

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

December 2019

Pleasant Chapel
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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am



O Come **Emmanuel** O Come



- Dec 2 Stephen Dolby
- Dec 3 Robert Lahr
- Dec 3 Richard VanDuyn
- Dec 6 Sue Grooms
- Dec 6 Jeri Johnson
- Dec 8 Diane Sherbahn
- Dec 9 Dale Law
- Dec 9 Matt Whitaker
- Dec 10 John Rogers
- Dec 10 Tom Nei
- Dec 11 Elizabeth Stocker
- Dec 15 Maddie Fairchild
- Dec 15 Andy Amick
- Dec 15 Makaihla Raichart
- Dec 17 Jill Law
- Dec 18 Rev. John Morris
- Dec 18 Dorothea Souers
- Dec 21 Sandra MacDonald
- Dec 22 Grace Fairchild
- Dec 22 Kevin Beck
- Dec 23 John W. Rogers
- Dec 26 Lily Ayers
- Dec 31 Mike Ayers

December Greeters

- Dec 1 Tom and Tammy L.
- Dec 8 Larry and Joyce
- Dec 15 Julie and Lillian
- Dec 22 Brent and Matt
- Dec 29 Candy and Kevin

December Acolytes

- Dec 1 Amicks
- Dec 8 Colclessers
- Dec 15 Magnusons
- Dec 22 Amicks
- Dec 29 Hands

January Greeters

- Jan 5 Roger and Ellen
- Jan 12 John and Anna
- Jan 19 Andy and Andrea
- Jan 26 Leona And Sarah

January Acolytes

- Jan 5 Colclessers
- Jan 12 Magnusons
- Jan 19 Amicks
- Jan 26 Hands

DECEMBER 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Events

- Dec 2-** Bible Study @ Parsons at 6:30
- Dec 8 -** Christmas caroling after worship service
- Dec 9-** Bible Study @ Parsons at 6:30
- Dec 11-** UMW meet at the Tea Room in Roanoke. Time to be announced
- Dec 14-** Breakfast with Santa at Pleasant Chapel from 9:00 to 11:00 am.
- Dec 15-** Christmas Choir Cantata during worship service
- Dec 16-** Bible Study @ Parsons at 6:30
- Dec 23 -** Christmas Eve's Eve service
- Dec 29-** Unhanging of the Greens after worship service
- Dec 30-** No Bible study at Parsons

Happy Anniversary!

Dec 30 Jim and Cynthia Chesterman

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.

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

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

Thank you to Pleasant Chapel Church from Huntington County Right to Life for the donation of \$215 and 31 packages of diapers. It is all deeply appreciated.

Thank you to everyone that helped in any way with the tenderloin supper on November 9. It was a success. We served 293 people!

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 sent 20 boxes from Pleasant Chapel.



Worship Survey

In order to get a sense on the effectiveness of our Sunday morning service, please complete the questionnaire that will be made available. It is for members and non-members. They can be submitted on your phone or computer: click the "SURVEY" button on our homepage (www.pleasantchapel.org) or you can complete a paper/pencil version which is in the back of the church. Thanks for your input!

United Methodist Women

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Wednesday, November 13 at Joann Dolby's home t 1:00 pm.

President Jill Law opened the meeting with a devotion using 2 Corinthians 9:8.

Roll call was answered by telling our "favorite Thanksgiving food." Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given.

Cards were signed to send for birthdays and to friends.

Business: The Nominating Committee presented the list of officers for the coming year. Officers were approved and presented.

New Business: Hanging of the Greens on November 24 after worship. A spaghetti lunch afterwards. Our next meeting on Wednesday, December 11, meet at the new Tea Room in Roanoke for lunch.

Announcements: Sunday, December 8, we plan to go Christmas caroling. We will have lunch at the church after worship and then fix boxes of cookies to take to the people we visit. Please bring cookies for the boxes.

Program: Joann read an article about "World Thank Offering / Being Thankful".

Refreshments were served to six ladies.



The Choir will be performing the cantata "The Spirit of Christmas" on December 15 during worship. The featured singers are you since there will be sing along opportunities to familiar Christmas tunes.

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

Christmas Caroling



Sunday December 8. Stay after worship for lunch and then go caroling. Everyone is invited to take part in this.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa will be December 14th from 9-11 in the fellowship hall here at Pleasant Chapel. Everyone is welcome.



