

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

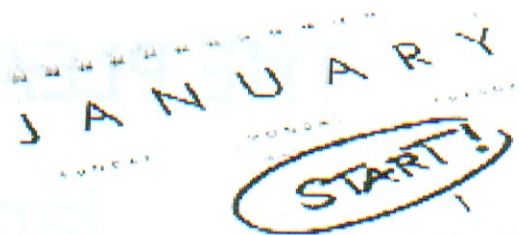
January 2018

Pleasant Chapel UMC
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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am



I reviewed the note I wrote for the newsletter one year ago. In it I wrote:



Turning the calendar to 2017 is exciting. I am looking forward to seeing what God is going to do at Pleasant Chapel. I sense an energy with many of our congregation to grow. And by "grow" I don't necessarily mean attendance numbers, but an inner growth that is in each of us. I believe that energy is the Holy Spirit moving in me and moving in you to become, to change, to be transformed into what we are supposed to be. That is exciting!

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And for me it was exciting. We saw several new people come and check out our church family and some even stuck around! We saw some movement with our youth as Maddie and Rachael demonstrated their energy and love for our kids. Several of us read the entire Bible in 2017! And we saw A LOT of fun at our suppers and special event days. We see and hear the sounds of more babies and young people on Sunday mornings.

And we also said some goodbyes (for now). But even then, in those times of grief, we could see God's hand. We could see and experience what faith really is. For even when we have to let our loved ones go, we know its just for a little while. By God's grace and our faith in him and the faith of those who passed, we WILL once again be together.

So did we grow in 2017? I think we did. I think we individually are constantly moving towards a deeper relationship with God. And collectively as Pleasant Chapel, we are striving to be the best instrument God can use for our community and our world.

What do you suppose is in store for 2018? I'm sure there will be many exciting things happen for this church family. This time of year many people resolve to change and become better. They do this by resolving certain things such as diet and exercise, giving up a negative habit, or developing positive habits. Maybe you are one who likes to make New Year's Resolutions. If so, I hope that you would consider resolving to grow in your faith and in your role with our church. Perhaps your resolution would include committing to pray for our church and for her people. Perhaps your resolution would be to serve in some way, a committee, a program or organization within the church. Perhaps your resolution includes improved discipleship. Perhaps your resolution is about investing your time, talents, or resources through this church.



Once again I am excited about what is coming. I look forward to the movement that occurs as we all move from an old self to a new self. This movement or growth is exactly what is supposed to happen for followers of Christ. Paul says about such followers "[they] have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." **Colossians 3:10 (NIV).**

Looking forward to KNOW, GROW, GO and SHOW Christ with you in 2018.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Brent Hammel
- 2 - Abby Hoffman
- 3 - Sally Knuckles
- 6 - Auston Charles
- Beck Fritchman
- 8 - Craig Simons
- 9 - Christy Charles
- Kevin Raichart
- 10 - Jayson Morris
- 12 - Cynthia Chesterman
- 17 - Gary Raichart
- 19 - Larry Stenzel
- 21 - Heather Parsons
- Chris Sherbahn
- 23 - Joy Sheets
- Dan Sherbahn
- Bonita VanDuyne
- 24 - Barry Knuckles
- 25 - John Chesterman
- 29 - Ryan Dinius
- 30 - Sherry Rupert
- 31 - Terri Brewer
- Aaron Sheets

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Tom & Tammy Lickey
- Bill & Diane Sherbahn

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

FEBRUARY GREETERS

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

FEBRUARY ACCOLYTES

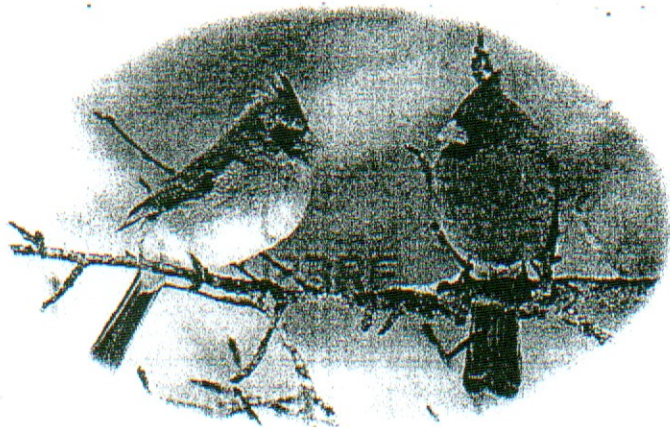
- 4 - Magnusons
- 11 - Pauls
- 18 - Amicks
- 25 - Hands

MARCH GREETERS

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

MARCH ACCOLYTES

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you from Ilene Lahr - "Thank you for all of the Christmas Carolers that came. I enjoyed it so very much. They did a wonderful job. It was wonderful to see everyone. Words can't express how much it meant. Thank you for the box of the delicious goodies, it was so thoughtful. Thank you to the Ladies Group for all of the cards they sent. I so appreciate them. Love, Ilene.

