

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

May 2018

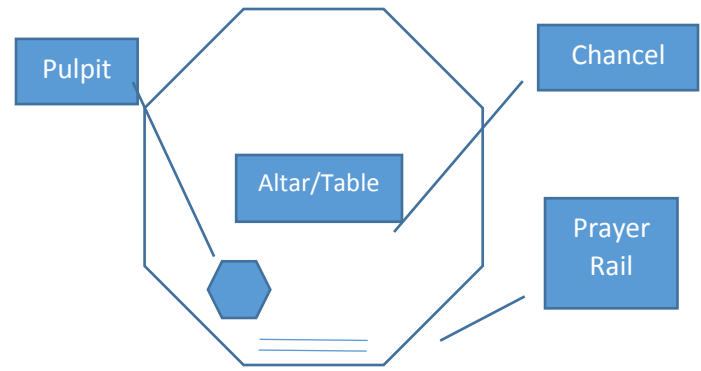
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I was talking with my neighbor the other day regarding the design of the Pleasant Chapel building. We were talking about the windows and the thought and intention that went into the stories of the stained glass as well as the layout of the church itself.

I was reminded about how the chancel area was designed. The whole of the Chancel area (where the choir, the altar, the pulpit and lectern are), are *set apart* from the rest of the sanctuary. This area is elevated and has a polygon shape to it. The pulpit has this shape to it as well. There is some significance to this in its design in that the polygon symbolizes a space in between heaven (often represented as a circle) and earth (often represented as a square). The polygon shape is in-between a square and a circle.



Originally, this area was separated a bit more than it currently is. The prayer rail extended all the way from the side stairways. There was no center set of steps. The first few pews also extended from the south to the east. The current center aisle did not allow access to the front.

The purpose for this was to maintain a bit more of a separation from the chancel's area. It was a bit more guarded. There was a deliberate attempt to maintain a more *set apart* or *holy* space within the church. No doubt, this is a carry-over from our Catholic friends and our traditions rooted there. Many Catholic churches still maintain this separation.

The photo above is from 1944 (note the WW II banner on the left). Sometime after that, center steps were added and the center aisle was

opened. I'd like to say this was done for theological purposes, but more than likely, someone declared we needed a center aisle for weddings.

But there is some wonderful theology there. While the Catholics do maintain the need for some separation and a higher regard for the role of the priest and that holy space, we Protestants do not. We believe that all have access directly to God, to his table, to the cross, and to the Bible – all symbolically represented in the front of our church. Opening the rail and the aisle declares an openness and that we all have access.

Originally, and during the time of Jesus, this space was in the temple and was separated by a large veil or curtain.

Mark 15:37-39 (NIV) ³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. ³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

The meaning here is the veil is torn and all people have access to the most holy. You and I through Scripture, through prayer, through Communion have *communion* with God. We do not need a priest for that. We do not need a pastor or a parent or someone who is perhaps further along in their spiritual maturity for us to connect with our God. I need reminded of that privilege that you and I have. Because of Jesus' completed work at the cross, we can bring our needs to our Father – directly! From Hebrews 16:16, "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. "

My prayers is that we do just that – approach God's throne with confidence that we may receive his mercy and his grace.

United Methodist Women

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 14 at The Heritage of Huntington. President Jill Law opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer.

Roll call was answered by eight ladies, each one naming our kind of pie. Minutes were read and approved. Correspondence: A thank you from Ilene Lahr for the Easter Lily, cards and prayers. Treasurer's report was given.

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

Old Business: Easter Lilies were purchased for Shut – ins and others and then delivered to them by the UMW and others.

New business: Mother – Daughter Banquet will be Sunday May 6 @ 4:00 pm at Pleasant Chapel Church. We will be entertained by the "Noteables Singing Group". We will have a meal in the fellowship room following the program.

Offerings were taken.

Program: Julie Wegmann read a "Raindrop Poem, The Legend of the Raindrop" from Someone Cares by Helen Steiner Rice. We then worked on making homemade cards to mail to shut – ins and others. The cards were very nice and furnished by the committee: Joyce Hand, Debbie Hall and Julie Wegmann. Ilo Jane Martin also hosted the meeting.

Jill closed the meeting by reading scripture from I Thessalonians 5:12-15.

