

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

January 2019

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It is hard to believe we are peeling another year off of the calendar! 2018 has been a great year for Pleasant Chapel. It has been exciting to see some new faces at church and to see many grow in faith through this church.

No doubt this is the time when we set out to create goals for the year with the hopes of making improvements to our lives. Many of us make these New Year's resolutions with the sincere intent of seeing them through for the whole year. But unfortunately ... (you know how that typically works out!)

But the New Year still is a time to reflect a bit on where you have been and what you would like to see of yourself in the future. This is a great time for the church, as well, to reflect a bit on where the church has been and then consider the future of the church. 2019 is unique for Pleasant Chapel in that we will be celebrating its 175th anniversary. We can use this anniversary year and its celebration activities as a reason to look at goal setting and plans for improvements for



the church both physical improvements as well as improvements in its processes.

The next few Sundays, we will use the message time in our worship service to talk a bit about this church, its mission, its vision for the future, current programs, and opportunities for individual participation.

Having been here now for 2 ½ years, I believe there are some awesome strengths this church possesses. There are things about this congregation and the general function of the church that are exemplary. If you have been a part of this church your whole life, there is a chance you do not recognize these positive attributes. This simply is all you know. But for those of us who

have been in other churches, the strengths of the church are more obvious.

But that is not to say that there is no room for improvements. We should be constantly asking ourselves as a local church, “what can we be doing better in order to become a *great* church?”

And what is a *great* church and what does that look like? Once we have a vision of what that church would look like, then we can consider first steps to move toward becoming that great church (after re-reading that I feel like we need to make bright red hats that read “Make Pleasant Chapel Great!”)

I look forward to these next few Sundays and I can promise you this: there is a place for you in this process. In fact, this church's greatness is **DEPENDENT** upon you and how you can serve!

Joel





Jan 1 Brent Hammel
 Jan 2 Abby Hoffman
 Jan 3 Sally Knuckles
 Jan 6 Auston Charles
 Jan 6 Beck Fritchman
 Jan 8 Craig Simon
 Jan 9 Christy Charles
 Jan 9 Kevin Raichart
 Jan 10 Jayson Morris
 Jan 12 Cynthia Chesterman
 Jan 17 Gary Raichart
 Jan 19 Larry Stenzel
 Jan 21 Heather Parson
 Jan 21 Chris Sherbahn
 Jan 23 Joy Sheets
 Jan 23 Dan Sherbahn
 Jan 23 Bonita VanDuyn
 Jan 24 Barry Knuckles
 Jan 25 John Chesterman
 Jan 29 Ryan Dinius
 Jan 30 Sherry Ruppert
 Jan 31 Terri Brewer
 Jan 31 Aaron Sheets

Happy Anniversary

Jan 3 Tom and Tammy Lickey
 Jan 3 Bill and Diane Sherbahn



Thank you Pleasant Chapel Family for
 your Christmas Gift. We are honored to
 be a part of this church!

Joel and Karla

2019 JANUARY						
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		

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

Feb. Greeters

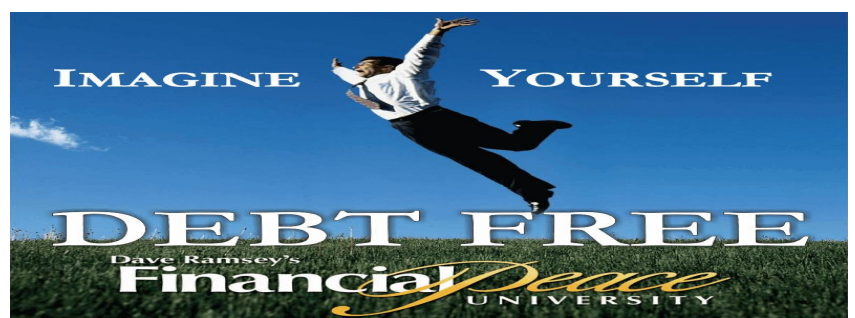
3 - Julie and Tammy S.
 10 – Reece and Lizzie
 17- Kevin and Candy
 24 – Sarah and Glorial

Feb. Acolytes

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

Events

Jan 7 – Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Jan 7 – SouthSide Bible Study at Magnusons 6:30
 Jan 9 – UMW at Jill Law's 1:00
 Jan 14 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Jan 16 – Brofest 7:00am
 Jan 21 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Jan 21 - SouthSide Bible Study TBD 6:30
 Jan 28 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Feb 3 - Souper Bowl



Sign up papers for the coffee/cookie table snacks and also children's church are on the table in front of the mailboxes. Everyone's help is appreciated!

