

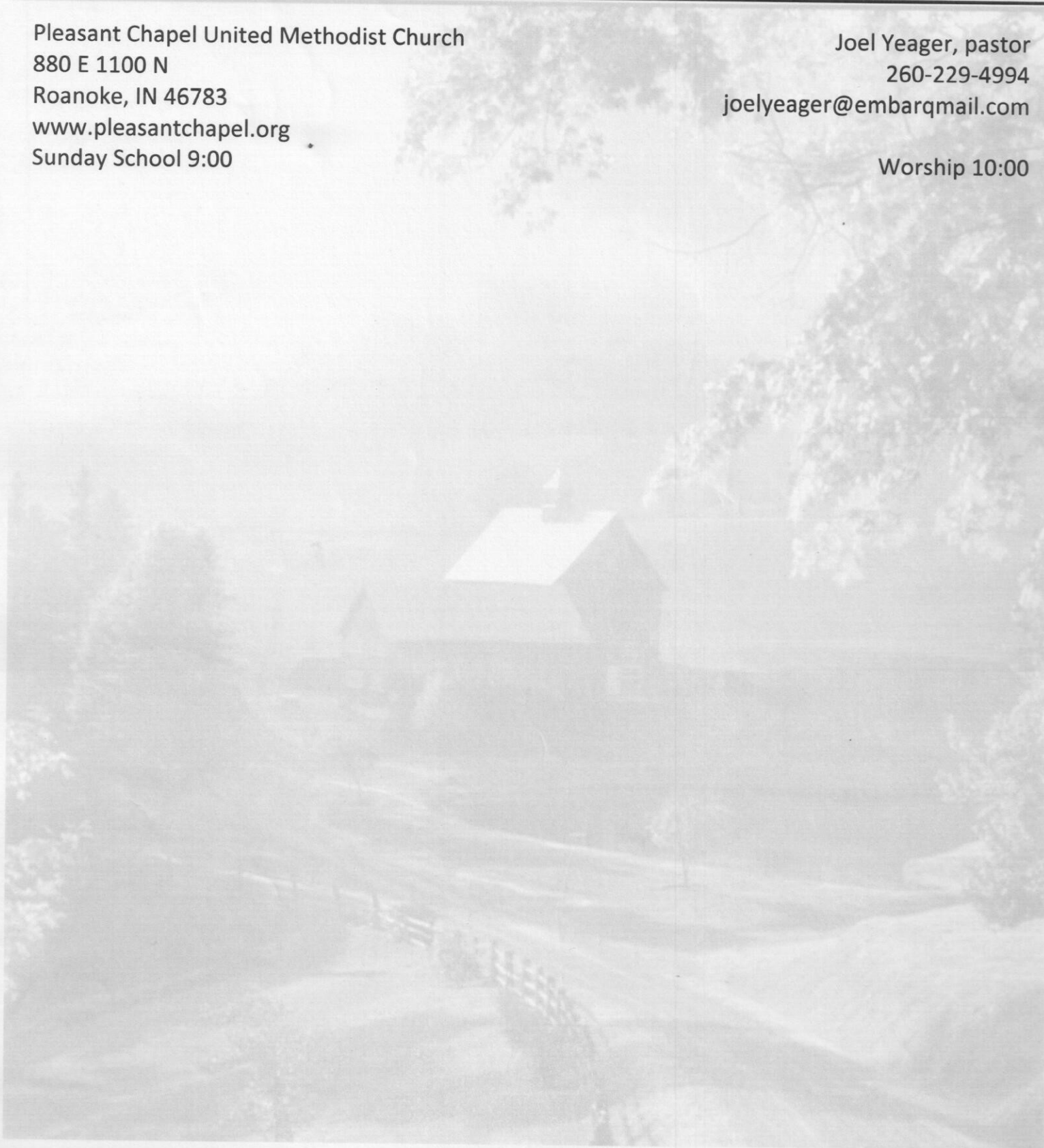
THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

