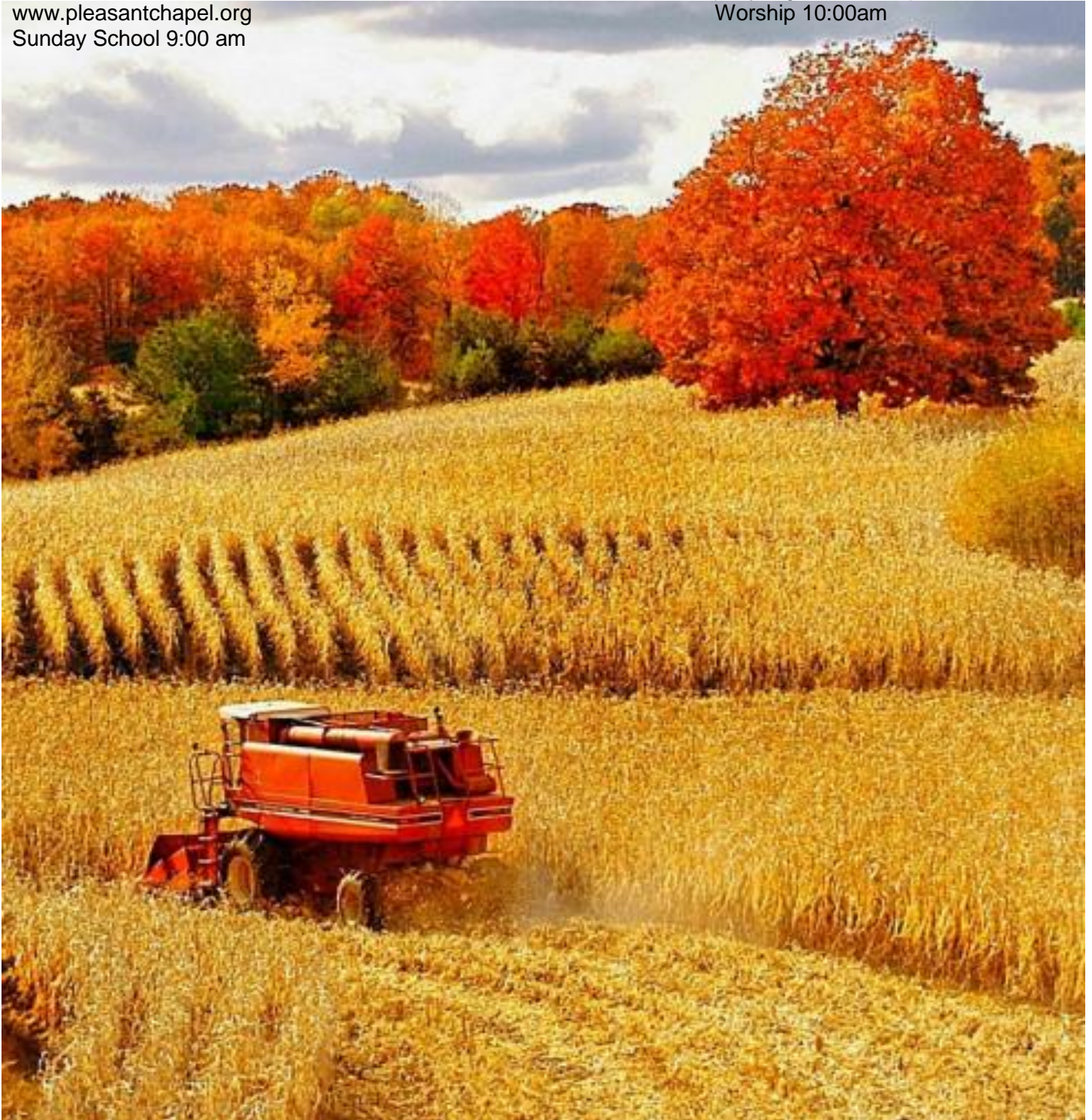


# THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

## October 2018

Pleasant Chapel UMC  
880 E 1100 N Roanoke, IN 46783  
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[www.pleasantchapel.org](http://www.pleasantchapel.org)  
Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am



The United Methodist Church is approaching a defining moment in her history. The church as struggled with the understanding of human sexuality and the governing philosophy of that understanding as it would relate to the church's practices. The fundamental issue for the church is to decide if 1) same-sex unions can be sanctioned and performed in a UM church and 2) can gay/lesbian people be ordained in UM church ministry. The UMC has wrestled with the issue for decades and has essentially procrastinated a decision for fear of schism within the denomination. However it has been determined that it is time for the church to move forward on the issue.

From UMC:

"The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church."

The decision reached at the General Conference in February will have an impact on Pleasant Chapel UMC. Exactly what that impact will be is unknown. However, it is wise to be informed of all that is happening and to determine what this church believes regarding human sexuality and its implications for the church. On our website are links to the proposals for General Conference, articles with varying viewpoints on the issue, and an opportunity for you to share comments. Our website is [www.pleasantchapel.org](http://www.pleasantchapel.org).

