


THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

March 2019

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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am

Hope



*... hope does not disappoint
us, because God's love has
been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that
has been given to us.
Romans 5:5 (NRSV)*



Mar 2 Kari Hyndman
 Mar 6 Tammy Lickey
 Mar 6 Sawyer Hoffman
 Mar 6 Kelly Nei
 Mar 9 Rev. Steve Fritchman
 Mar 12 Madie Hicks
 Mar 17 David Fairchild
 Mar 18 Megan Fritchman
 Mar 18 Rita Raichart
 Mar 22 Ryan Hoffman
 Mar 23 Garrett Dinius
 Mar 23 Deanne Hoffman
 Mar 23 Tom Rupert
 Mar 24 Ellen Colclessor
 Mar 25 John Sherbahn
 Mar 27 Bill Sherbahn
 Mar 28 Valerie Raichart
 Mar 28 Vivian Hoffman

Happy Anniversary

Mar 4 Barry & Sally Knuckles
 Mar 31 Dan & Deborah Hunter

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

April Greeters

Apr 7 - Tom and Tammy L.
 Apr 14 - Andy and Andrea
 Apr 21 - John and Anna
 Apr 28 - Nick and Kasey

April Acolytes

Apr 7 - Hands
 Apr 14 - Wisels
 Apr 21 - Amicks
 Apr 28 - Colclessors

2019 March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Events

Mar 4 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Mar 4 - SouthSide Bible Study
 Mar 6 - Brofest 7:00am
 Mar 6 - Financial Peace 6:30 at Ayers
 Mar 6 - Ash Wednesday service at Seminary 7:00pm
 Mar 10 - Change your clock!
 Mar 11 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Mar 13 - Financial Peace 6:30 at Ayers
 Mar 13 - UMW at 10:00am at the church
 Mar 16 - Soup Supper and Bazaar 4-7
 Mar 18 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30
 Mar 18 - SouthSide Bible Study TBD 6:30
 Mar 20 - Brofest 7:00am
 Mar 25 - Bible Study at Parsons 6:30

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.

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. These include the General Fund, the Building Fund, and other charities. If you are interested in designating where your giving is being used, **be sure to complete a "Giving Distribution Card" and place it in the offering plate.**

Thank you to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table. Everyone enjoys this!

Thank you to each one who brought canned food and other supplies during the month of February that will be taken to the Roanoke Food Pantry.

Thank you from the United Methodist Committee on Relief for the mission gift from Pleasant Chapel on January 30, 2019 in the amount of \$85.00.

Thank you to each one who has been leading the children's church during the worship service.

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.

General Conference 2019

The Special General Conference concluded Tuesday evening. The purpose of this conference was to determine a

“way forward” for the church as it relates to the divisive topic of human sexuality. The Traditional Plan passed with the following key points:

- Maintains prohibitions against self-avowed practicing gay clergy and same-gender weddings
- Broadens the definition of “self-avowed practicing homosexual” to include persons living in a same-sex marriage or civil union or persons who publicly state that they are practicing homosexuals.
- Mandates penalties for disobedience to the Discipline.

For the progressive members of the UMC, they no doubt consider this a major loss.

This plan calls for disciplinary action to be taken against church leaders who have violated what the Discipline has said regarding homosexual practice within the Methodist Church. Clearly, those in this

camp will feel disenfranchised from their church.

Others focused on maintaining a *united* church. The *One Church Plan* was an effort to keep everyone together within the church allowing for a range of theological understandings maintained at the

conference or local level. While this plan was favored by the bishops, it did not pass.

For those on the conservative side, I doubt there were “after conference” parties like at the Oscars where Champaign and celebrations continued into the night.

There really isn’t any celebration in the decision. People are hurt, people will leave the church, and there may be large segments of the UMC that split from the body.

We currently reside in a culture that seems to thrive on division and polarization: Red/Blue, Conservative/Liberal, etc. Within the church there is disunity as well. From the General Conference one side emphasized *truth*. And from another side an emphasis toward *grace*.

Those *truth* seekers wish to resolve the question, “What is real truth regarding human sexuality?” No doubt this is a very worthy question. The problem, I believe, is this: *Absolute truth exists and is*



knowable, but not absolutely. Truth is a person – Jesus.