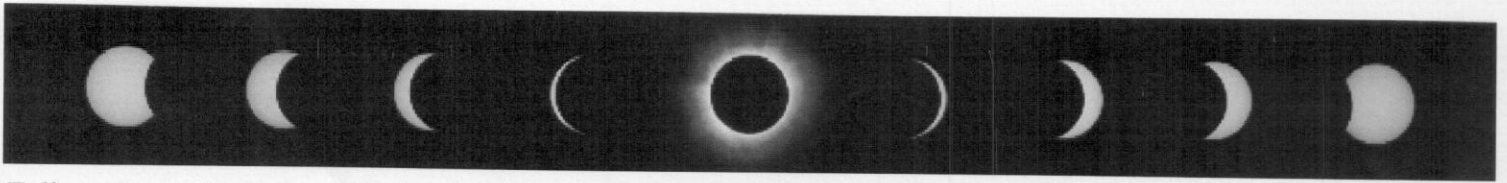
September 2017

Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church
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Roanoke, IN 46783
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Sunday School 9:00

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Worship 10:00





Eclipse! It was the big one, the “one of the century.” I must admit it was pretty cool! I hope you had the opportunity to see it. I was working outside during the day and frequently looked up with the glasses to see the moon pass in front of the sun. But you definitely could tell something was going on without the glasses. There was a certain dimness to the day especially when a cloud passed over.

I was reading an article about the eclipse and the author stated that the eclipse is “simple geometry.” Observers on the earth are in line with the sun and the moon and the moon, therefore, casts its shadow on the observer. Yes in that sense, it is true and it is a matter of alignment, but is it really that *simple*?

In The Privileged Planet, by Guillermo Gonzalez and Jay W. Richards, the *simplicity* of the alignment is explained a bit. The authors explain the eclipse and shed light on many of the characteristics of the sun and moon and the effects on Earth. One of the things they point out is the size of our moon. Because of its size, Earth’s tilt is maintained. And because of that our climate stays fairly regular. Any alteration in this tilt would cause huge temperature shifts, making life much more difficult. The size of the moon also controls ocean tides, which also benefit our weather patterns to promote life.

The *apparent* size of the moon is extraordinary as well. The size of the moon when viewed from the earth is very close to the apparent size of the sun when view from here. That accounts for the view of a perfect fit of the moon over the sun during and eclipse. And even then, depending on the particular eclipse type, the observation for us can be different.

The authors of this book attempt to make the point that these things happen, not as a random act of chance, but rather gifts for us from our Creator. So it really isn’t simple. It was intricately designed. They argue that we are in a privileged place in the universe to observe and learn about creation. Of all the other moons in our solar system, none have the same apparent size as the sun. So there is no other place than here to ever observe this type of eclipse. And because of that, scientists have gained so much knowledge about our solar system. God has placed us where we can observe his power.

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. ³ There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. **Psalm 19:1-4a (NIV)**

Do you consider yourself “privileged?” We have been designed to seek, and to wonder, and to find, and then to worship. We have a wiring about us to wonder about things. We have a desire to connect deeply with the creator. He placed you and me in the exact spot to do just that! *Third Day* has a song that sings our response:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are Holy, Holy
The universe declares Your Majesty
And You are Holy Holy

This week, we were privileged enough to see the declaration of his majesty in an event of the sun. But each day should be a day when we see his work declared by the Son in our lives.

Joel

CALENDAR

September 4 - Labor Day (no Bible Study at Parsons)
September 9 - Roanoke Fall Festival
September 10 - Honor your Grandparents
September 11 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30.
September 13 - United Methodist Women - 1:00 pm at the church.
September 18 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30.
September 25 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30.

Looking Ahead - Sunday October 8 - Rally Day here at Pleasant Chapel.

Saturday, October 14 - Fall Soup Supper
from 4 - 7 pm.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Thank you to all that helped in any way with the Taste of Roanoke on Saturday, August 12. We sold Spanish Hot Dogs and Root Beer Floats. Thank you to all that donated root beer, ice cream, money and other supplies. \$400.00 was cleared after any expenses.

