# THE PLEASANT TRAVELER April 2020

Pleasant Chapel 880 E 1100 N Roanoke, IN 46783 260-519-5324 www.pleasantchapel.org Sunday School 9:00 am Joel Yeager, pastor 260-229-4994 info@pleasantchapel.org Worship 10:00am



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



- Apr 2 Addy Hall
- Apr 3 Tom Truit
- Apr 5 Harley Henline
- Apr 7 Breanne Hoffman
- Apr 7 Jacob Rupert
- Apr 9 Kingston Barber
- Apr 15 Collin Paul
- Apr 15 Jayma Zahn
- Apr 17 John Smith
- Apr 18 Lillyan Wegmann
- Apr 18 Sherry Fulbright
- Apr 20 Chris Hicks
- Apr 21 Dave Fields
- Apr 21 Carolann Sherbahn

# Anniversaries

Apr 12 Adam and Amanda Rogers Apr 23 Taylor and Hannah Landis Apr 30 Janson and Jillian Parsons

# **April Greeters**

Apr 5 Tom and Tammy L. Apr 12 Andy and Andrea Apr 19 John and Anna Apr 26 Nick and Kasey

# April Acolytes

Apr 5 Hands Apr 12 Wisels Apr 19 Amicks Apr 26 Colclessers

## May Greeters

May 3 Jim and Cynthia May 10 Dale and Sue May 17 Larry and Joyce May 24 Roger and Ellen May 31 Griffin and Kendall

### May Acolytes

May 3 Magnusons May 10 Amicks May 17 Hands May 24 Ayers May 31 Hands



# Events All Church events postponed until further notice

including: Holy week services Membership/Baptism Sunday Whitko Gospel Choir Brofest Tenderloin Supper

When are we going to return to the church? Great question. The easiest answer is "when it is safe"! We will listen to the guidelines from both our government as well as from our conference. The bottom line is we are going to do what is safe first. In the meantime, continue to stay connected to your church family by whatever safe means you can, phone, text, or social media. And continue to worship with the church online via Facebook or our homepage.

**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.

# **Inter-Church Events**

July 25 Roanoke Car Show – Christ's UMC food booth

Aug 1 Taste of Roanoke

Sept. 11-12 Fall Fest

**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!

**Social Distance Giving** Several have asked about giving to the church during this unique time.



Many have committed to financially supporting this church and

its ministries and have not been able to make their scheduled contributions. If you would like to continue supporting the church, you can write checks to *Pleasant Chapel* and send it to Ann Henline (her address is in the directory). Thank you for continuing to support this church!

# Membership / Baptism.

The church will be providing a three-week membership course this year during Lent. If you are interested in becoming a member of Pleasant Chapel, contact Joel. Membership Sunday will be April 19 (sometime when we can!). We will have a Baptism service that Sunday as well. Meal and celebration to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Doors In order to improve the safety of our doors and to make them compliant for fire emergencies, the South (main) and South East doors have been updated to include crash bar exits. We will begin locking the outside doors during services. An usher will open the main door for anyone arriving after the doors have been locked. The locks have been changed, so if you need a new key, see Rolla Parsons.

**Senior Dinners** – every Thursday at noon, held at St. Joe Catholic Church in Roanoke. Call Gretchen at 260-403-0365 for reservations. Cost is \$4.00.

Dear Church Family and Friends, Thank you to everyone that took

time to come and watch me and my team play. I always loved looking up in the stands and seeing everyone there to support me. Excited for next season!

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# **Perplexing Process**

It was the first Easter morning. Several women who had witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus and the burial of his body on Friday came to the tomb on Sunday where he was laid. They came in order to anoint his body. But when they came to do their act of love for their friend and teacher, the body was gone and the stone rolled away that covered the grave.

The Bible in Luke 24:4 says the women were "perplexed" by what they found (and didn't find). They could not process the facts they knew. They saw him alive, saw him suffer and die, saw the body (you know when a body is dead), and they saw them put that dead body in that tomb. What they saw and what they didn't see wasn't supposed to be. They could not process or make connections of what they saw and knew. Until! Until they were told by the supernatural beings that "He is not here, but has risen"! (v. 5) It was then they remembered Jesus' words about what was to happened. He did say he would be crucified then rise on the third day (v. 7).

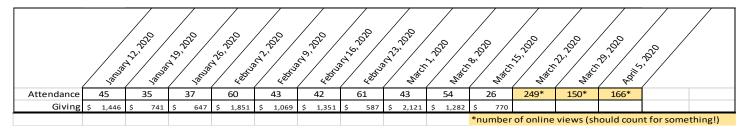
The other disciples went through a "perplexing" process as well. They thought what the women reported to them was an "idle tale" (v. 11). Eventually they "got it." Their perplexity turned into an energy that changed the world forever.

There are certainly times during this current crisis where we too are simply "perplexed." We cannot make sense of the facts we see and how the world is functioning drastically different than normal. What we see is not supposed to be.

But really we should know these kinds of days would come. Jesus told his followers, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33). The word "trouble" is translated elsewhere as "affliction", "anguish", "distress", and "tribulation". Fitting words for these time. But Jesus continued his statement to his disciples, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." That is the perspective we all need to have now (and at all times). Jesus has overcome all the problems of the world on the cross.

We still should do all we can to be safe and healthy and to ensure the safety of those around us, but let us not be fearfully perplexed, but living in the knowledge that HE HAS GOT THIS!

May you and yours have an awesome time together during this special time to celebrate the victory we share in Christ's resurrection!





John 3:16-17 (NRSV) <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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