Thank you from Red Bird Mission for our mission offering of \$355.00 on September 8, 2017.

Thank you from Wabash County Habitat for Humanity for our mission offering of \$145.00 on November 20, 2017.

Thank you from the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home at Lebanon, Indiana for our mission offering of \$145.00 on November 20, 2017.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Thursday, December 14 at 1:00 pm. at Jill Law's home.

President Jill Law opened the meeting by reading from Ephesians 3:14-21.

Roll call was answered by each one telling our "favorite Christmas memory. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given. A motion was made and seconded to send a donation of \$50.00 to LOVE, INC to use as they need to.

Mission concerns:—Those in harms way and suffering from the fires in California.

Cards were signed by everyone present to send to shut-ins, birthdays, anniversaries and other friends.

Thirteen people from Pleasant Chapel went Christmas Caroling in the afternoon of December 10. A box of cookies was taken to each one that was visited. A good time was had by all.

Christmas Eve Service will be held on Saturday evening, December 23 at Pleasant Chapel at 7:00 pm.

Jill Law gave a program titled "The Christmas Story".

Delicious refreshments were served to seven ladies.

IT'S A 100TH. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION INVITATION!!

ILO JANE (ALTMAN) MARTIN of Huntington, will celebrate her 100th birthday with a party on Sunday, January 28th from 2-4 pm. at the Heritage Point of Huntington.

She was born February 3, 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.

She was married to William Martin for 60 years, until his death in 2010. She and Bill lived and worked on the family farm west of Roanoke and were active members of the Pleasant Chapel U.M. Church. They touched many lives with their positive outlook on life and she still does today.

The party at Heritage Pointe of Huntington where Ilo Jane now resides, will be hosted by family & friends.

Those unable to attend may send cards to 1180W-500N, Huntington, IN. 46750.

CALENDAR

January 1 - New Year's Day
January 8 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30.
January 10 - United Methodist Meeting - time and place to be announced.
January 15 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30.
January 22 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30.
January 29 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30.

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.

Bible Study - Everyone is invited to come to Parsons' home each Monday evening at 6:30 pm. (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion.

Mailboxes - please check your mailbox here at church each Sunday - - you may have Christmas cards or other mail!

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

The latest newsletter from Youth for Christ is on the bulletin board.

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

A newsletter from Samaritan's Purse is on the bulletin board.

Thank you to Rolla Parsons and family for hosting "Breakfast with Santa" at Pleasant Chapel Church on Saturday, December 9. Many people attended. Also, families that needed some food assistance were invited to come. AND Santa was present for young and old to visit with.

Thank you to all the young people that participated in the play they presented at the Christmas Eve Service here at Pleasant Chapel on Saturday evening, December 23.

On Sunday afternoon, December 10, thirteen members of Pleasant Chapel went Christmas caroling. The weather was cold, but good for what we were doing. All those that listened to us made our afternoon very enjoyable. Thank you to Joyce for all the planning you did for this and also thanks to Janell for all she did in getting some residents together at the Heritage for our "singing".

Thank you from LOVE, In the Name of Christ to Pleasant Chapel Church for the \$500.00 donation on December 18, 2017. LOVE, INC serves 12% of the residents of Huntington County each year through various ministries.

Thank you from UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for our mission offering of \$245.00 on December 7, 2017.

Happy New Year

H appiness depends upon your outlook on life-
find the good in all situations.
A ttitude is just as important as ability - Keep your
attitude positive.
P assion, find yours this year! - Do what you love
and you will never work.
P ositive thoughts make everything easier - Stay
focused and stay positive.
Y ou are unique, with special gifts, use them -
Never forget you have talent!

N ew beginning with a new year.
E nthusiasm a true secret of success.
W ishes may they turn into goals.

Y ears go by to quickly, enjoy them. - Wisdom
from you elders, listen.
E nergy, may you have lots of it. - Take care of
yourself.
A ppreciation of life, don't take it for granted. -
Live each day.
R elax, take the time to relax in this coming year. -
Keep a balance in your life.

