

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

February 2019

Pleasant Chapel UMC
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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

1 John 4:15-16 (NRSV)





Feb. 1 Jeremy Hunter
 Feb. 3 Ilo Jane Martin (101)
 Feb. 5 Lane Ayers
 Feb. 7 Aaron Amick
 Feb. 10 Scott Hunter
 Feb. 12 Betty Rogers
 Feb. 14 Hannah Landis
 Feb. 15 Tammy Thornburg
 Feb. 17 Finley Parsons
 Feb. 18 Lizzie Colclessor
 Feb. 19 Kathy Charles
 Feb. 21 Tony Hicks Sr
 Feb. 23 Holly Lengerich
 Feb. 24 Joann Dolby
 Feb. 24 Brenda Felger
 Feb. 28 Cory Johnson



Feb 1 Richard & Bonita VanDuyne

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

Mar. Greeters

Mar 3 - Phil and Nicole
 Mar 10 - Mike and Cory
 Mar 17 - Vicki and Cindy
 Mar 24 - Leona and Ashlee
 Mar 31 - Monica and Heather

Mar. Acolytes

Mar 3 - Colclessors
 Mar 10 - Magnusons
 Mar 17 - Amicks
 Mar 24 - Hands
 Mar 31 - Ayers

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	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	1	2

Events

Feb 4 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Feb 4 - *SouthSide* Bible Study at Ayers 6:30
 Feb 6 - Brofest 7:00am
 Feb 11 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Feb 13 - Financial Peace 6:30 at Pleasant Chapel
 Feb 13 - UMS at 1:00pm at Ellen's home
 Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
 Feb 18 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Feb 18 - *SouthSide* Bible Study TBD 6:30
 Feb 20 - Brofest 7:00am
 Feb 25 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Mar 16 - Soup Supper and Bazaar 4-7

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 3rd Mondays of each month. See Magnusons for details.

Church World Service Blanket Fund / Tools of Hope

is a mission offering of Pleasant Chapel's United Methodist Women's group. This mission offering is used in the United States and also around the world. Blankets are given to people in need to keep them warm in cold weather. *Tools of Hope* include clean water, tents, garden tools, seeds, education and other needs for people devastated by tragedy who are working to build a better life for themselves and their communities. A blanket and offering envelopes are displayed at the back of the sanctuary under the balcony for anyone wanting to give to this mission.

Food collection for the Roanoke food pantry during the month of February our Pleasant Chapel church family is asking to bring canned non-perishable food to be given to the Roanoke Food Pantry. Please put any cans you bring on or near the altar railing.












News from "By the Book"

This program offers classes for 3rd and 4th graders in Huntington County. This school year they have 675 students enrolled, which is 86% of all 3rd and 4th graders. This program is mainly operated by volunteers, mission offerings and other donations.



Financial Peace University will be offered at PC starting Wednesday February 13 for nine weeks. Dave Ramsey's program is a Christian-based program designed to help people manage their finances most effectively. See Cory Ayers for details.

Missions Offering – We are modifying the method that we give to charities outside our church. In the past, money was given and noted "missions". Each quarter, the Administrative Council, would choose which charities would receive funding. Now, however, we are asking each giving unit choose the charities they are interested in supporting. You will have the ability to set up how you would distribute your giving between a variety of options.

													
		General Fund	Building Fund	Basher Home	By the Book Bible Trailer	Habitat for Humanity	Place of Grace	Word Vision	Huntington County Right to Life	Redbird	Love INC	Indiana United Methodist Children's Home	Roanoke Food Pantry
	Total												
example giving distribution if \$250 was given the funds would be distributed as follows	100	80	10					10					
	\$250	\$200	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Your distribution of giving. (total 100)	100												

These include the General Fund, the Building Fund, and other charities. These charities were described in January's *Traveler* and also are in a brochure at the church. The hope with this new method is to give you an opportunity to serve God financially in areas where you are most passionate. You will be given a Giving Distribution Form (like above) to designate what percentage of your giving you would like to give to the various options. (more info on this during church)

Sympathy and prayers from your Pleasant Chapel church family to Nick and Kasey Wisel on the death of Nick's grandmother, Joan Wisel on Saturday, January 26th. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, January 29th.

