come to make bad people good, but dead people live." I'm *getting that* a little bit more this year. Why did God come as a helpless child? Not to make bad people good, or ok people better, or to give meaning to life - all those he did and he still does. But his primary purpose was to "make dead people live." Without him breaking into this physical world, we are all spiritually dead.

Colossians 2:13-14 (NRSV) ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

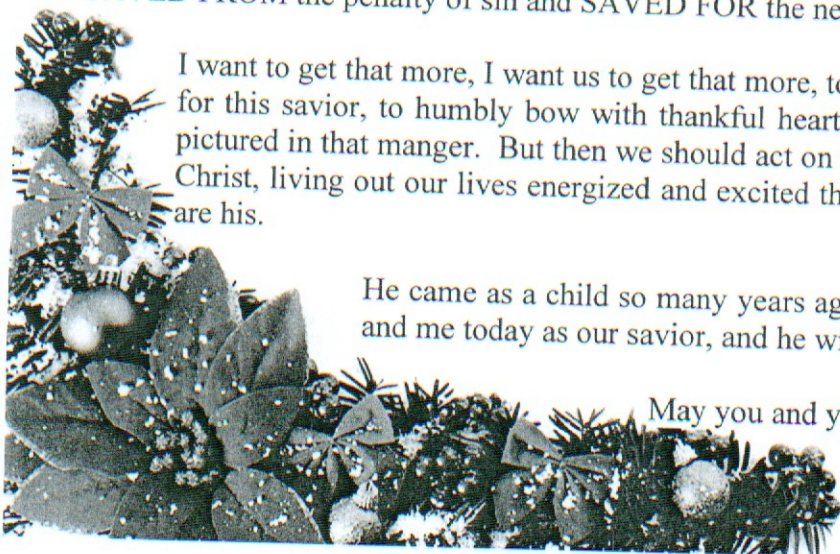
"God made you [and me] alive together with him". That's why. I want to *get that* more. I want us, Pleasant Chapel family, to *get that* more. He came to save, that's why he is a savior. We are SAVED FROM the penalty of sin and SAVED FOR the next advent when Jesus comes again.

I want to get that more, I want us to get that more, to get and embrace more fully our need for this savior, to humbly bow with thankful hearts knowing more fully his love for us pictured in that manger. But then we should act on this, to be who we are to be, found in Christ, living out our lives energized and excited that we are known by God and that we are his.

He came as a child so many years ago to save the world, he comes to you and me today as our savior, and he will come again as king of kings.

May you and yours have the best Christmas season,

Joel





DECEMBER GREETERS

- 3 - Tammy S. & Julie
- 10 - Tom & Tammy T.
- 17 - Rachel & John
- 24 - John & Deloris
- 31 - Roger & Ellen

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Stephen Dolby
- 3 - Robert Lahr
- Richard VanDuyn
- 4 - Sonny Henline
- 6 - Sue Grooms
- Jeri Johnson
- 8 - Diane Sherbahn
- 9 - Dale Law
- Matt Whitaker
- 10 - John Rogers
- Tom Nei
- 11 - Elizabeth Stocker
- 15 - Maddie Fairchild
- Andy Amick
- Makaihla Raichart
- 17 - Jill Law
- Noelle Schlechty
- 18 - Rev. John Morris
- Dorothea Souers
- 21 - Sandra MacDonald
- 22 - Grace Fairchild
- Kevin Beck
- 23 - John W. Rogers
- 26 - Lily Ayers
- 28 - Rev. Johann Neethling



ACCOLYTES - December

- 3 - Pauls
- 10 - Amicks
- 17 - Hands
- 24 - Colclessers
- 31 - Magnusons

JANUARY GREETERS 2018

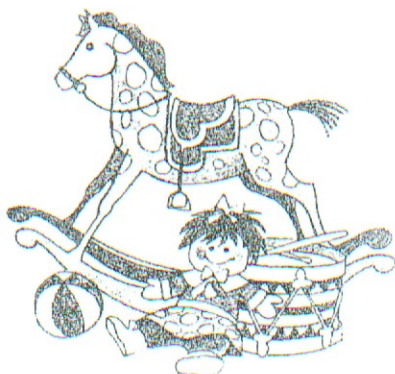
- 7 - Mike & Cory
- 14 - Andy & Andrea
- 21 - John & Anna
- 28 - Phil & Nicole