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 planning on meeting the 1st and third Mondays of each month. See Magnusons for details.

Missions Offering - Special offerings for Missions from Pleasant Chapel for the months of January, February and March are the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home and the Roanoke Food Pantry. 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 UMC. (see giving article below for changes in Missions Offering)

Carolers. On December 9, eleven members of PC went

those who listened to us made our afternoon very enjoyable. Thank you to Joyce for planning this.

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 the Pleasant Chapel Youth and Young Adults from "Kate's Kart, Books from the Heart" for the \$200 donation to them on December 20, 2018. They appreciate our generosity in helping them to further their mission in area hospitals.

Thank you to all members of PC Choir for presenting the cantata "The Love of God at Christmas" during the worship service on December 16.

Thank you for the musical presentation at the Christmas Eve's Eve Service by the children and young people.

Thank you to Rolla Parsons and family for hosting "Breakfast with Santa" at PC on Saturday December 1. Many people

attended and enjoyed the breakfast. Santa was present for young and old to visit with. Money donations given were used to help families this Christmas and also

a donation to "Kate's Kart."

Charitable Giving

Below are the totals for contributions made from our church to ministries outside of our church in 2018

- One Great Hour of Sharing	\$150
- Associated Churches Bible Trailer Program	\$440
- Associated Churches general fund	\$250
- Habitat for Humanity	\$800
- Red Bird Mission	\$85
- UMCOR undesignated	\$700
- Indiana Children's Home	\$0
- Roanoke Food Pantry	\$100
- Youth For Christ / Birthday Offering	\$43
- Basher Children's Home	\$330
- Love Incorporated	\$135.
- Bishop's Christmas Offering	\$100
- Karen's Table Donation	\$0
Total	\$3133

Money that is given which has been denoted as "missions" is collected and sent to the above organizations. It is a great way for us to participate in kingdom work that is outside of our church walls. These organizations affect people both in our community and in communities in other parts of the world.

In the past, the Admin Council chose which organization received funding for a given quarter. This year we are going to provide an opportunity for you to give directly to these ministry opportunities. More information coming on this.

Below is information regarding each organization in order for you to become better acquainted with their operation.



Christmas Caroling. The weather was nice and all

Bashor Home



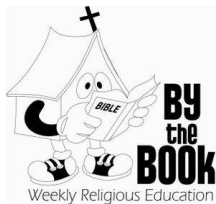
Faithful to God and in keeping with the United Methodist tradition, Bashor Children's Home provides "Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow" to troubled children and their families. Bashor Home passionately supports children being raised by healthy families in the community, one that is committed to inspiring others through innovative service.

Participation options

- Volunteering
- Prayer
- Financial Support

<http://www.bashor.org/>

By the Book Bible Trailer



"By the Book" is weekly religious educational program sponsored by the Associated Churches of Huntington County.

"By the Book" classes offered to all 3rd & 4th graders with parental consent.

They appreciate any and all donations. "Thank you for your giving heart. You are making a difference in the lives of the children of Huntington County."

Participation Options:

- 3rd grade gift bibles: \$9.00
- Sponsor a student \$85.00
- Donation of any amount towards the purchase of a new mobile classroom trailer

Habitat for Humanity



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fort Wayne partners with hardworking families to build safe, stable and affordable homes in Allen, Huntington and Wells Counties. Your support of Habitat for Humanity helps provide the opportunity of affordable homeownership for hardworking families seeking lasting stability and transformational change for their future.

Habitat for Humanity depends on volunteers to carry out its mission in the community. Whether you are raising walls and hammering nails, helping out in the administrative offices, volunteering at the ReStore or providing meals for people on the job site, no task is too small to demonstrate God's love by helping Habitat.

