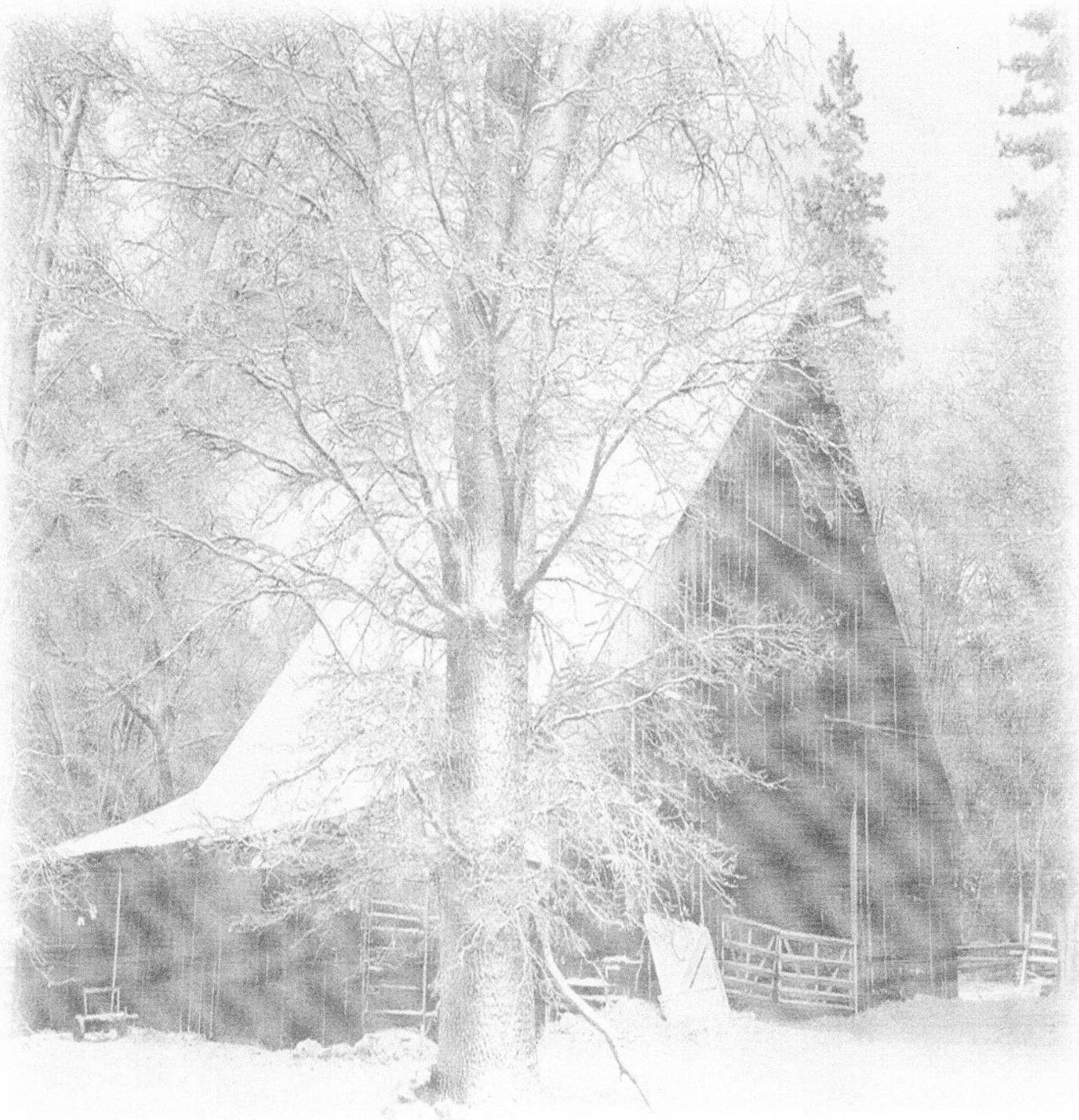


THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

February 2018

Pleasant Chapel UMC
880 E 1100 N Roanoke, IN 46783
260-519-5324
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Sunday School 9:00 am

Pastor Joel Yeager
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Worship 10:00am





A few months ago, we began working on cleaning up our church membership records. A big thank you to Betty Rogers who has made a lot of progress in doing just that. At that time we asked you to provide your baptism/membership information with us. We also asked if you have not been baptized and/or have not joined the church if that was something you would consider.