JANUARY ACCOLYTES

- 7 - Pauls
- 14 - Amicks
- 21 - Hands
- 28 - Colclessers

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 30 - Jim & Cynthia Chesterman



CALENDAR

- December 3 - 12:00 noon - lunch at Zion UMC, followed by singing of Christmas Carols. Everyone is invited.
- December 9 - Breakfast with Santa from 9:00 to 10:30 am. here at Pleasant Chapel.
- December 10 - Christmas Caroling - meet at the church at 1:30 pm.
- December 13 - United Methodist Women at Jill Law's home at 1:00 pm.
- December 23 - Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm.
- December 25 - Happy Birthday, Jesus
- December 31 - Unhanging of the Greens after worship.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big, big, thank you to each and every one that helped in any way with the tenderloin supper held here on November 11. 289 people were served and \$1800.00 was turned over to the trustees.

A Community Thanksgiving Service was held here at Pleasant Chapel in the evening of November 19. A delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed by all. An offering of \$106.00 and also non-perishable food items was collected for the Roanoke Food Pantry.

Sunday, December 3 - everyone is invited to Zion UMC for a potato bake lunch. Please bring a dish to share. Following the lunch there will be singing of Christmas music. This is sponsored by our Cluster Group.

Saturday, December 9 - Breakfast with Santa from 9:00 to 10:30 am. in the fellowship hall here at Pleasant Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, December 10 - We will be going Christmas Caroling! Meet here at Pleasant Chapel at 1:30 pm. to go sing Carols to people in our neighborhood. Everyone and anyone is welcome and encouraged to take part.

Saturday, December 23 - Christmas Eve Service here at Pleasant Chapel at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend this special service.

Mailboxes - If you want to give Christmas Cards to any of our church family, please use our mailboxes. When you bring any cards, please sort them and put into each persons mailbox.

Mission giving - Special offerings for missions from Pleasant Chapel for the months of October, November and December are the Roanoke Food Pantry and Bashor United Methodist Home for Youth at Goshen, IN. When giving for these missions please write "Missions" in the memo on your check or on the outside of the church envelope. Make checks payable to Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church.

The Coffee/Cookie Table Each Sunday - If anyone has time to furnish snacks on a Sunday morning in December, please sign up. Thank you.

The latest Youth For Christ newsletter is on the bulletin board.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone that filled the "Operation Classroom Boxes" to be delivered by Franklin Graham's organization to children in countries in Europe, Africa and Asia. We prepared 19 boxes at Pleasant Chapel.

A newsletter from the Wabash Habitat for Humanity is on the bulletin board. Anyone interested in helping with their building projects is welcome and needed.

Child - Care is now being provided during the worship service each Sunday for children up to any including first-grade. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with the children on any Sunday, please talk to Cory Ayers.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Wednesday, November 15 at 1:00 pm. in the church social room.

President Jill Law opened the meeting by reading from Jeremiah Chapter 31.

Roll call was answered by telling a "Thanksgiving Tradition" we have. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given.

Cards were signed to send for anniversaries, birthdays, get-well and to friends.

Announcements: A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Pleasant Chapel on Sunday evening, November 26 at 6:00 pm. A meal will be served in the fellowship hall. All the area churches are invited. Everyone attending is asked to bring non-perishable food items and an offering for the Roanoke Food Pantry.

Program: Joann presented a program about Thanksgiving. Jesus ate meals with people on many occasions. Some of Jesus' parables were taught when eating with people.