Participation options

- Volunteering

- Prayer
- Financial Support

<https://habitatgfw.com/>



Place of Grace

Place of Grace provides a stable, safe, and encouraging home environment for women re-entering the community following incarceration.

Place of Grace envisions a Christ-centered community that empowers women to be responsible citizens with a future and a hope. Our mission is to provide a Christian based therapeutic home with long-term recovery services to help women break their cycle of destructive behavior related to addiction, abuse, and poverty. Our organization has committed to the following values in order to accomplish our mission:

- Christian values and a foundation undergirded by prayer
- Unity in purpose and spirit
- Humility and a spirit of collaboration as we seek to serve our community and engage its members into our mission

Participation options

- Volunteering
- Prayer
- Financial Support

<http://www.placeofgrace-huntington.com/>

World Vision



World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice, and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God. World Vision pursues this mission through integrated, holistic commitment to:

- Transformational development that is community-based and sustainable, focused especially on the needs of children.
- Emergency relief that assists people afflicted by conflict or disaster.
- Promotion of justice that seeks to change unjust structures affecting the poor among whom we work.
- Partnerships with churches to contribute to spiritual and social transformation.
- Public awareness that leads to informed understanding, giving, involvement, and prayer.
- Witness to Jesus Christ by life, deed, word, and sign that encourages people to respond to the Gospel.

Participation options

- Sponsor a child - \$39/month
- Direct Donation

<https://www.worldvision.org>

Right to Life



The Huntington Right to Life's mission is to protect the right to life, especially of unborn children, through positive education, compassionate advocacy, and promotion of positive alternatives to abortion.

Right to Life strives to continuously reduce Indiana's abortion numbers until every unborn child, at every stage of development, is protected by law.

They do this through passing legislative initiatives that can withstand judicial scrutiny, removing all state funding for abortion businesses, and making Indiana inhospitable to the business of abortion.

Participation options

- Volunteering
- Prayer
- Financial Support

<https://www.irtl.org/>

Red Bird Mission



Red Bird Mission went into the Cumberland Mountains of Kentucky into the area called Red Bird. The first workers arrived to teach elementary grades.

Red Bird Christian School, guided by Jesus Christ, empowers individuals by providing opportunities for spiritual

growth and academic excellence for lifelong learning, leadership, and service. Red Bird believes that the message of salvation and life in Jesus Christ will transform the lives of students, the culture, and the world. Red Bird Christian School seeks to minister to the whole student in their journey with God through teaching truth, loving the individual, and holding students accountable as encouraging and empowering them to be people of influence.

The mission provides education, economic relief, health care, and home maintenance to the people of near Red Bird River in Southeastern Kentucky.

Participation options

- Volunteering
- Prayer
- Financial Support

<http://rbmission.org>

Love INC.



The mission of Love In the Name of Christ is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and our community in the name of Christ.

- Mobilizing: Bringing the Body of Christ together to do local mission work in our community. Working with the entire spectrum of churches in the county.

- Transforming: Prioritizing long term results. Entering into relationships to change lives. Focusing on the whole person – their needs, their goals and their passions. Learning to see God’s Image in the most vulnerable members of our community.

- In The Name of Christ. Believing that the heart of Jesus is near to the hurting, disadvantaged and marginalized in our community. Interacting with our neighbors in need in compassionate, humanizing and dignifying ways. Creating avenues for our neighbors to engage with local churches.

Participation options

- Volunteering
- Prayer
- Financial Support

<https://loveinchuntington.org/>

Indiana United Methodist Children’s Home

The mission of the Indiana United Methodist



Children’s Home is to enrich the quality of life for children and families through Christian values. The vision is to be a place where youth are safe and cared for; where youth are given the opportunity to become healthy and self-sufficient adults; where families are reunited; and where every person is treated with love and respect.

Indiana United Methodist Children’s Home is an open campus facility with group homes designed to offer services to youth who are in need of a less restrictive setting. Youth who benefit the most from the services offered by the Home include:

- youth who are experiencing difficulties in the educational setting, both academic and/or behavioral.
- youth who have a history of alcohol or drug abuse but are not in need of inpatient substance abuse treatment.
- youth who have completed inpatient psychiatric or drug/abuse treatment and are in need of transitional placement prior to returning home or being placed in a less restrictive placement (i.e. foster home, independent living).