Catherine Pulsifer



Thank you Pleasant Chapel for the kindness expressed
to us through your words, cards, and gifts. We are
truly blessed to be a part of this church family!

Joel and Karla

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

2016 OPENING CHECKING BALANCE	\$20,776.36
TRANSFERS FROM SAVINGS	\$0.00
TRANSFERS TO SAVINGS	\$32,000.00
CHURCH OFFERING	\$63,267.15
COMMUNITY AID OFFERING	\$0.00
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	\$3,713.80
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	\$68,133.95
AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING	\$1,419.46
NEEDED EACH WEEK	\$974.00
OVERAGE OR DEFICIT	\$445.46

	2017 ACTUAL	2017 BUDGET	PERCENT SPENT	DOLLARS REMAINING
SPECIALS PAID TO IC	\$1,265.00	\$3,813.80	33.17%	\$2,548.80
TITHE/APPORTIONMENTS	\$6,411.58	\$7,000.00	91.59%	\$588.42
ASS. CHURCHES-BIBLES	\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00%	\$200.00
BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES	\$348.35	\$500.00	69.67%	\$151.65
CUSTODIAN	\$1,925.00	\$2,100.00	91.67%	\$175.00
GUEST MINISTER	\$300.00	\$600.00	50.00%	\$300.00
INSURANCE PROPERTY	\$3,387.00	\$3,500.00	96.77%	\$113.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$818.46	\$500.00	163.69%	(\$318.46)
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$208.99	\$500.00	41.80%	\$291.01
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION	\$14,673.20	\$16,000.00	91.71%	\$1,326.80
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	\$1,160.00	\$0.00	0.00%	(\$1,160.00)
UMW	\$25.00	\$25.00	100.00%	\$0.00
CHURCH LIGHTS	\$1,922.00	\$2,500.00	76.88%	\$578.00
CHURCH FUEL	\$2,409.38	\$6,000.00	40.16%	\$3,590.62
TELEPHONE	\$735.65	\$850.00	86.55%	\$114.35
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	\$662.80	99.69%	\$2.05
	\$40,176.51	\$50,693.60	79.25%	\$10,517.09
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$837.01	\$974.00		

WEEK 48

BALANCE AS OF	NOV. 30, 2017	\$11,867.00
SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF	NOV. 30, 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	\$ 14,673.20	
TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$ 14,673.20	

BE THANKFUL

Author Unknown

Be thankful that you don't already
have everything you desire.

If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.

During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations because
they give you the opportunity for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge because
it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.

They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary because
it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are
also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.

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Though you might enjoy these!

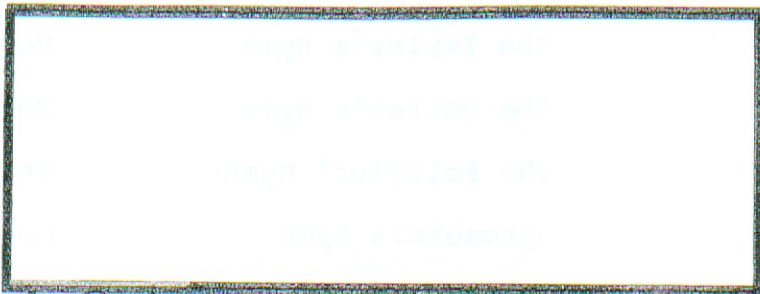
DO YOU KNOW YOUR HYMNS?

Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn	The Church is One Foundation
The Taylor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn	There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn	Standing on the promises
Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn	Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn	Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn	Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn	I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapist Hymn	He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn	The Great Physician

And for those who speed on the highway-a few Hymns

55 mph	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	Nearer My God to Thee
85 mph	This World is Not My Home
95 mph	Lord I'm Coming Home
100 mph	Precious Memories

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Winter's Solitude

May Smith White

The winter now has come, the woods are still
And giant trees seem gaunt and starkly bare.
The squirrels have gone to sleep. Upon the hill
No song of birds disturbs the wintry air.
The earth, a tired worker, takes her ease,
Protected well by nature's quilt of white.
I watch the rabbits face the chilling breeze,
To search for bits of food through morning light.
But soon the days of spring come stealing in
And violets lift again their heads of blue.
They make me wonder now where they have been.
Small nodding flowers glittering with dew.
Throughout the winter stirs the dream of Spring
And all her ecstasy's adventuring.

