THE PLEASANT TRAVELER September 2018

Pleasant Chapel UMC 880 E 1100 N Roanoke, IN 46783 260-519-5324 www.pleasantchapel.org Sunday School 9:00 am Pastor Joel Yeager 260-229-4994 joelyeager@embarqmail.com Worship 10:00am There's a funny story about two golfers, Jack and Steve, who are playing in the Club Championship. Their match is tied going into the 18th hole. Steve hits his ball perfectly down the fairway while Jack slices his ball into the trees. Both men go to the woods to try to find Jack's ball. They searched for several minutes and Jack tells Steve to go on ahead and play his shot. Steve plays his second shot and hits an average shot close to the green. About that time Jack yells "found it!" Jack hits his second shot and Steve sees it land just inches from the hole. Here is Steve's dilemma: he knows Jack is a lying cheater. While they were in the woods searching for the ball, Steve secretly found Jack's ball, picked it up, and put it in his pocket knowing Jack would have to take penalty strokes for his lost ball,



ensuring that Steve would win the match. So should Steve confront Jack? The problem is both of them have character flaws that are exposed in their match. Both were trying to cheat to win.

That story is an adaptation from a joke told by comedian Gary Mule Deer. It is cleaned up a bit for the purpose of being used in this illustration. It demonstrates the character flaw in people. The Bible teaches that we are all created in God's image.

Genesis 1:27 (NRSV)²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

But that image became marred by sin. We are still the bearers of God's image, but that image has to change back into the originally intended image. Right now, all of humankind have flaws in their character because of sin. All of us, like those two golfers, have similar tendencies that are less than honorable. Thank you God for your wonderful, amazing grace that covers all of these flaws! In your eyes we are FLAWLESS! And thank you God for your grace that is bringing us back into the image you created us for.

¹⁰ [we have clothed ourselves] with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. Colossians 3:10 (NRSV)

Matthew 7:3-5 (NRSV) ³ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

Matthew's passage could possibly be rewritten to say "how can you call your golf partner a "lying cheater", when you have his stolen ball in your own pocket? You hypocrite, first be a player of high integrity, and then you can help encourage others to do the same."

I (and I think most of the rest of us) need to be reminded of this truth. When the character flaws of other people become evident, before I react or respond, I need to consider myself and my flaws as well.

This is always good advice, but may be especially applicable during this time of transition in the United Methodist Church. It is easy to look at others who differ philosophically, theologically, culturally, or sexually. The challenge for us becomes: how do we make decisions with people who have clear differences, but do it in love and with the knowledge that everyone involved has flaws as well?

May you and I be players in this game, who work toward maintaining the highest level of integrity and character and be the best image bearers possible.



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Sep	19	Mike and Cory	Ayers
Sep	24	David and Cindy	Fairchild
Sep	26	Rev. Steve and Becky	Fritchman

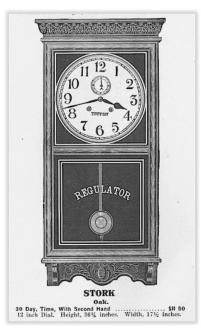
September	6	Nathan	Knuckles
September	8	Wayne	Schoff
September	11	Clara	Pease
September	11	Virginia	Rogers
September	14	Jeanette	Brown
September	17	Carolyn	Dolby
September	21	Allison	Hicks
September	23	Mark	Hoffman
September	23	Lynn	Hoover
September	23	Jason	Parsons
September	24	Andrea	Amick
September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

Thank you Tyler Hunt and Hunts Tree Service with helping the Giordanos tidy up the shrubs and tree branches at the church!

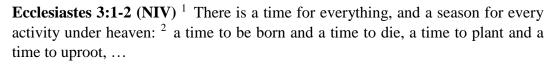




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	June 3, 2018	June 10, 201 ₈	June 17, 201	June 24, 201 ₈	July 1, 2018	July 8, 2018	July 15, 2018	July 22, 2018	July 29, 2018	August 5, 201	August 12, 201	August 19, 20	August 26, 201
total attendance	65	54	56	66	52	54	46	32	64	44	50	48	48
Giving	\$ 2,996	\$	\$ 822	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,477	\$ 1,756	\$ 1,247	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,078	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,133	\$ 961	\$ 2,697



Pleasant Chapel circa 1884



And there is a time to preserve! We are looking at preserving the rich history of Pleasant Chapel in the form of a document that would share stories and pictures of the church in the past. We would like to make this available for the 175th church anniversary in 2019. And speaking of time, Jim Bowman is working on having our two clocks serviced and restored. Thank you Jim for that! The large wall clock in the back of the sanctuary is in a photo of our church from 1914. See the picture showing the cost of that clock at that time. (\$11.50)

The other clock which is in the upstairs office is even older and is similar to the one on the right. It was obtained by the church in 1884. The second church building was built in 1883, so most likely this clock was part of that *new* building.