<https://www.iumch.org/>

The Roanoke Food Pantry



The Roanoke Food Pantry is located at Seminary United Methodist Church in Roanoke and is supported by the Inter-Church Alliance (which Pleasant Chapel is a part of). The Pantry assists families in need year round. They primarily see women and children, but they help any and all members of our community that are in need.

Most of the families live in the NISD.

On average, the Roanoke Food Pantry helps provide 75 families a month with food. In addition, there is assistance with:

- Clothing
- Health/Hygiene supplies
- Medical/Dental care
- Utility payments
- Furniture/Appliances
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The Christmas season is the busiest time of year; often helping with more than twice the average number of families. The goal is to provide each family with a full Christmas dinner through the Christmas Basket program, and, to ensure that each child has a special Christmas, the annual Adopt-A-Child program helps with this. Both of these programs are reliant on the generosity of our community.

<http://www.roanokefoodpantry.org/>

February 3, 2019





Dale Leroy Sheets, 97, of rural Columbia City, went to be with his Lord Jesus at 2:19 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 from Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born June 4, 1921 in Jefferson Twp., Whitley County, a son of the late William and Myrta Marie (Boney) Sheets. He attended the Ground Hog Grade School in Laud and graduated from Jefferson Center High School.

He joined the U.S. Army Air Corp where he became an aircraft mechanic stationed in Florida.

He met the love of his life in Miami, Olean Marion Driggers. The couple was wed on May 13, 1945. They returned to Whitley County on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and had always made their home in Washington Twp., Whitley County.

He worked as a carpenter building homes and cabinetry and built his own house with

his son, Wayne, in 1958. In 1969, he went to work for Essex Wire building proprietary equipment. In 1971, he went to work for C&R Plating as a consultant.

For 17 years the couple enjoyed the winter months in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

He is survived by his loving wife of 73 years, Olean, who sang him a love song on Dec. 5; two sons, Lloyd Wayne (Jennifer Ann) Sheets, Columbia City, and Ronald Leroy "Stan" Sheets, Fort Wayne; grandchildren, David (Amber) Deckard, Chris (Sabrina) Deckard, Jennifer Lyn (Matt) Dickmeyer; great-grandchildren, Austin Deckard, Noel Deckard, Cameron Deckard, Breanna Deckard, Dezer-Ray (Wayne) Smith and JoLyn Laux; and a brother, Larry Sheets, Columbia City.

Additionally, he was preceded in death by a sister, Hilda Hurd and three brothers, Carl, Morris and Lester Sheets.

*All who believe in God's
mercy and grace
Will meet their loved ones face
to face,
Where time is endless and joy
unbroken
And only the words of love
are spoken.*

(Helen Steiner Rice)

Commission on a Way Forward

"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."

Please continue to stay informed regarding the UMC as she works through decisions regarding human sexuality. Our Pleasant Chapel website has some resources you may find helpful. Discuss your feelings and thoughts in your small groups and/or Sunday School classes.

Please be prayerful for our church in the coming months. Pray that we will be a people who are working out of LOVE to maintain TRUTH and GRACE.

	10/14/2018	10/21/2018	10/28/2018	11/4/2018	11/11/2018	11/18/2018	11/25/2018	12/2/2018	12/9/2018	12/16/2018	12/23/2018	12/30/2018 (Evening)		
Attendance	66	45	52	62	35	54	54	51	57	64	64	80	38	
Giving	\$ 1,758	\$ 772	\$ 971	\$ 3,208	\$ 870	\$ 570	\$ 966	\$ 2,430	\$ 428	\$ 1,629	\$ 961	\$ 781		

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One Christmas, a mother decided she was no longer going to remind her kids to send thank you notes.

Consequently, the kids' grandmother never received any thanks for the Christmas checks she sent to the kids.

The very next Christmas, all the kids stopped by in person to thank their grandmother for their checks.

When asked by a friend what caused this change in behavior, the grandmother replied, "Simple. This year I didn't sign the checks."