Mission Offering - Special offerings for missions from Pleasant Chapel for the months of July, August and September are Habitat for Humanity, Indiana Children's Home and UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). 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.

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

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

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

United Methodist Women

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Wednesday, August 9 at 1:00 pm. in the church social room.

President Jill Law opened the meeting with a reading titled "Summertime".

Roll call was answered by telling "What you like best about Summertime". Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given.

Officer's reports: Spiritual Growth - Cynthia Chesterman gave a reading from the book "New Leaf" from our UMW Library. She also showed us a pattern book with blocks for making any size quilt. She led in prayer. Cards & Flowers: Cards were signed to send to shut-ins and also cards for birthdays.

Unfinished Business: Jill & Cynthia gave us some details on a possible outing we might take.

New Business: Taste of Roanoke on Saturday, August 12 from 5 - 8 pm. Pleasant Chapel will have a booth and will serve root beer floats and Spanish hot dogs.

Announcements: Sunday, October 8, Rally Day here at Pleasant Chapel. Worship at 10:00 am. Carry-in dinner at noon. Saturday, October 14 - Fall Soup Supper from 4 - 7 pm. here at Pleasant Chapel.

Program: Ellen Colclessor presented "Nurturing and Restoring Our Souls".

Ellen served delicious refreshments to six ladies.

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Agree with God
Move with God
End with God
Never doubt God



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 - Nathan Knuckles
- 8 - Wayne Schoeff
- 11 - Clara Pease
- Virginia Rogers
- 14 - Jeanette Brown
- 17 - Carolyn Dolby
- 21 - Allison Hicks
- 23 - Mark Hoffman
- Lynn Hoover
- Jason Parsons
- 24 - Andrea Amick
- 27 - Missi Paul
- 29 - Kasey Zahm

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 - Phil & Nicole Colclessner
- 19 - Mike & Cory Ayers
- 24 - David & Cindy Fairchild
- 26 - Rev. Steve & Becky Fritchman



Service Projects

Pleasant Chapel is organizing a group to do service for people in the church as well as the community. Be thinking about things around your house or a neighbor's house that may be in need of some help from this group. There will be more information about this coming, but let us know if you would like the group to come over to assist with some good-ol elbow grease.

Contact Tammy Lickey or Karla Yeager for more information.

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

- 3 - Jim & Cynthia
- 10 - Jeremy & Missi
- 17 - Mike & Cory, Lily, Lane
- 24 - Tom & Tammy L.

SEPTEMBER ACCOLYTES

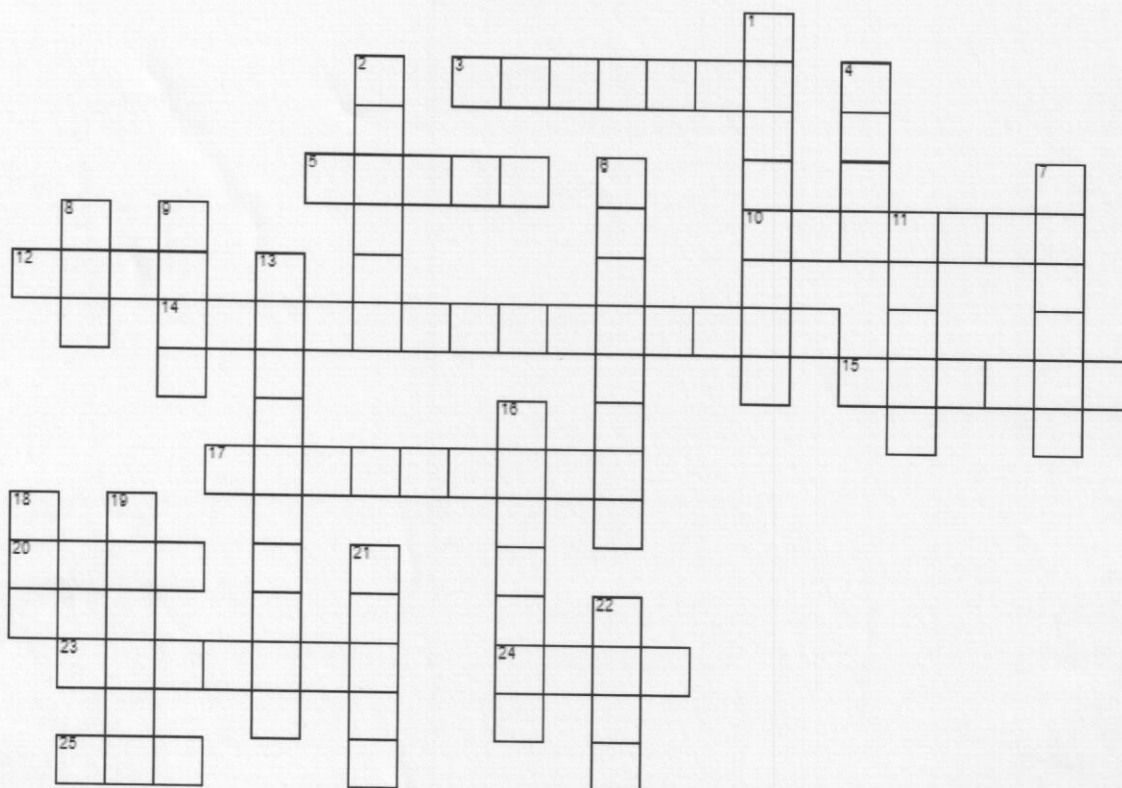
- 3 - Colclessers
- 10 - Pauls
- 17 - Amicks
- 24 - Hands