Several people have indicated that they would like to be baptized and/or join Pleasant Chapel. That is very exciting! I want to put it out there again and see if there are any other people interested in doing this as well.

BUT! I want to be sure we are all on the same page regarding baptism and membership. The UMC's practice of baptism is grounded in God's grace. Baptism for the UMC is about God working in our lives even before we acknowledge his love. John Wesley called this prevenient grace – grace that comes before our even knowing about God and his love for us. So that is why we often baptize infants. We are acknowledging God's grace in the child and, as the child's nurturing church, we commit to providing the best environment for that child to come to know God.

Following baptism, at some point, is a personal profession of faith and the opportunity to join the local church. BUT! Let's be clear regarding membership as well. From my *experience* I have somewhat of a bad taste in my mouth about church membership. For me, membership was primarily about division between churches and about being exclusive. It was like the "members only" golf course I was not allowed to play as a kid because I was not a *member*. Too often churches choose to split hairs over doctrine or the methods of worship so they cause divisions between churches and use membership as a boundary.

I simply want no part of that. To me, membership into Pleasant Chapel is primarily two things.

- 1) To become a member of Pleasant Chapel is an opportunity to take a step in your journey of faith. It is just that, a step. There will always be more steps in our journey and local membership is one. You are taking a faith step by committing to a church in order to become a better disciple of Jesus Christ.
- 2) Becoming a member of Pleasant Chapel is acknowledging that you are committing yourself, your talents, your resources, your time, and your energy to Jesus Christ through this body of fellow believers. You have an integral part to the function of Pleasant Chapel as it strives to grow God's kingdom around Roanoke. You are choosing to faithfully participate with the rest of congregation knowing that you are needed! Paul used the human body as a metaphor of the church.

1 Corinthians 12:12 (NRSV) ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Each part of the body is important for the function of the whole. And if a part is missing, the body knows it. That is true in our church as well. When you are gone for a while from Pleasant Chapel, you are missed! You have such an integral role to play in this body. Don't care if you are 2 days or 102 years old, you always have a function, a part to play in our church.



While there is some membership benefits (being able to serve in some areas), I do not want to apply any pressure for anyone to be baptized or to join the church. This simply might not be for you or it simply is just not the right time. That's OK! I attended and served in a church for a long time as a non-member.

Since we already have several people interested, I would like to take a Sunday and dedicate it to "next steps." We could have a bunch of people in front getting wet, professing faith (saying "I do" and "I will") and joining the church. I think it could be a really great time of worship. And no doubt we'll have to work in a meal afterwards!

I am putting together a small course that would allow us to explore what membership means. It is a combination of a confirmation class and membership class. It is for all ages. So youth 5th grade up to 102 years of age would be welcome to join the class. The class will be 3-4 Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45. Then, after the last session we will have the baptism/membership service. Specific dates to be announced soon.

If you are feeling you would 1) like to be baptized or 2) would like to join Pleasant Chapel, or 3) would simply like to learn more about these things use the signup sheet below and turn it in to me soon.

Maybe you don't know if you are a member or not. You will also find in this newsletter a list of all of the people we believe have been recorded as professing members of the church. There is a good chance the list is not completely correct. The records have been somewhat neglected for years and this is our best attempt at getting it correct. If you believe there is an error, please contact me.

Joel

☐ I am interested in joining Pleasant Chapel and will participate in the membership class.

☐ I have been baptized.

☐ I would like to participate in the Membership Class, but am not interested in membership at this time.