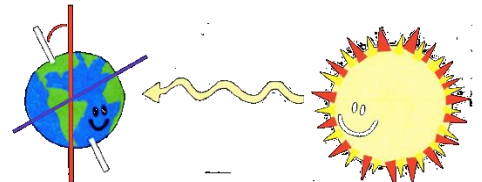
Christmas Eve's Eve Service.

Or "T" was the night before the night before" service will be December 23 at 7:00 pm. Come and bring family and friends to worship the birth of our Savior.

Reason for the Season or Season of Reason?

A few years ago there was an atheistic group desiring to counter Christian's belief of Christmas. They developed a publicity campaign where the slogan was "The Season for Reason." The meaning was that any person of *reason* would dismiss the belief that Jesus Christ was who his followers claim him to be – the very reason for the season (and the reason for everything else).

Another attempted slam was their statement that the reason for the season is the sun or the fact that the earth is tilted on its axis. Well yeah,



kinda? Not "sun" but Son! And it was that Son that put the sun there and the earth on its axis to provide us the beauty of the winter season, the other seasons, and every other aspect of creation.

Colossians 1:15-17 (NRSV) ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

It is unfortunate that there is often a disconnect between *belief* and *reason or thinking*. Too often people believe it has to be one or the other. Some people who claim to be religious have nothing to do with science, technology, or much that is academic. And there are those who, because they claim to be progressively thinking, reasoning people, can have nothing to do with things that transcend our brain's abilities.

Faith is one of the great equalizers. It is the means by which all people can connect with God regardless of their status, abilities, skills, intellect, or academic achievements. He seems to say, "Here is the evidence for me ... think about it, reason through it, believe it, and then follow me." And that is just what he did all those years ago. He came. He, all powerful, all knowledgeable, ever present, eternal, came in skin and bones and in diapers. He came to do what the Father called him to do. And he did it for me and for you.

It is my hope and prayer that during this time of the celebration of God coming in the flesh, that we would take time to contemplate the significance of the event - that we would think deeply with reason what this means for our world and for ourselves. But then too, may we also simply experience our *faith* - the *belief* in the one who came, who is beyond our ability to understanding yet who is knowable through that faith. May we simply just be *in Him* this season.

May you and yours have the most blessed Christmas!



ACROSS

- 1. Pumpkin or mincemeat
- 3. Santa's ride
- 6. Celebration
- 8. Newborn
- 9. Northpole crew
- 13. Word of praise
- 14. Words on a Christmas card
- 17. It's opened on Christmas

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- 1. Alternative word to 17 across
- 2. Christmas drink
- 4. Christmas dinner centerpiece
- 5. Dec. holiday
- 7. Christmas warmer
- 8. "Jingle ____"
- 10. Christmas tree
- 11. O. Henry's "The Gift of the ____"
- 12. What carolers do
- 15. French Christmas.
- 16. Snow glider

Twelve Days of Christmas

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CALLING BIRDS CHRISTMAS DAYS DRUMMERS DRUMMING FRENCH HENS GEESE	8	GOLDEN RINGS LAYING LEAPING LORDS MAIDS MILKING PARTRIDGE	9	PEAR TREE PIPERS PIPING SWANS SWIMMING TURTLE DOVES TWELVE
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	September 1, 2019	September 8, 2019	September 15, 2019	September 22, 2019	September 29, 2019	October 6, 2019	October 13, 2019	October 20, 2019	October 27, 2019	November 3, 2019	November 10, 2019	November 17, 2019	November 24, 2019
Attendance	46	n/a	46	38	43	61	104	39	41	58	39	45	41
Giving	\$ 1,455	\$ 1,492	\$ 1,342	\$ 694	\$ 896	\$ 1,661	\$ 1,639	\$ 2,248	\$ 837	\$ 2,209	\$ 486	\$ 829	\$ 1,108



*Far away in Bethlehem, a Baby Boy was born;
Born with neither riches nor with fame,
Yet Wise Men came from all around to bring to Him their gifts,
And peace was felt by all who heard His name.
Angels watched Him as He slept, and gently rocked His bed;
Their voices singing softly in His ear;
His Mother and His Father both gave thanks to God above
For the greatest gift of all, their Son, so dear
They knew His life upon this earth would not be filled with
wealth,
They also knew He would encounter strife;
But most of all, they knew that He would be a loving Child,
And teach the love of God throughout His life.
At Christmas, as we celebrate this Birth of Jesus Christ,
Let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day;
For it's not the Christmas wrappings, nor the gifts that lie
within,
But our gift of love to others in every way...*