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6 (NRSV).

We come to this *truth* by coming to know Jesus Christ. The more we know him, about him, his character and his teaching, as well as know him relationally, the more we will know, in truth, how to maneuver through the difficulties of life and doing church. But we do not know absolutely.

“⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.” 1 Corinthians 13:9-12 (NRSV)

Those in Camp *Grace* seek to answer the question, “How do we create a space in the church that welcomes all people, regardless of their differences?” This too is a worthy question the church should continue to pursue. But the problem here, I believe, is this: *God’s mercy and grace is available to all, but not without a command to repentance.*

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **John 3:16 (KJV)**

He loves the whole world, that whosoever believes... Forgiveness is for all who would

will forever! This issue continues to emphasize our dependence on him.



receive, but not without cost to those who would receive. We love it when Jesus said:

⁷ ... "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

But we also must know that when he addressed the woman who had been accused of sin and asked her about her accusers:

¹⁰ ... "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹ She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again." **John 8:7-11 (NRSV)**

The KJV says “go and sin no more”. We are called to repent or to turn from the sin in our life and turn to him and his holiness.

This tension between *truth* and *grace* is one of the reasons why the UMC cannot resolve their differences regarding human sexuality. The result is sad. Clearly the decisions made at General Conference are going to fracture the church in some way. The “united” part of the UMC is not going to be what it has been in the past and that is disheartening.

The good news though is that God still is in control! He rules and reigns on his throne and

The other good news is that this means job security for us within the church! We will not run out of the work of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to our community and world. We will not run out or work serving others. And we will not run out of work learning exactly what it means to be his disciples.

So let’s get to work!

In *TRUTH & GRACE*

Joel

Soup Supper and Bazaar on Saturday, March 16 at Pleasant Chapel from 4-7pm. Menu includes chili soup, chicken noodle soup, ham sandwiches, carrot and celery sticks, pie, and cake desserts, coffee and orange drink. Freewill offering. All proceeds from the supper to the Trustees.

UMW The UMW will meet Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 am at the church. We will be doing cleaning in the kitchen until noon. Lunch will be furnished. Business meeting at 1:00pm.

Library There are a lot of good books on the library shelves in

the copy room. Please check on these books. After reading them, please return them on the shelves where you found them.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 10. Set your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

Senior Dinners are every Thursday at noon at the St. Joe Church in Roanoke. Cost is \$4.00. Call Gretchen at 260-403-0365 for reservations.

Why Ashes? Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. We are reminded that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Can you find the books of the Bible?

There are 16 books of the Bible in the following paragraph. See if you can find them. (One person found 15 books in 20 minutes, but it took 3 weeks to find the sixteenth one.)

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu—kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. I want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others might require judges to find them. I will quickly admit, it usually takes a minister to find most of them. But once people see them, you'll hear loud lamentations. One lady I know says she brews a cup of tea after the first try, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of the books of the Bible in this paragraph.

During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.

unjust characteristic. The cards are then brought to the altar to be burned with the palm branches. The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow and repentance for sins.

— Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship



	12/2/2018	12/9/2018	12/16/2018	12/23/2018	12/30/2018	1/6/2019	1/13/2019	1/27/2019	2/3/2019	2/10/2019	2/17/2019	2/24/2019		
Attendance	51	57	64	64	80	38	45	32	40	47	47	49		
Giving	\$ 2,430	\$ 428	\$ 1,629	\$ 961	(Xmas eve) \$ 781	\$ 986	\$ 1,292	\$ 470	\$ 1,783	\$ 1,396	\$ 1,015	\$ 538		

The Answers

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So, they are: Mark, Luke, Kings, Acts, Revelation, James, Ruth, Numbers, Job, Amos, Esther, Judges, Titus, Lamentations, Hebrews, and Peter.

Chivalry Is Not Dead

"And I thought chivalry was dead," I remarked to my sister-in-law as we watched a teenage boy carry his girlfriend over a puddle.

Our families piled into our cars to head home after our day at the park. In the car, one of my four-year-old twin sons asked, "Mama, how did you know that girl?"

"What girl?" I responded.

"That girl at the park."

I thought for a moment then said, "I don't know which girl you're talking about."

He sighed loudly as he explained. "You know - Chivalry. You thought she was dead."