OCTOBER GREETERS

- 1 - Phil & Nicole
- 8 - Harley & Ann, Hannah
- 15 - Vickie & Ashlee
- 22 - Larry & Joyce
- 29 - Roger & Reece

OCTOBER ACCOLYTES

- 1 - Pauls
- 8 - Colclessers
- 15 - Amicks
- 22 - Hands
- 29 - Colclessers



ACROSS

- 3 Month of Rally Day
 5 Organist's last name
 10 Sonny's last name
 12 Number of animals Moses put in ark
 14 Church website: www.____.org
 15 Pleasant ____
 17 Staff Pastor Parish ____ Committee
 20 Name of painting in east window stained glass: Rock of ____
 23 John the ____
 24 First part of Mission Statement: ____ Christ in a personal way
 25 Last animal found in Pleasant Chapel

DOWN

- 1 Original Denomination: United ____
 2 Last pastor's last name
 4 Current book of sermon series
 6 Small building north of church
 7 Founder of Methodism
 8 Year church was built: Nineteen Hundred ____
 9 Faith, ____, and love
 11 Jesus said, "I am the ____ of the world"
 13 Sandwich type at church supper
 16 Church's city name
 18 Last name of lay leader
 19 State where Chestermans winter
 21 Disciple who denied Jesus 3 times
 22 Sport the pastor refers to most

Grandparents Day - Sunday, September 10, 2017

A Child's View of Grandma and Grandpa
(as seen through a child's eyes)

A grandmother is a lady who has no little kids, so she likes other peoples's kids.

A grandfather is a man grandmother. He likes to go on walks with kids and talk about fishing and things like that.

Grandmas don't have to do anything but be there. They're old, and so they shouldn't play hard or run. They let you ride the "pretend horse" at Kmart...and they always have plenty of quarters.

When they take you for walks they always stop for things like caterpillars and pretty leaves. Grandmas never say, "Hurry up".