I believe there is tremendous liberties given to God's people. And within those liberties are lifestyles that vary. Paul spoke about that in Romans (below are some selected verses - the whole chapter is worth the read).

**Romans 14 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. <sup>2</sup> One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. ... <sup>5</sup> One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.... <sup>10</sup> You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat... <sup>19</sup> Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. <sup>20</sup> Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. <sup>21</sup> It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall. <sup>22</sup> So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves. <sup>23</sup> But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

I believe this to mean that people have diversity in the way they live. Paul uses food and drink as examples that, for some all food and drink is acceptable, for others not so. And to each, in their own way, they do so to honor God. But we are not to cause others to stumble in their faith *because* of these differences in *disputable matters* (v. 1). So followers of Christ live out lives with different attitudes and practices regarding things like card playing, gambling, Sunday work, alcohol consumption, remarriage after divorce, leadership role of women, and differences in doctrinal issues such as baptism, communion, inerrancy of Scripture, or end-time theory. These *disputable matters* make for a Church who is diverse with varying understandings and practices. BUT we are not

to use our differences as roadblocks for others. How this should be played out in the church is fueled by love and celebrated. We should acknowledge these differences and be able to, in love, discuss and debate healthily in order to grow and to glorify God. BUT this liberty is not a license to do anything you feel. Paul is talking about *disputable matters* or in other translations say “opinions”. There are things that are not disputable or they are not up for individual opinion. Things like

- Belief in God the Father, Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit
- The life, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ
- The holiness of the Church and the communion of saints
- Christ's second coming, the Day of Judgement and salvation of the faithful.

These are unarguable truths of our faith. There are behaviors such as murder, adultery, gossiping, lying, greed, and lust that are NOT disputable matters that some can somehow justify as ok for their life. There are boundaries and there are limits. And so here, then, is the question: Is homosexual **activity** sinful? Is this out of bounds or beyond the limits of acceptable behavior within the faith? This is the question I do not see being answered in any of the discussions. In fact, I don't believe that question is even being asked. Current changes in our culture have forced the question to be answered and it *is* time to come to a decision on this. Once this is resolved, then the church can move on to making polity and being the church.

I hope you will take the time to become more informed about this issue and what it may mean for us as followers of Christ and people of Pleasant Chapel. Continue to pray for our Church as we carry out our mission.

Joel



	7/1/2018	7/8/2018	7/15/2018	7/22/2018	7/29/2018	8/5/2018	8/12/2018	8/19/2018	8/26/2018	9/2/2018	9/9/2018	9/16/2018
Attendance	52	53	46	32	63	44	49	48	52	47	54	53
Giving	\$ 1,477	\$ 1,756	\$ 1,247	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,078	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,133	\$ 961	\$ 2,697	\$ 1,663	\$ 908	\$ 1,619



October	3	Phyllis Siimon
October	4	Monica Morris
October	5	Nicholas Rupert
October	6	Richard Giordano
October	8	Adam Rogers
October	9	Tony Hicks
October	12	Josiah Butler
October	13	Rolla Parsons
October	16	Noah Rensner
October	19	Ezra Parsons
October	20	Deloris Smith
October	31	Renee Hicks
October	31	Ilene Lahr

*Happy Anniversary*

Oct	6	Rev. Tom and Audrey Ford
Oct	10	Harley and Ann Henline

Oct. Greeters

7 – Phil and Nicole  
14 – Harley and Ann  
21 – Vicki and Ashlee  
28 – Larry and Joyce

Oct. Acolytes

7 – Hands  
14 – Wisels  
21 – Amicks  
28 – Magnusons

Nov. Greeters

4 – Roger and Reece  
11 John and Anna  
18- Andy and Andrea  
25 – Leona and Sarah

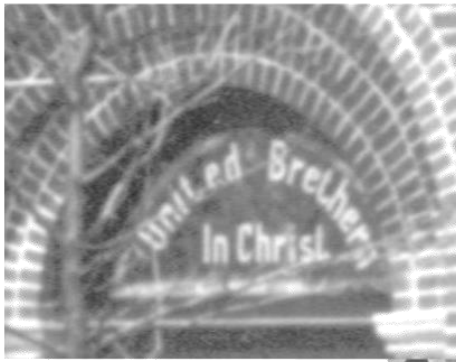
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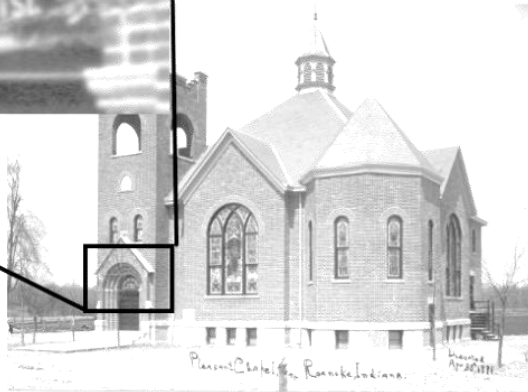
Soup Supper



October 6  
4-7



1910



Tammy Schacht provided us with these photos. The first picture was from the dedication of the church in 1910. Notice the wording on the transom window - "United Brethren in Christ." That is not the current window. The other two pictures are from the acetylene explosion in 1920. It appears that the transom window must have been destroyed and replaced with the one we currently have. Interesting! Thanks Tammy for the pics. ***If you have interesting historical photos from the church, we would love to copy them and make them available for all to enjoy.***



1920

2018 OCTOBER						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

October 1 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30

October 6 - Soup Supper and Bazaar at Pleasant Chapel 4-7

October 8 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30

October 10 - UMW (time and place to be announced)

October 14 - Rally Day

October 15 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30

October 22 - Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30

October 27 - Block Party

Looking ahead –

November 10 Tenderloin Supper at PC 4-7.