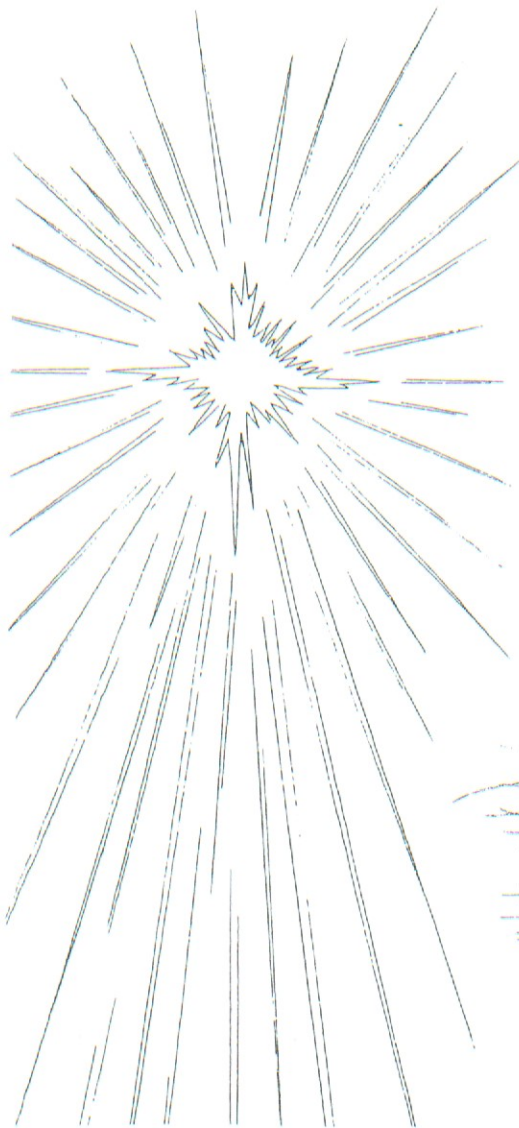
Delicious refreshments were served to 6 ladies.



Have you ever thought about the two groups of people whom God invited to visit the Christ child? They were distinctly different from each other. On the one hand, the shepherds were poor, near the bottom of the social ladder, uneducated and unsophisticated. On the other hand, the wise men were wealthy and respected, intellectual, from another race and country.

The two groups God invited could not have been more diverse. By bringing both, God was sending us the message that Jesus is the Savior for everyone! Jesus came into our world to rescue all kinds of people: whether rich or poor, black or white, educated or illiterate, sophisticated or ordinary - plus anybody in between.





Dear Special Friends,
Thank you for the
wonderful letters you
wrote. My Uncle Roger

Although we didn't
get to go on our trip,
the family read even
of your letters and
placed them in a
scrapbook.

Love
Gill



THIS TIME OF YEAR

When Christmas carols have been stilled
And gifts are no longer new,
Will we keep Christmas in our hearts
With all the joys we knew?

Long after shepherds have gone back
To watching o'er their sheep,
Will we remember all year long
Peace and goodwill to keep,

Why have the Christmas spirit stay
For just one day a year,
When we could easily each day
Create goodwill and cheer?

Let's keep that one star shining bright
As it did long ago . . .
By keeping love within our hearts
We keep His light aglow.





Breakfast with Santa

December 9th, 2017

Pleasant Chapel UMC

880 E 1100 N

Roanoke, IN 46783

Starts: 9:00am

Ends: 10:30am



Come and Join us for Breakfast with
Santa, crafts, and games!!!!