(Name)

Questions for Joel:

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Richard & Bonita VanDuyn

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jeremy Hunter
3 - Ilo Jane Martin (100)
5 - Lane Ayers
7 - Aaron Amick
10 - Scott Hunter
12 - Betty Rogers
14 - Hannah Ländis
15 - Tammy Thornburg
17 - Finley Parsons
18 - Lizzie Colclessers
19 - Kathy Charles
21 - Tony Hicks, Sr.
23 - Holly Lengerich
24 - Joann Dolby
- Brenda Felger
28 - Cory Johnson

FEBRUARY GREETERS

4 - Julie & Sarah
11 - Karla & Candy
18 - Seth & Dalen
25 - Reece & Lizzie

FEBRUARY ACCOLYTES

4 - Magnusons
11 - Pauls
18 - Amicks
25 - Hands

MARCH GREETERS

4 - Josie & Matt
11 - John & Rachel
18 - Jeremy & Missy
25 - Lindsay & Audree

MARCH ACCOLYTES

4 - Colclessers
11 - Magnusons
18 - Pauls
25 - Amicks

Pleasant Chapel Members

Current Attenders

Non-Attenders in Directory

In Membership Book

Cory	Ayers	Jeanette	Brown	Jeri	Johnson
Mike	Ayers	Louise	Brundige	Barbara	Mills
Nancy	Buckingham	Melanie	Dinius	James	Mills
Cynthia	Chesterman	Pam	Field	Matt	Whitacre
James	Chesterman	Betty J.	Hollenbaugh		
Ellen	Colclessner	Deborah	Hunter		
Phil	Colclessner	Ilene	Lahr		
Roger	Colclessner	Elaine	Langston		
Joan	Dolby	Michael	Langston		
Cindy	Fairchild	Ilo Jane	Martin		
Sue	Grooms	John	Morris		
Brent	Hammel	Adam	Rogers		
Joyce	Hand	James Arden	Rogers		
Larry	Hand	Joseph	Rogers		
Conner	Hicks	Karen	Rupert		
Renee	Hicks	Dale	Sheets		
Tony	Hicks	Olean	Sheets		
Dale	Law	Carolann	Sherbahn		
Jill	Law	Sally	Truitt		
Matt	Law	Thomas	Truitt		
Sue	Law				
Josie	McClure				
Jeremy	Paul				
Missy	Paul				
Candy	Raichart				
Kevin	Raichart				
Betty	Rogers				
John	Rogers				
Virginia	Rogers				
Tammy	Schacht				
Janelle	Simons				
Deloris	Smith				
John	Smith				
Dortha	Souers				
Lizzie	Stocker				
Rachel	Stocker				
Leona Bear	Thomas				
Tammy	Thornburg				
Tom	Thornburg				

THIS IS WHAT IS CURRENTLY IN OUR
MEMBERSHIP BOOK. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY
CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE, PLEASE
LET JOEL KNOW.

THANKS

A note from "Karen's Table / Christmas with Santa":

To Rolla, Heather, and Pleasant Chapel

Many thanks ... your kindness means so much

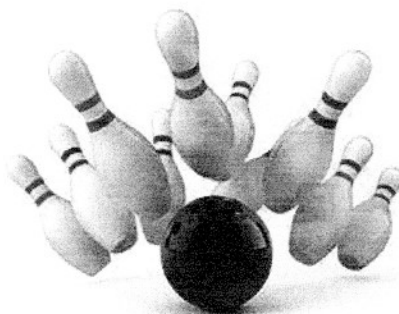
Thank you so very much for the help this Christmas. I was able to make Christmas a little happier for my kids and grandkids. It was so neat to see the joy on their faces and in their voices too. It's been a rough year. Unfortunately, I'm going through a divorce. Your continued prayer support would be appreciated as I go through this transition time.