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 Pleasant Chapel for the Christmas Carolers coming to sing at my house and for the beautiful poinsettia and also the delicious cookies. I enjoyed it all so very much – *Ilene Lahr*

Thank you - from Love in the Name of Christ for our mission offering of \$135 on December 31, 2018.

Thank you - from Bashor Children's Home in Goshen, Indiana for our mission offering of \$500 on January 2, 2019.

Thank you – from Youth for Christ for our mission offering of \$43 on December 27, 2018.

Address Change – Olean Sheets is now at Sycamore Village and her contact information is:

Rm. 210
The Hearth at Sycamore Village
611 W County Line Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46814
phone: 260-625-1437

Directory If you have any changes to your address, phone, email, etc. that you would like in the new directory, see Joel ASAP.

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Wednesday, January 9th at 1 p.m. at Jill Law's home. President Jill Law opened the meeting by reading devotions from The Upper Room.

Roll call was answered by telling what our New Year's resolution should be.

Minutes were read at approved. Treasurer's report was given. We purchased poinsettias for the shut-ins and delivered them before Christmas.

Correspondence: Thank you cards were received from Carolyn Dolby and Carolyn Sherbahn for the cards we sent them. Also a thank you from the Salvation Army for our financial support.

Missions: during the month of February, we will display a blanket at church for donations to Church World Service for "Blanket Fund / Tools of Hope." Envelopes will be pinned to the blanket for donations. These donations are used to buy blankets to keep people warm in cold weather and also tools used to raise food and to have clean water, at home and abroad.

Offerings were taken.

Program: Jill presented the value of friendship and gave an Ode to Mary Brewer who passed away recently. She closed with prayer.

Delicious Refreshments were served to four ladies.

MARY L. BREWER,

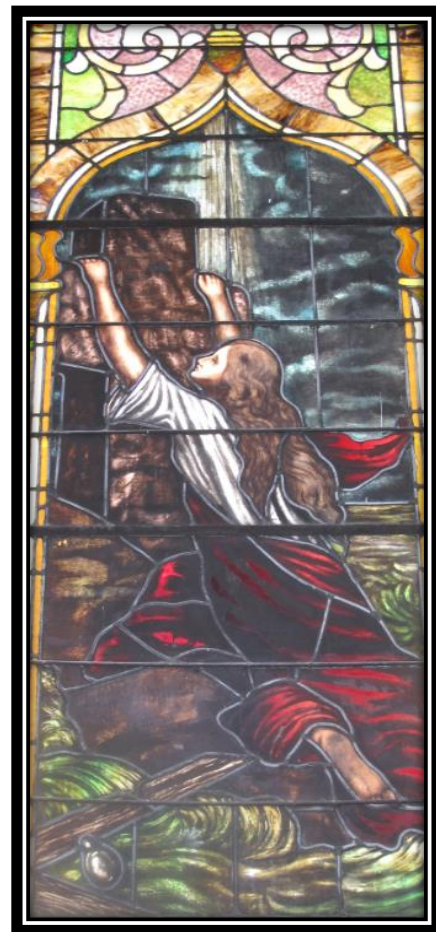
89, of Roanoke, passed away at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, at the Heritage Pointe of Huntington. She graduated from Roanoke High School in 1947, and worked at Rogers Market as a cashier for 10 years. She was a member of Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church, Roanoke, and Roanoke American Legion Post #160 Auxiliary, where she was a past president. She was a member of the Knit



Chicks and enjoyed crocheting. Mary was born July 1, 1929, in Roanoke, a daughter of Wendell Thurman and Chloe W (Crakes) Hartley. On Nov. 1, 1947, she married her beloved husband of 63 years Thomas J. Brewer in Roanoke. He passed away April 17, 2011. Surviving are her two daughters, Cheryl Ann Allen of Fort Wayne and Terrie S. Brewer of Huntington; a son, Thomas J. Brewer Jr. of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Katherine (Robert) Hoffman of Huntington; and a brother, Norman Hartley of Huntington. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Wanda Campbell, Carol Allen, Dorothy Merriman, and Pansy Wible; brothers, Art, Carl, Thurman, Fred and Albert Hartley; and three grandchildren.