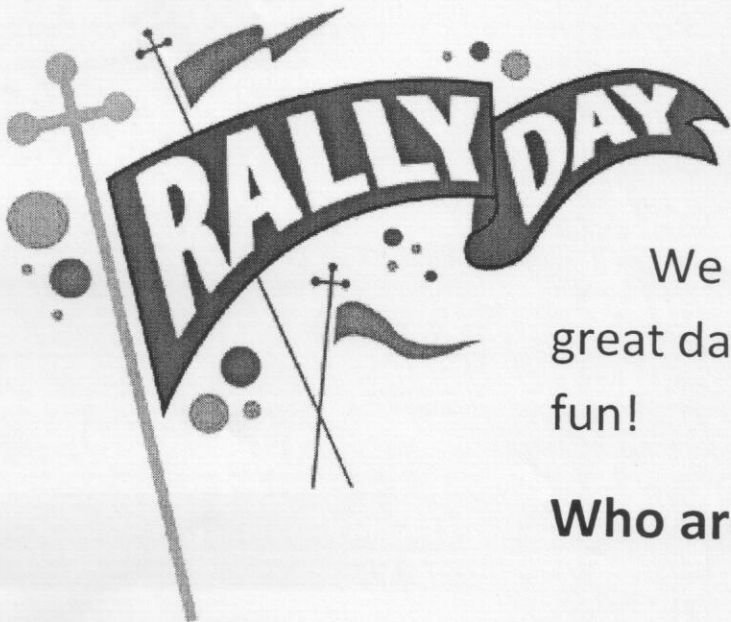
Usually they are fat--but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can do neat things like take out their teeth.

They can always answer questions like, "Why do dogs hate cats?" and "How come God isn't married?"

They don't talk baby talk like visitors do, because they know it's hard to understand.

When they read to you, they don't skip. And they never mind reading the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandma and grandpa, because they're the only grown-ups who seem to always have time for you.



Rally Day is Sunday

October 8

We are looking forward to a
great day of worship, food, and
fun!

Who are you going to invite?

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

2016 OPENING CHECKING BALANCE	\$9,095.94
TRANSFERS FROM SAVINGS	\$0.00
TRANSFERS TO SAVINGS	\$8,000.00
CHURCH OFFERING	\$43,475.64
COMMUNITY AID OFFERING	\$0.00
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	\$2,266.00
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	\$0.00
VBS OFFERING	\$100.00
BIRTHDAY OFFERING	\$18.00
TRAVELLER OFFERING	\$25.00
MEMORIAL OFFERING	\$0.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$45,884.64
AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING	\$1,582.23
NEEDED EACH WEEK	\$945.00
OVERAGE OR DEFICIT	\$637.23

	2017 ACTUAL	2017 BUDGET	PERCENT SPENT	DOLLARS REMAINING
SPECIALS PAID TO IC	\$660.00	\$2,366.00	27.90%	\$1,706.00
TITHE/APPORTIONMENTS	\$4,234.51	\$7,000.00	60.49%	\$2,765.49
ASS. CHURCHES-BIBLES	\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00%	\$200.00
BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES	\$348.35	\$500.00	69.67%	\$151.65
CUSTODIAN	\$1,225.00	\$2,100.00	58.33%	\$875.00
GUEST MINISTER	\$300.00	\$600.00	50.00%	\$300.00
INSURANCE PROPERTY	\$3,387.00	\$3,500.00	96.77%	\$113.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$147.83	\$500.00	29.57%	\$352.17
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$208.99	\$500.00	41.80%	\$291.01
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION	\$ 9,750.08	\$16,000.00	60.94%	\$6,249.92
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	\$227.68	\$950.00	23.97%	\$722.32
WORSHIP/EVANG. COMMITTEE	\$321.52	\$450.00	71.45%	\$128.48
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	\$1,128.00	\$2,500.00	45.12%	\$1,372.00
CHURCH FUEL	\$2,409.38	\$6,000.00	40.16%	\$3,590.62
TELEPHONE	\$408.37	\$850.00	48.04%	\$441.63
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)
	\$29,257.83	\$49,183.00	59.49%	\$19,925.17
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$1,008.89	\$945.00		

WEEK 29

BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2017 \$15,313.75
SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF JULY 31, 2017 \$48,078.75
SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF DEC. 31, 2016 \$40,053.24