With much love and many hugs,

Nora Jean

Bowling! March 4th

We are having a Bowling Day / Fun Day Sunday, March 4th at 3PM at Oak Lanes in Huntington. Friends and family are welcome. We will need a count on how many people are coming. So see Tom or Tammy Lickey by Sunday February 18th. Cost is \$1.50 per game and \$1.00 for shoe rental if needed.





Ilo Jane Altman Martin of Huntington will celebrate her 100th birthday with a party on Sunday, January 28th at Heritage Pointe of Huntington from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Martin was born February 3rd, 1918. After graduating from Roanoke high school she attended North Manchester College. She worked at Protective Electric Supply in Fort Wayne for 13 years as a receptionist and bookkeeper.

Martin was married to William Martin for 60 years until his death in 2010. She and her husband lived and worked on the family farm west of Roanoke and were active members of the Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church. The party at Heritage Pointe of Huntington, where Martin now resides, will be hosted by family and friends. Those unable to attend may send cards to 1180 W 500 N, Huntington, Indiana 46750.

The Inter-Church is in need of CAKE MIX'S and cleaning products. These may be dropped off at the food bank (at Seminary UMC in Roanoke) from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Thursday, January 11 at 1:00 pm. at Jill Law's home.

President Jill Law opened the meeting by reading from the Upper Room a devotion titled "God's Love".

Roll call was answered by each one telling a "helpful kitchen hint". Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given. A \$50.00 check was sent to LOVE, INC. to use as they need to. Ten poinsettias were purchased to deliver to shut-ins. These were all delivered by Christmas.

Mission prayers for those in harms way in Californis from the mud slides.

Cards were signed to send shut-ins, friends, for birthdays and anniversaries.

New Business: The treasurer presented our budget for 2018. Also, hostesses were assigned for our monthly meetings in 2018. A blanket from Church World Service will be hung at the back of the church for anyone wanting to donate money to the Blanket Fund/Tools of Hope Project. These donations are used to buy blankets to keep people warm in cold weather and also tools used to raise food and to have clean water, at home and abroad. Offering envelopes are attached to the blanket.

Jill presented a program titled "The Sacred Face of Call", stories about Esther, Gideon and Dorcas.

Delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission giving - Special offerings for missions from Pleasant Chapel for the months of January, February and March are the Roanoke Food Pantry and One Great Hour of Sharing. 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.

Thank you to everyone that has been providing snacks at the coffee/cookie table on Sunday mornings. Everyone enjoys it.

Food Collection for the Roanoke Food Pantry - during the month of February our Pleasant Church family is asked to bring canned (non-perishable) food to be given to the Roanoke Food Pantry. Please put any cans you bring on or near the altar railing.

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

Sign-up sheets for snacks each Sunday and also the children's church are on the coffee/cookie table. Thank you to each one that helps.

Church World Service Blanket Fund/Tools of Hope is a mission offering of our United Methodist Women's group here at Pleasant Chapel. 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 blanket and offering envelopes are displayed at the back of the sanctuary (under the balcony) for anyone wanting to give to this mission.

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

2016 OPENING CHECKING BALANCE	\$20,776.36
TRANSFERS FROM SAVINGS	\$0.00
TRANSFERS TO SAVINGS	\$32,000.00
CHURCH OFFERING	\$70,673.15
COMMUNITY AID OFFERING	\$0.00
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	\$4,033.20
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	\$0.00
VBS OFFERING	\$100.00
BIRTHDAY OFFERING	\$26.00
TRAVELLER OFFERING	\$25.00
MEMORIAL OFFERING	\$1,005.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$75,862.35
AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING	\$1,458.89
NEEDED EACH WEEK	\$981.00
OVERAGE OR DEFICIT	\$477.89