These are the kind of things we want to compile, preserve, and share. Do you have any old photos of the church? Or do you have documents relating to the history of the church? Or do you have stories about this church's past?



We would love to **copy** what you might have. We would simply digitize it for the historical document and **return the original to you.**

If you have anything you would share for this project, contact Matt Law, Tammy Lickey, or Joel Yeager.





Announcements

Attention - The "Points for Education" coupons found on some food products - please cut these off the box or package and give them to Candy Raichart. She will mail these to McCurdy Mission School in New Mexico. The United Methodist Church supports this school

Missions offering - Special offerings for Missions from Pleasant Chapel for the month of July, August, and September are "By the Book Bible Trailer (for children in third and fourth grades), and Bashor Children's Home in Goshen Indiana. 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.

Thank you from Ilene Lahr and family to the Pleasant Chapel Women for the delicious cookies. It was so thoughtful for you to think of me. I appreciate all the beautiful cards and prayers. Love Ilene and family.

Thank you from UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief for our \$650 mission giving to them on June 14th, 2018 and also our mission giving to them on July 19th, 2018 in the amount of \$50. 100% of the mission offerings to UMCOR goes to missions.

United Methodist Women

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Wednesday August 8th at 1 at the church.

President Jill Law opened the meeting by reading "missed opportunities".

Roll call was answered by telling "what is your favorite cookie." Minutes were read and approved. Correspondence: thank you to John and Fran Morris for their money donation to the *Pleasant Chapel Traveler*. Treasurer's report was given.

We signed cards to send to friends, get well and for birthdays.

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Unfinished Business – A nice time was had by everyone on Friday August 3rd that attended the evening dinner.

Offerings were taken.

Program -Cynthia Chesterman read "Breaking God's Heart." We need to show God's love to others. Each one present had brought a recipe of unbaked cookie dough. We baked dozens of cookies to take to special people in our church congregation and neighbors. We package the cookies and each one present delivered them.

<u>Sign up papers</u> 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 that has furnish snacks for the coffee/cookie table and everyone that teaches the children's church on Sunday morning.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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	
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September 3 - Labor Day No Bible Study at Parsons

September 7 – Fall Festival in Roanoke

September 8 – Fall Festival in Roanoke

- Bake sale by Pleasant Chapel UMW at the Farmers' market in Roanoke
- September 9 Grandparent's Day honor your grandparents
- September 10 Bible Study at Parsons

September 12 – United Methodist Women at 1:00 pm at the church

September 17 – Bible Study at Parsons

September 24 - Bible Study at Parsons

September 29 – Cleanup day at the church – inside and out 9:00am

Looking ahead -

October 6 - Fall Soup Supper

October 14 - Rally Day

October 27 – Block Party

If anyone is interested in participating in a bake sale for the Roanoke Farmers' Market, contact Jill Law for details. Sept. Greeters 2 – Jim and Cynthia 9 – Dale and Sue 16 – Mike and Cory 23 – Tom and Tammy L. 30 – Andy and Andrea

Sept. Acolytes

2- Hands 9- Wisels 16 -Amicks 23 -Magnusons 30 –Colclessers

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

<u>Nov. Greeters</u> 4 – Roger and Reece 11 John and Anna 18- Andy and Andrea 25 – Leona and Sarah

Nov. Acolytes

4- Colclessers 11- Magnusons 18- Amicks 25 -Hands Pleasant Chapel 880 E 1100 N Roanoke, IN 46783



"Live your life so folks won't have to lie at "There are some questions that can't be "Life is cray cray ... Jesus is the way way" Sign ideas for Joann to consider for "Do you know what hell is? Come hear "Does life stink? ... We have a pew for "Just love everyone... I'll sort 'em out "God didn't create anything without "Some people should use gluestick answered by Google" instead of chapstick" our preacher" your funeral" later - God" our sign: you"