

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

January 2020

Pleasant Chapel
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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am



Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NRSV) ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

*Happy New Year
2020*



Jan 1 Brent Hammel
 Jan 2 Abby Hoffman
 Jan 3 Sally Knuckles
 Jan 6 Austin 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 Parsons
 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

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

February Greeters

Feb 2 Julie and Tammy S
 Feb 9 Reece and Lizzie
 Feb 16 Kevin and Candy
 Feb 23 Sarah and Glorial

February Acolytes

Feb 2 Ayers
 Feb 9 Hands
 Feb 16 Wisels
 Feb 23 Amicks

2020 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	

Events

Jan 6 -Bible Study @ Parsons at 6:30
 Jan 8 - United Methodist Women –
 time and place to be announced
 Jan 13 -Bible Study @ Parsons at 6:30
 Jan 15 - BroFest 7:00 am
 Jan 20 -Bible Study @ Parsons at 6:30
 Jan 27 -Bible Study @ Parsons at 6:30
 Jan 29 - BroFest 7:00 am (Nicks)
 Feb 2 - Souper Bowl following service

Happy Anniversary!

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

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.

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 Pleasant Chapel for the Christmas Love Offering. It is a great honor to serve God in this church! Joel and Karla

Mailboxes – Please check your mailbox here at church each Sunday. You may have Christmas cards or other mail.

Thank you from Ilene Lahr for the beautiful poinsettia plant from the United Methodist Women and also for the carolers on December 8.

Thank you from Olean Sheets for the beautiful poinsettia plant and all the cards she receives from Pleasant Chapel.

Thank you to Rolla Parsons and family and all others who helped for hosting "Breakfast with Santa" at Pleasant Chapel on Saturday December 14. Many people attended. Also, families that needed some food assistance were invited to come. AND Santa was present for young and old to visit with.

Thank you to all members of the Pleasant Chapel Choir for presenting the cantata, "The Spirit of Christmas" during worship service on December 15.

Carolers On Sunday afternoon, December 8, ten people from PC went Christmas Caroling. We enjoyed a soup and sandwich lunch before our caroling. The weather was very nice. All those that listened to us made our afternoon very enjoyable. Thank

you to Joyce Hand for all the planning she did.

United Methodist Women

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Wednesday, December 11th at Jill Law's home at 1:00 pm. Jill served a delicious lunch to five ladies.

Jill then led us in devotions.

Business: Hostesses for the year 2020 were assigned.

Cards were signed to send to shut-ins and friends.

Our UMW bought poinsettia plants to deliver to shut-ins. Some of these were delivered when we went Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 8th.

After leaving Jill's home, we traveled to Roanoke and toured Rhema Alley's home. Her house is a "Sears and Roebuck" manufactured house. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Church Committees - In order to make our committees function more efficiently, Pleasant Chapel is combining some of the existing committees. The United Methodist Church recommends for smaller churches to create a "One Board" governing system. This is a step in that direction. Hopefully this will help to minimize wasted time and resources as well as allow the church to function most effectively.

The "**Executive Board**" combines Staff Pastor Parish Relations, Worship, and Nominations. This committee also oversees Discipleship and Education. This committee's focus is to provide more *spiritual* leadership for the church. 2020 members are:

John Magnuson- Chairman	
Jill Law – Lay Leader, Secretary	
Andrea Amick	Nicole Colclessor
Vicki Giordano	Roger Colclessor
Deloris Smith	Joyce Hand
Aaron Amick	Heather Parsons
Joann Dolby	Leona Bear
Mike Ayers	Troy Husband

The "**Administrative Board**" combines Church Council, Trustees, and Finance. This committee's focus is to provide more *administrative / business* leadership for the church. 2020 members are:

Matt Law- Chairman	
Phil Colclessor- Treasurer	
Cory Ayers- Secretary	
Jim Bowman	Nick Wisel
Andy Amick	John Rogers
Tom Lickey	John Smith
Rolla Parsons	Harley Henline
Jim Chesterman	Tom Thornburg

Part of the church's 175th Anniversary year was to serve our community by partnering with local ministries to provide our resources to aid in their local missions. We helped with Habitat for Humanity, Place of Grace, and Love INC for example. The church will continue this in 2020 and be organized by the **GO175 / Event Planning committee**. This committee will organized the church's social events and plan work / service events. 2020 members are:

Ashlee Giordano- Chairman	
Tammy Lickey	Ryon Magnuson
Tammy Thornburg	Austin Amick
Ellen Colclessor	Ashlee Giordano
Gayl Husband	Anna Magnuson
Reece Colclessor	

Having 2020 Vision I read an article written to church leaders about setting New Year's goals for the church. New Year's is really just another day, but we do use it to reflect on where we have been, consider



where we believe we should be, then set some goals or resolutions – what we resolve to do. So I was interested in what the article's author would say to churches about New Year's resolutions.