	2017 ACTUAL	2017 BUDGET	PERCENT SPENT	DOLLARS REMAINING
SPECIALS PAID TO IC	\$1,725.00	\$4,133.20	41.74%	\$2,408.20
TITHE/APPORTIONMENTS	\$7,226.24	\$7,000.00	103.23%	(\$226.24)
ASS. CHURCHES-BIBLES	\$200.00	\$200.00	100.00%	\$0.00
BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES	\$348.35	\$500.00	69.67%	\$151.65
CUSTODIAN	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	100.00%	\$0.00
GUEST MINISTER	\$300.00	\$600.00	50.00%	\$300.00
INSURANCE PROPERTY	\$3,387.00	\$3,500.00	96.77%	\$113.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$901.83	\$500.00	180.37%	(\$401.83)
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$363.98	\$500.00	72.80%	\$136.02
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	100.00%	\$0.00
PASTOR'S EXPENSES	\$1,210.93	\$2,000.00	60.55%	\$789.07
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	\$476.36	\$950.00	50.14%	\$473.64
WORSHIP/EVANG. COMMITTEE	\$434.44	\$450.00	96.54%	\$15.56
CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE	\$41.98	\$100.00	41.98%	\$58.02
NON UMC Charities	\$2,360.00	\$0.00	0.00%	(\$2,360.00)
UMW	\$25.00	\$25.00	100.00%	\$0.00
CHURCH LIGHTS	\$2,107.00	\$2,500.00	84.28%	\$393.00
CHURCH FUEL	\$2,409.38	\$6,000.00	40.16%	\$3,590.62
TELEPHONE	\$805.24	\$850.00	94.73%	\$44.76
KAREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND	\$227.63	\$442.00	51.50%	\$214.37
UM MISSIONS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%	\$0.00
COMMUNITY AID FUND	\$0.00	\$300.00	0.00%	\$300.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$660.75	\$662.80	99.69%	\$2.05
	\$45,845.92	\$51,013.00	89.87%	\$5,167.08
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$981.65	\$981.00		

WEEK 52

BALANCE AS OF	DEC. 31, 2017	\$13,603.59
SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF	DEC. 31, 2017	\$72,078.75
SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF	DEC. 31, 2016	\$40,053.24

JOHN ROGERS, TREASURER

PASTOR'S COMPENSATION BREAKDOWN

HOUSING ALLOWANCE	\$ -	Pretax
GROSS WAGES	\$ 16,000.00	
TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$ 16,000.00	



Souper Bowl Sunday

Feb. 4, right after Church

Competitions for BEST SOUP and
BEST DESSERT

(Free will offering)



What's the purpose of Ash Wednesday?

It marks first day of the 40 days of Lent, a roughly six-week period (not including Sundays) dedicated to reflection, prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. It ends on Holy Thursday, the fifth day of Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter) that marks the Last Supper. In addition to certain rules about foods and fasting, many Christians (and even non-Christians) abstain from additional foods, luxury or material goods or certain activities and habits.

Ashes are obtained from the burning of the palms of the previous Palm Sunday, which occurs on the Sunday before Easter, and applied during services. Palm Sunday marks Jesus' return to Jerusalem, when people waved palm branches to celebrate his arrival. The ashes are typically mixed with Holy Water or oil.

This year Ash Wednesday is February 14.

Calendar

February 1-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Southside" Bible Study at Magnusons. Contact John Magnuson if interest in joining.
February 5 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible Study at 6:30 at Parsons
February 12 -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible Study at 6:30 at Parsons
February 14-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• United Methodist Women at 1:00pm at Ellen Colclessers' home• Ash Wednesday begins
February 19-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible Study at 6:30 at Parsons
February 26-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible Study at 6:30 at Parsons

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A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening worship service and was startled to find an intruder in her house. Catching the man in the act of burglarizing her home, she yelled, "STOP! Acts 2:38!" ("Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.") As the burglar stopped dead in his tracks, the woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. Shortly, several officers arrived and took the man into custody. As he was placing the handcuffs on the burglar, one of the officers asked, "Why did you just stand there? All the lady did was mention a scripture verse." "Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

LOVE is the lubrication that keeps the working parts running smoothly