*Those we hold most dear
never truly leave us, they live
on in the kindnesses they
showed, the comfort they
shared, and the love they
brought into our lives.*

Trustees Stained Glass Windows Last year the trustees were working with Associated Crafts to assess the value and status of the stained-glass windows in the church. They were impressed with quality and the care of the windows. They put the replacement cost at \$296,453.00. None of the windows need to be replaced. We do need to seal them to keep them in great shape. The trustees approved a contract with Associated Crafts to repair, protect and seal all the stained-glass windows except



the windows in the new bathrooms. They will remove the current storm windows and repair molding around the windows. There will be a 1/4" acrylic sheet secured to the window molding.

A starting date has not been set but Associated Crafts indicated that they were booked into spring. The work is estimated to take a couple of weeks and all work will be on the exterior and will not affect church activities.

The costs for doing all the included windows is approximately \$42,500. There is the possibility of increased costs if more molding needs to be repaired than we planned. The trustees have the funds to cover this expense but it will severely lower our reserves.

Summer Camp is coming!



Impact 2818 is a Local-Church-Centered-Ministry.

Spending time together at camp can turn a group of acquaintances into a fellowship that will love, support and hold one another accountable. If that group continues to meet together, the community continues. The local church is the primary vehicle for fostering relationships and making disciples. Impact 2818 fosters development of relationships and groups by offering programs and facilities to church groups that keep communities together throughout the experience and beyond.

Pleasant Chapel will pay for a portion of camp expenses for those attending from our church.

For more information regarding church camp and Impact 2818 visit

<https://impact2818.org>
or contact Karla Yeager.

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.

A little bit of history

Franklin Bash was the son of one of the early Pleasant Chapel pastors (John Bash) and wrote *History of Huntington County Indiana*. He says this about the early

beginnings of Pleasant Chapel:

"Among the early settlers were several families who belonged to the United Brethren Church. These families settled in different parts of the county and soon after building their cabins they began to consider the question of organizing churches. But they were scattered and in no one neighborhood were there enough of them to bear the burden of building and supporting a church. As early as 1837 Rev. John Pugsley held services at the cabin of Peter Wire, in Jefferson Township, but no attempt was made to form a church there until several years later. Early in the '40s the White River Conference sent Mr. Pugsley as a missionary to that part of Huntington County lying south of the Wabash River, and about the same time the Sandusky conference assigned Rev. J. Surran as a missionary to the northern portion. These men began the work of building up the church in the wilderness and it was not long until their labors bore fruit.

What was at first known as the "Simons" class was organized by Mr. Surran at the house of Abraham Simons, in Jackson Township, in 1844.

Mr. Simons had come from Stark County, Ohio, but a short time before. Two of his sons afterward became ministers of the United Brethren Church. About two years after this class was organized a

cheap frame house of worship was erected on the farm of Moses Brandenburg and given the name of Pleasant View, or Pleasant Chapel. This was probably the first United Brethren Church to be erected in Huntington County.”