The first suggestion for churches is

to **bring clarity** to the mission - to make clear what it is that the church is to be doing. They suggest processing some simple questions like "What are we trying to accomplish and does everyone in the church know what it is we are to be doing?" Second, once the mission is clarified, then **evaluate** where the church is at regarding its mission. Ask more simple questions like "What is this church currently doing and how does that help accomplish the mission?" or "what is right, wrong, missing, or confusing?"

Third, as the first two steps may be the triggers for changes or new programs, it is easy to focus too much on the *doing* and miss out on **putting people first**.

Finally, the author states:

*Maybe a great resolution would be for you and me to **focus on our greatest gift** to our congregations. And, by this, I don't mean your greatest talent or skill. I mean your faith. I mean, your relationship with God¹*

I believe this is pretty simple advice: focus on what you do, see how what you are doing fits what you say you should be doing, keep people first, and center on faith in God. Perhaps if you are one who will be serving in a leadership position for 2020, this would be useful. But I believe too that the advice is good for each of us as we prepare for 2020 as followers of Christ. We all, as individuals, need to be reminded of *whose* we are and what our real mission is here. We all need to assess our lives to be sure what it is we do is congruent to that mission. And people *are* paramount. Careers, education, hobbies, and all that other stuff really is just stuff. What matters more are the people we relate with.

May our walk in Christ in 2020 be one that brings great glory to him and bear fruit that grows his kingdom. Happy New Year! - Joel

¹ Aaron Buer <https://www.breezechms.com>

		PLEASANT CHAPEL			
	OFFERING	& EXPENSE REPORT			
		DECEMBER	2019		
2019 OPENING CHECKING BALANCE		\$18,465.85			
TRANSFERS FROM SAVINGS		\$0.00			
TRANSFERS TO SAVINGS		\$0.00			
CHURCH OFFERING		\$5,602.98			
COMMUNITY AID /GO175 OFFERING		\$0.00			
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		\$0.00			
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING		\$0.00			
VBS OFFERING		\$0.00			
BIRTHDAY OFFERING		\$0.00			
TRAVELLER OFFERING		\$0.00			
MEMORIAL OFFERING		\$0.00			
TOTAL OFFERINGS		\$5,602.98			
AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING		\$1,303.02			
NEEDED EACH WEEK		\$1,074.62			
OVERAGE OR DEFICIT		\$228.40			
		2019	2019	PERCENT	DOLLARS
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	SPENT	REMAINING
SPECIALS PAID TO IC		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
TITHE/APPORTIONMENTS		7220.39	\$8,470.00	85.25%	\$1,249.61
ASS. CHURCHES-BIBLES		\$133.00	\$250.00	53.20%	\$117.00
BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES		\$424.00	\$550.00	77.09%	\$126.00
CUSTODIAN		\$1,939.57	\$2,100.00	92.36%	\$160.43
GUEST MINISTER		\$450.00	\$600.00	75.00%	\$150.00
INSURANCE PROPERTY		\$2,931.00	\$3,500.00	83.74%	\$569.00
MISCELLANEOUS		\$1,245.85	\$750.00	166.11%	(\$495.85)
OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$485.31	\$600.00	80.89%	\$114.69
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION		\$17,810.76	\$20,000.00	89.05%	\$2,189.24
PASTOR'S EXPENSES		\$ 1,562.95	\$2,000.00	78.15%	\$437.05
PLEASANT CHAPEL FOUND./Tru		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
SOCIAL SECURITY		\$874.64	\$4,500.00	19.44%	\$3,625.36
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES		\$199.00	\$600.00	33.17%	\$401.00
WORSHIP/EVANG. COMMITTEE		\$948.86	\$500.00	189.77%	(\$448.86)
CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE		\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00%	\$200.00
NON UMC Charities		\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	(\$200.00)
UMW		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
CHURCH LIGHTS		\$2,573.00	\$2,700.00	95.30%	\$127.00
CHURCH FUEL		\$3,294.41	\$6,000.00	54.91%	\$2,705.59
TELEPHONE		\$880.78	\$900.00	97.86%	\$19.22
KAREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00
ANNUAL MISSIONS		\$338.30	\$1,000.00	33.83%	\$661.70
COMMUNITY AID/GO175 FUND		(\$831.47)	\$0.00	0.00%	\$831.47
SCHOLARSHIPS		\$0.00	\$660.00	0.00%	\$660.00
		\$42,680.35	\$55,880.00	76.38%	\$13,199.65
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES		\$820.78	\$1,074.62		
WEEK 52					
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 2019			\$33,406.79		
Trustees CD ACCOUNT AS OF 31-Dec 2019			\$13,292.81		
B SAVINGS ACCOUNT AS OF SEPT 30, 2019			\$102,225.87		
Anna Magnuson TREASURER					
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION BREAKDOWN					
HOUSING ALLOWANCE		\$12,000.00			
GROSS WAGES		\$ 8,000.00			
TOTAL COMPENSATION		\$20,000.00			

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*Dear Lord,
Let this be a year
that moves us
one step closer
to each other.*

*Let this be a year
that brings us
understanding in our hearts.*

*Let this be a year
that fills us
with a yearning,
burning feeling
for peace with one another
and a oneness, Lord, with you.*