**PLEASANT CHAPEL
OFFERING & EXPENSE REPORT
OCTOBER 2017**

2016 OPENING CHECKING BALANCE	\$9,095.94
TRANSFERS FROM SAVINGS	\$0.00
TRANSFERS TO SAVINGS	\$8,000.00
CHURCH OFFERING	\$58,629.15
COMMUNITY AID OFFERING	\$0.00
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	\$3,581.00
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	\$0.00
VBS OFFERING	\$100.00
BIRTHDAY OFFERING	\$23.00
TRAVELLER OFFERING	\$25.00
MEMORIAL OFFERING	\$1,005.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$63,363.15
AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING	\$1,473.56
NEEDED EACH WEEK	\$971.00
OVERAGE OR DEFICIT	\$502.56

	2017 ACTUAL	2017 BUDGET	PERCENT SPENT	DOLLARS REMAINING
SPECIALS PAID TO IC	\$1,195.00	\$3,681.00	32.46%	\$2,486.00
TITHE/APPORTIONMENTS	\$5,901.40	\$7,000.00	84.31%	\$1,098.60
ASS. CHURCHES-BIBLES	\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00%	\$200.00
BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES	\$348.35	\$500.00	69.67%	\$151.65
CUSTODIAN	\$1,750.00	\$2,100.00	83.33%	\$350.00
GUEST MINISTER	\$300.00	\$600.00	50.00%	\$300.00
INSURANCE PROPERTY	\$3,387.00	\$3,500.00	96.77%	\$113.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$784.58	\$500.00	156.92%	(\$284.58)
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$208.99	\$500.00	41.80%	\$291.01
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION	\$13,442.42	\$16,000.00	84.02%	\$2,557.58
PASTOR'S EXPENSES	\$ 892.93	\$2,000.00	44.65%	\$1,107.07
PLEASANT CHAPEL FOUND./Tru	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$1,534.81	\$700.00	219.26%	(\$834.81)
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	\$352.02	\$950.00	37.05%	\$597.98
WORSHIP/EVANG. COMMITTEE	\$377.98	\$450.00	84.00%	\$72.02
CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE	\$0.00	\$100.00	0.00%	\$100.00
NON UMC Charities	\$1,160.00	\$0.00	0.00%	(\$1,160.00)
UMW	\$25.00	\$25.00	100.00%	\$0.00
CHURCH LIGHTS	\$1,698.00	\$2,500.00	67.92%	\$802.00
CHURCH FUEL	\$2,409.38	\$6,000.00	40.16%	\$3,590.62
TELEPHONE	\$531.07	\$850.00	62.48%	\$318.93
KAREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND	\$227.63	\$442.00	51.50%	\$214.37
UM MISSIONS	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	\$1,000.00
COMMUNITY AID FUND	\$0.00	\$300.00	0.00%	\$300.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$660.75	\$600.00	110.13%	(\$60.75)
	\$37,187.31	\$50,498.00	73.64%	\$13,310.69
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$864.82	\$971.00		

WEEK 43

BALANCE AS OF	OCT. 31, 2017	\$22,537.78
SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF	OCT. 31, 2017	\$48,078.75
SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF	DEC. 31, 2016	\$40,053.24

JOHN ROGERS, TREASURER

PASTOR'S COMPENSATION BREAKDOWN

HOUSING ALLOWANCE	\$ -	Pretax
GROSS WAGES	\$ 13,442.42	
TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$ 13,442.42	

JOSEPH ENSMINGER CRAIN, president emeritus of the Cass County Historical Society, was born in Montgomery County, Indiana, June 2, 1844, and was just a year old when his parents, James Harvey and Mary Elizabeth (Ensminger) Crain, moved to Cass County, Indiana. His position as president of the Historical Society is well deserved. As a boy he was acquainted with many of the personal actors in the events which it has been the purpose of the Historical Society under his leadership to preserve.

Mr. Crain's great-grandfather, Elihu Crain, Sr., was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Elihu Crain, Jr., the grandfather, was born in New Jersey, in 1775. On going west he first settled in Kentucky, then in Ohio. He was a brick maker and brick mason, and is credited with having erected the first brick building in the City of Cincinnati. About 1800 he settled on a farm in Warren County, Ohio. It was on that farm that his son, James Harvey Crain, was born August 27, 1809. Ten years later the family moved to Montgomery County, Indiana. There James H. Crain grew to manhood and became a farmer and carpenter. In 1841 he married Mary Elizabeth Ensminger and four years later they moved to Cass County, Indiana, and located on an unimproved tract of land and opened a farm, where the subject of this sketch grew to manhood.