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Calendar

May 6: Mother – Daughter Banquet at 4:00 pm at Pleasant Chapel.

May 7: Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30

May 13: Mother's Day

May 14: Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30

May 20: Whitko Gospel Choir during worship at Pleasant Chapel. There will be a carry in meal following.

May 21: Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30

May 28: Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced)

Announcements

Results from the Tenderloin Supper; we served 273 people. Proceeds of 1827.00 was turned over to the Pleasant Chapel Trustees. A big, big thank you to each and every one that helped in any way to make the supper a success. Thanks again.

Mother – Daughter Banquet will be on Sunday, May 6 @ 4:00 pm here at Pleasant Chapel. A musical program will be presented by the “Noteables”. After the program refreshments will be served. All ladies are invited – bring a friend too. Any men are welcome to attend also.

Mission offering – special offerings for missions from Pleasant Chapel for the months of April, May, and June is Habitat for Humanity and UMCOR. 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 UMC.

Sign up sheets for helping with Children’s Church and also providing snacks is on the coffee / cookie table.

Easter Lilies adorned our church on Easter morning. They were beautiful. Thank you to the United Methodist Women for purchasing these for shut – ins and others.

Twelve boys and girls attended the Easter Party on Saturday morning, March 31, each one accompanied by their parents. A good, fun time was had by all. Coloring eggs, hearing an Easter story, refreshments (cookies, koolade, and candy) and then hunting eggs outside. The weather was cold, but we hunted eggs outside anyway! A big thank you to all the youth and adults that helped.



Thank You’s

Thank you from Ilene Lahr for the beautiful Easter lily, cards and prayers. It all is special and means a lot.

Thank you from Dale and Olean Sheets for the Easter lily, cards and prayers from their Pleasant Chapel Family.

From Leona; Dear Pleasant Chapel Church Family, Thank you for your cards, thoughts, and prayers, and food so generously offered during my recent illness. I am truly blessed to have so many friends and family willing to help me. Love in Christ, Leona.



*Vacation Bible School
At Pleasant Chapel
June 11-15, 2018
9:30-11:00
Classes 3 years old through 7th
grade.*



When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, Isaiah 43:2

Mother-Daughter

Banquet

Sunday, May 6, 2018

4:00 pm

At Pleasant Chapel

Musical Program presented by

"The Noteables"

All ladies please come for an

Enjoyable afternoon

May Birthdays



May	1	Matt	Law
May	1	Rev. Mark	Schlechy
May	3	Roger	Colclessor
May	3	Emily	DelReal
May	4	Hannah	Henline
May	8	Jeremy	Paul
May	8	Jason	Hunter
May	9	David	Morris
May	9	Florence	Morris
May	10	Audrey	Ford
May	10	Tom	Thornburg
May	15	Vicki	Giordano
May	16	Austin	Amick
		Rev.	
May	18	Marvin	Grooms
May	19	Audree	Johnson
May	25	Jamie	Bernardin
May	25	Josie	McClure
May	29	Jillian	Parsons
May	31	Dennis	Sherbahn



May	13	Dale and Olean (73 yrs)	Sheets
May	24	Jason and Jillian	Parsons
May	31	John and Fran	Morris

May Greeters

6 - Cindy and Sarah
 13 – Vicki and Ashlee
 20 – Mike and Cory
 27 – Julie and Lillyn

May Acolytes

6 – Wisels
 13 – Colclessers
 20 – Magnusons
 27 – Pauls

June Greeters

3 - Larry and Joyce
 10 -Dale And Sue
 17 - Jim and Cynthia
 24 -Brent and John R.

June Acolytes

3 - Amicks
 10 - Hands
 17 – Wisels
 24 – Colclessers

July Greeters

1- Roger and Ellen
 8- Julie and Lillyan
 15 – Kevin and Candy
 22 – Conner and Renee
 29 Karla and Tammy S.

July Acolytes

1 – Magnusons
 8 – Pauls
 15 – Amicks
 22 – Hands
 29 - Wisels

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Church Signs:

History is His story

**Coincidence is when God chooses to remain
anonymous**

**We don't change the message,
the message changes us**

'Coming ready or not!' – Jesus

There are no atheists in hell

God answers knee-mail

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1

**Life has many choices. Eternity has two.
What's yours?**