JOHN ROGERS, TREASURER

PASTOR'S COMPENSATION BREAKDOWN

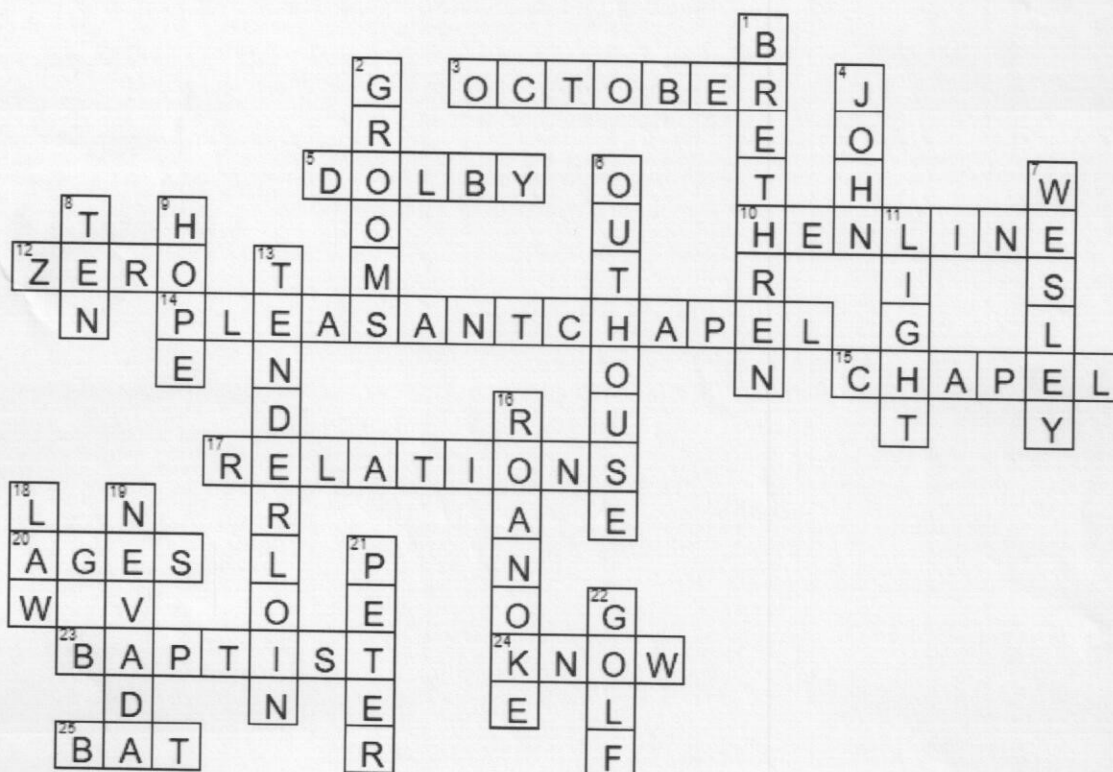
HOUSING ALLOWANCE \$ - Pretax
GROSS WAGES \$ 9,750.08
TOTAL COMPENSATION \$ 9,750.08

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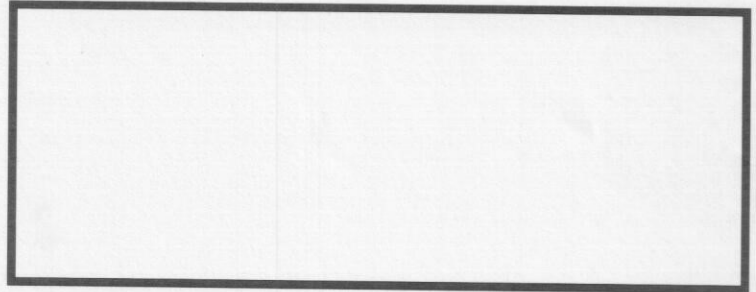
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NS ZSEUDTE NFD YSHPU JKN BE SHUDH NFON NFD YSHPU
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And here is your hint:

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MY CHURCH has but one temple, wide as the world is wide,

Set with a million stars, where a million hearts abide.



My church has no creed to bar A single brother
man

But says, "Come thou and worship " to everyone
who can.

My church has no roof nor walls, nor floors save
the beautiful sod —

For fear, I would seem to limit the love of the
illimitable God.