

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

December 2018

Pleasant Chapel UMC
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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am

A silhouette of a nativity scene is shown against a dark blue, starry night sky. The scene includes two camels on the left, a shepherd with a staff in the center, and a donkey on the right. The text "HE CAME" is overlaid in large, white, bold letters across the middle of the image.

HE CAME

Around 47 BC, Julius Caesar wrote in a letter to the Roman senate the Latin words “*Veni, vidi, vici.*” Translated he said “I came; I saw; I conquered” referring to quick victory in his short war against another army. Caesar boasting of his accomplishment to bring glory to himself. The phrase is used sometimes as an exclamation of great victory or after some major accomplishment. “*veni, vidi, vici*” is a popular tattoo used as an expression of machoism or domination.

Just a few years after Julius Caesar made this claim another Came, Saw, and Conquered. Though no doubt quite a different coming, quite a different view and definitely a different conquest, Jesus came, Jesus saw, and Jesus conquered.

He came. One of the may deep mysteries of our faith is the incarnation – the becoming flesh of God himself in Jesus Christ. There was a need in the great redemptive plan of God for himself to come as human to accomplish his great act of love.



Isaiah 7:14 (KJV) ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

In order to undo what was done in the garden, the act of a deceiver, the forbidden fruit of a tree, the sin of humans and its effect on all humans, another human had to come. He came. He came though, of a virgin, in order that he would be without the nature of sin as it is with all other human beings. This great mystery: He came. And he came for all of the world. And he came for me and for you!



He saw. He saw the state of this world. He saw and felt and experienced a world ravished by the effects of fallen-ness. The despair, the disease, the disappointment, the depravity, and the death; all of which Jesus encountered.

Hebrews 4:15 (NRSV) ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

He sees us for who we are and feels for us. He cares deeply for me and for you. There is nothing you and I have gone through, or are going through, or will go through that Jesus has not seen and understood. Yet he loves us! He sees us just as we are and beckons us to draw near.

He conquered. It is not the kind of conquest the world had ever thought or seen, but this one is the greatest conquest of all. The kingdom that would follow would be one that would never end, stretch to all corners of the universe, and impact every life ever lived. When Jesus came, he fulfilled the Father’s plan to restore humankind to the intended relationship they were to have with their Creator. He did this at the cross and verified his triumph at an empty tomb. He is the conqueror of death. And he did this for me and for you.

Luke 2:11 (KJV) ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

It is my prayer that we embrace this truth a bit more this Christmas season – that you and I would claim the marvelous, mysterious gift given. Luke 2:11 is for you! Unto YOU he is born and he is YOUR savior! He has come! He has seen! He has conquered!



May you and yours receive his gift and then *re-gift* it to another.



- December 2 Stephen Dolby
- December 3 Robert Lahr
- December 3 Richard VanDuyn
- December 4 Sonny Henline
- December 6 Sue Grooms
- December 6 Jeri Johnson
- December 8 Diane Sherbahn
- December 9 Dale Law
- December 9 Matt Whitaker
- December 10 John Rogers
- December 10 Tom Nei
- December 11 Elizabeth Stocker
- December 15 Maddie Fairchild
- December 15 Andy Amick
- December 15 Makaihla Raichart
- December 17 Jill Law
- December 18 Rev. John Morris
- December 18 Dorotha Souers
- December 21 Sandra MacDonald
- December 22 Grace Fairchild
- December 22 Kevin Beck
- December 23 John W. Rogers
- December 26 Lily Ayers



Dec 30 Jim and Cynthia Chesterman



**Come Caroling
the 9th!
It is a blast!**

- Dec. Greeters
- 2 – John and Deloris
 - 9- Tom and Tammy Thornburg
 - 16 – Nick and Kasey
 - 23 – Roger and Ellen
 - 30 – Tom and Tammy Lickey

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

- Jan. Greeters
- 6 – Roger and Reece
 - 13 John and Anna
 - 20- Andy and Andrea
 - 27 – Leona and Sarah

- Jan. Acolytes
- 6- Colclessers
 - 13- Magnusons
 - 20- Amicks
 - 27 –Hands

	9/2/2018	9/9/2018	9/16/2018	9/23/2018	9/30/2018	10/7/2018	10/14/2018	10/21/2018	10/28/2018	11/4/2018	11/11/2018	11/18/2018	11/25/2018
Attendance	47	54	53	47	47	67	66	45	52	62	35	54	54
Giving	\$ 1,663	\$ 908	\$ 1,619	\$ 782	\$ 791	\$ 1,529	\$ 1,758	\$ 772	\$ 971	\$ 3,208	\$ 870	\$ 570	

2018 DECEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- Dec 3 – Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30
- Dec 9 – Caroling – light lunch after service then singing 12:00-
- Dec 10 – Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30
- Dec 10 – Bible Study at Magnusons at 6:30
- Dec 12 – UMW will meet at the church at 12:00
- Dec 16 - Christmas Choir Cantata during worship
- Dec 17 – Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30
- Dec 23 – Christmas Eve’s Eve Service at 7:00
- Dec 24 – NO Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30
- Dec 25 – Happy Birthday Jesus!
- Dec 30 – Unhanging of the Greens after worship service
- Dec 31 – NO Bible Study at Parsons at 6:30

Announcements

Mailboxes If you want to give Christmas card to any of our church family, please use our mailboxes. When you bring any cards, please sort them and put into each person's mailbox.

Pleasant Chapel UMW will meet at the church at 12:00 noon on Wednesday December 12. WE will travel to North Manchester for lunch, then go to see Carolann Sherbahn at Peabody. Let Jill Law know if you plan on going.

Pleasant Chapel Choir will be presenting a Christmas Cantata "The Love of God at Christmas" during the Sunday morning worship service on December 16th during the 10:00 worship service.

T'was the night before the night before. Christmas Eve's Eve service at Pleasant Chapel at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend this special service.

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 to everyone who filled the Samaritan Purse "Operation Classroom Boxes" to be delivered by Franklin Graham's organization to children in countries all over the world. We prepared 15 boxes at Pleasant Chapel.

Thank you from the Bashor Home Children's Home in Goshen, Indiana for the mission offering of \$220.00 in November 2018. Please read the thank you note on the bulletin board.

United Methodist Women

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Wednesday, Nov 14 at 1:00 pm. At Joann Dolby's house. President Jill Law opened the meeting by reading a devotion from the Upper Room.

Roll Call was answered by telling what we are most thankful for and also our favorite Thanksgiving food.

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given.

Cards were signed to send for birthdays and also Christmas.

Program: Joann presented a lesson on "Thanksgiving Offering", which is a Mission Offering.

Refreshments were served to seven ladies.



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He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. While He was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends deserted Him. He was turned over to His enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had – His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as