Joseph E. Crain

Joseph E. Crain was a pupil in one of the rural schools of Cass County at the time of the Civil war and he left school to go into the Union army. He was in Company F of the 151st Indiana Infantry. Shortly after his return from military service he married, October 19, 1865, Miss Sarah Elenor Updegraff, and to them were born seven children: Edna Mary, Schuyler Colfax, Harriett Ann, Rodney James, Charlotte Bell, Barton Keep and Horace Ensminger. During the first two years after he was married he engaged in farming and then moved to Logansport, where he was subsequently, until he retired from business, identified with the building trade, at first as a carpenter and contractor and eventually as an architect. Mr. Crain is one of the older architects of the state. While in building work he studied architecture and from 1884 gave his undivided time to the practice of that profession for thirty-two years.

Mr. Crain on January 1, 1917, was made governor of the Northwestern National Soldiers' Home at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and served in that office three years and ten months. Since then he has resumed his residence at Logansport. He is a Republican and has enjoyed several political honors, having been elected county commissioner of Cass County in 1894 and a member of the County Council in 1904. He has been a member of the Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church since 1869 and for thirty years held the position of choir director and was a trustee for forty years. He was a member of the Logansport G. A. R. quartette and sang with it for thirty-two years. He and Miss Sallie Horn, the accompanist, are the only members now living. Since 1886 he has been a member of Logansport Post No. 1,4, Grand Army of the Republic, two years commander, ten years quartermaster, twelve years adjutant, and patriotic instructor, Department of Indiana G. A. R. 1929-30. He became a Master Mason in 1901 and is affiliated with the Royal Arch Chapter and is a past master of Tipton Lodge No. 33, and wrote the one hundred years history of that Lodge, a book of four hundred and sixty pages.

Mrs. Crain passed away March 24, 1921, and of their three daughters, the eldest, Edna Mary, married Edwin F. Martin, of Cass County, and she died January 3, 1926. They had five children: Stanley Crain, deceased; Esther Fern, deceased; Joseph Edwin; Rachael Elenor, and Jesse Gilbert. The two living daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Crain are: Harriett Ann, who married George

W. Shank, of Boonesboro, Maryland, who died January 2, 1931, and Charlotte Bell. The four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Crain are living. Schuyler Colfax, of Tacoma, Washington, married Harriett Wimer, of Winfield, Kansas, deceased. Rodney James married Evelyn Cline, of Rensselaer, Indiana, deceased, and their three children are: Donald Jay, David Allan and Geneva. Donald Jay married Isabel Brown, of Logansport, and their four children are Donald John, Richard James, Joseph Ensminger and George Allan. Geneva married Leroy F. Baker, of Logansport, and their one child is Beverly Jene. Barton Keep Crain married Elizabeth Pherson, of Logansport, and they have had four children: Chester William, who married Virginia Francis, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Frances Louise, who married Omer Zell, of Kokomo, Indiana, whose two children are Robert Nelson and Mary Ellen; Mary Elizabeth, who is not married; and Ralph James who died March 22, 1930. Horace Ensminger Crain, of Portland, Oregon, married Elsa Lauderholm of that city. Click [here](#) for photo.

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CHRISTMAS WINDOWS

Alice Kennelly Roberts

There are dreams in Christmas windows,
Symbols of love and joy,
And hopes of happy childhood
For some little girl or boy.

*There's a vision of chubby fingers
And arms reaching out to hold;
A smile that is wreathed in dimples,
Surpassing its worth in gold.*

Yes, dreams are in Christmas windows
But the giver himself must share,
Must join in the love of giving,
Or the gift becomes plain and bare.

*And so, as the snowflakes glisten
In our Christmas world apart,
The dreams in a bright shop window
Are Christmas in someone's heart!*



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