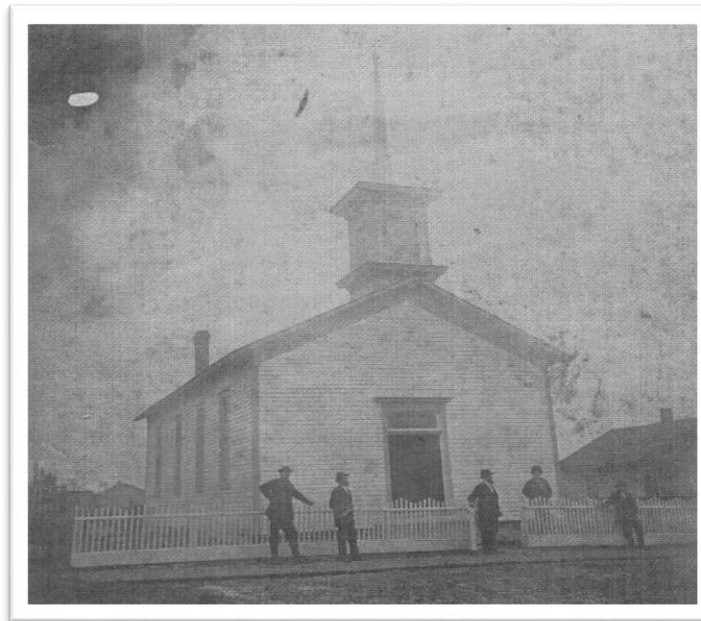
I can’t help but wonder what those times were like when this church was in its infancy.

No doubt the services were different than today. Preachers were not available in each church every Sunday. They were shared by several churches. Each church would have their preacher about one time a month. The preacher, called a Circuit Rider, road horseback with leggings tied around his trousers to protect his pants from the mud. He carried his extra clothing, Bible, hymn book and other religious literature.

When he arrived at the church he took his hymn book and lined the hymns. When singing was completed he would lead prayer and then share the gospel in a sermon.

Wouldn’t it be interesting to hear what Reverend John Surran preached about in those early years of Pleasant Chapel? It is the middle

1840’s. The United States is still seventeen years from the



Pleasant Chapel c. 1846

start of a bloody civil war. Huntington County was in its infancy. The Wabash and Eerie Canal was active in bringing pioneers and settlers to the area.

I found an interesting article written about John W. Kitch, a judge from Marshal County, who described his childhood.

Kitch said, “Rev. John Surran (1817-1890), who hailed from Bangor, Michigan, was our preacher for some time” (so *this would be the Bremen UB church... the same church that about a hundred years later baptized Joel Yeager*).

“He sported a modern improvement in the way of a set of false teeth. Once in a burst

of oratory during one of his sermons, these new-fangled affairs flew out of his mouth and landed on the table in front of him. Pastor Surran was not the type to become greatly disconcerted by such trifles. He merely reached down, retrieved the recreant ivories, clapped them back into his mouth, and continued his two hour discourse on the final destiny of those who did not repent and bid adieu to their sinful ways.”

Same church but what different times! Same message of the gospel of Jesus Christ, but no doubt a difference in method.

I’m pretty sure if I would have a wardrobe malfunction or something similar to my “recreant ivories” falling out of my mouth, I would not be as graced by the congregation as Rev. Surran and allowed to finish a two-hour sermon! (SouthSide and many others would have a hay day).

Just may have to try that sometime.

	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	1/6/2019	1/13/2019	1/27/2019		
Attendance	62	35	54	54	51	57	64	64	80	38	45	32	40	
Giving	\$ 3,208	\$ 870	\$ 570	\$ 966	\$ 2,430	\$ 428	\$ 1,629	\$ 961		\$ 781	\$ 986	\$ 1,292	\$ 470	

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At the end of their first date, a guy takes the girl home. Emboldened by the night, the guy decides to try for the first kiss. With an air of confidence, he leans with his hand against the wall and, smiling, he says to her, "Darling, how 'bout a good night kiss?"

Horrified, she replies, "Are you mad? My parents will see us!"

Him: "Oh come on! Who's gonna see us at this hour?"

Her: "No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?"

Him: "Oh come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!"

Her: "No way. It's too risky!"

Him: "Oh please, please, I like you so much!"

Her: "No, no and no. I like you too, but I just can't!"

Him: "Oh yes you can. Please?"

Her: No, no. I just can't."

Him: "I beg you...."

Suddenly, the light on the stairs goes on, and the girl's sister shows up in her pajamas, hair disheveled, and in a sleepy voice she says, "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down and do it. But for crying