## Announcements

**Saturday, October 6** - Soup Supper and Bazaar at Pleasant Chapel 4-7. See details in this newsletter.

**Sunday, October 14** - Rally Day at Pleasant Chapel. Sunday School at 9:00, Worship at 10:00. Special Music. Carry-in dinner at noon. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

**Bible Studies** - All are invited to Parson's home each Monday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion.

- The Southside Bible Study is starting back up. See Magnusons for details.

**Missions Offering** - Special offerings for Missions from Pleasant Chapel for the month of October, November, and December are LOVE INC. and the Redbird Mission in Kentucky. When giving for these missions write "missions" in the memo of your check or on the outside of the church envelope. Make checks payable to Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church.

**Sign up papers** for the coffee/cookie table snacks and also children's church are on the table under the balcony.

See the latest **Youth for Christ newsletter** on the bulletin board.

**Thank you** to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table and everyone that teaches the children's church on Sunday morning.

**Thank you** from Bashor Children's Home in Goshen, Indiana for the mission offering from Pleasant Chapel on September 14th, 2018, in the amount of \$110.

**Thank You** from Love, In The Name of Christ (INC) for the donation from our United Methodist Women for food for their Love Unity Feast fundraiser that was held on August 19th.

**Thank you** from the Habitat for Humanity for all the generosity and support they received from Pleasant Chapel. They really appreciate and are grateful for this.



**The Roanoke Food Pantry** is sponsored by the Interchurch Alliance which Pleasant Chapel is a part of. Recently they had a lot of their merchandise stolen from the pantry. The churches are coming together to replenish the supplies the food pantry distributes. Pleasant Chapel has committed to helping with laundry detergent, fabric softener, and dish soap. If you could grab some extra the next time you are at the store and bring it to the church it would be greatly appreciated!

# Soup Supper

Saturday Oct. 6, 2018  
4-7 pm



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## Menu

Chili, Vegetable Soup, Sandwiches,  
Celery and Carrot Sticks, coffee, orange  
drink, HOMEMADE PIE, cake

Eat you fill ... pay as you will

Bake Sale  
by the UM Women





Melanie Sue Dinius, age 76, of Huntington, died at 4:00 a.m. Friday, August 31, 2018 at Markle Health and Rehabilitation.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, September 14, 2018 at Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church with Joel Yeager officiating.

Preferred memorials are to Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Melanie was born on November 20, 1941 in Huntington, the daughter of Marjorie Fluke and Harry K. Walter. She graduated from Huntington High School in 1959 and married Carl Lee Dinius on January 23, 1960 in Huntington; he preceded her in death on May 5, 2000 after 40 years of marriage. Melanie was a homemaker and provided childcare out of her home for years before working for 3-D Department Store until its closing. She was active in her church, Pleasant Chapel United Methodist, and held several offices over the years. Melanie was a member of Chief LaFontaine Saddle Club in Huntington and enjoyed going on trail rides. Her love of antiques and collectibles led her to found "Dumplings Dabblings." She loved cooking and hosting get-togethers with family and friends. She was known for her kindness, generosity of heart, and warmth.

Survivors include sons Randall J. (Hamish) Dinius of Huntington and Ryan L. Dinius of Shalom, Arkansas, a daughter, Tammy (Thomas) Thornburg of Huntington, three grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two step grandsons, and four step-great grandchildren. Her parents and husband precede her in death.

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### **Safety and Security Team**

Because of the many active shooter situations in churches, schools, theaters, and other public places, the Indiana State Police and the Huntington County Sheriff's Department put on a seminar for local churches regarding planning for such events. Several members of Pleasant Chapel attended this meeting and it was determined that we need to have plans in place for emergencies not only for a potential active shooter situation but for other emergency situations as well. These include medical issues at church events, fire, and threatening weather to name a few. So we are creating a Safety and Security team whose primary tasks are to develop practices that would ensure the safety and security of all people during all church events. If you are interested in being part of this team, contact Joel Yeager or Brent Hamell.



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*From one pumpkin to another!*

*A woman was asked by a  
coworker, "What's it like to be a  
Christian?"*

*The coworker replied, "It's like  
being a pumpkin."*

*"God picks you from the patch,  
brings you in, and washes all the  
dirt off of you. Then He cuts off  
the top and scoops out all the  
yucky stuff. He removes the  
seeds of doubt, hate, and  
greed. Then He carves you a new  
smiling face, and puts His light  
inside of you to shine for all the  
world to see."*

