

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER
December 2020

Pleasant Chapel
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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am

“Look, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a son, and
they shall name him

Emmanuel,

which means,

“God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23 (NRSV)





DECEMBER 2020

Dec 2 Stephen Dolby
 Dec 3 Robert Lahr
 Dec 3 Richard VanDuy
 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 Dorotha Souers
 Dec 22 Grace Fairchild
 Dec 22 Kevin Beck
 Dec 23 John W. Rogers
 Dec 26 Lilly Ayers
 Dec 31 Mike Ayers

December Greeters

Dec 6 Larry and Joyce
 Dec 13 Julie and Lillian
 Dec 20 Brent and Matt
 Dec 27 Candy and Kevin

December Acolytes

Dec 6 Colclessers
 Dec 13 Magnusons
 Dec 20 Amicks
 Dec 27 Hands

January Greeters

Jan 3 Roger and Ellen
 Jan 10 John and Anna
 Jan 17 Andy and Andrea
 Jan 24 Leona And Sarah
 Jan 31 Julie and Tammy S

January Acolytes

Jan 3 Colclessers
 Jan 10 Magnusons
 Jan 17 Amicks
 Jan 24 Hands
 Jan 31 Ayers

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Anniversaries

Dec 30 Jim and Cynthia Chesterman

Minutes were read and approved.
 Treasurer's report was given.

Missions: Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child Boxes are being filled by church members. These were brought back to the church on or before November 15.

Cards were signed for friends and shut-ins.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2021. This was approved.

Program: Joann read an article about "The meaning of Thanksgiving".

Thank you to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table. Everyone enjoys this (looking forward to getting back to this?)

Thank you from "Blessings in a Backpack" for our donations for Huntington County Schools.

Bible Studies - All are invited to Parson's home each Monday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion.

United Methodist Women

The Pleasant Chapel UMW met on Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 pm at Joann Dolby's house. President Jill Law opened the meeting by reading 1 Thessalonians 5:18.



COVID UPDATE from Indiana UMC Bishop Trimble:

Friends,

We are at an unprecedented time in history. In just the past few weeks, we have witnessed a rapid increase of positive COVID-19 cases across the state, nation and world setting new daily and weekly records nearly every day. This news is alarming and requires all of us to make difficult but necessary decisions for the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church.

- *"There is a tremendous risk with this virus. It spreads really, really easily. The next 8-12 weeks are critical. Anything the Church can do to reduce gatherings will be helpful to slow the spread. We must take this very seriously,"* said Kristen Kelley, Director of Infection Prevention, IU Health

Since it is a fact that church worship gatherings are key sources of the spread of COVID-19, it is the recommendation of your Bishop that all churches should suspend in-person worship and in-person meetings of groups for the foreseeable future until the number of COVID cases improve. This will likely include making alternative plans for the holidays

Assistant District Superintendent Kathy Jones indicated all the churches she contacted are suspending in-person worship service and are moving to a streaming worship experience.

In order to keep our congregation safer and to help in the efforts to stop the spread of the virus, Pleasant Chapel will also be providing worship through Facebook and our webpage.

We will also treat the church as a "chapel" experience each Sunday. The recorded worship service which will stream on Facebook and the webpage will also run on the TVs in the sanctuary at 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00. This will allow those people who do not have internet access to come (in limited numbers) to worship at the church.

Plans will most likely change so we will do our best to keep everyone informed of what is happening.

Thank you for your patience, prayers, and understanding during this crazy time!

Samaritan Purse

Thank you to everyone that filled the Samaritan Purse Organization



Operation Christmas Child" boxes to be delivered by Franklin Graham's organization to children and countries all over the world. We set 25 boxes from Pleasant Chapel.

Church Denomination Vote

Pleasant chapel will be deciding to stay with the United Methodist Denomination or to disaffiliate from the UMC. The General Conference in 2019 created an option to leave the denomination because of its inability to resolve internal differences between conservative and progressive ideologies. The Conference is providing a means by which churches can do ministry better by severing the tie to the denomination if they choose.

Pleasant Chapel is called to be an inviting, attractive place where people feel **welcome to come** and be **connected with God and with fellow Christ followers.** The church should also be a place where people have opportunity to **grow spiritually** and to **serve** in the community. Not said to be negative or critical, but Pleasant Chapel can improve to become more effective in what it is we have been called to do.

Please pray through this process. Pray for this church, pray that God would make known his purpose for the church. Pray that God would be gracious to this church in order for it to be most effective.

This is an important decision for the church. There are many pros and cons on either side of the vote. The Executive Board will have two informational meeting prior to the Church Conference for all to learn about disaffiliation as well as voice concerns and ask questions.

The Church Conference is set for Sunday December 6th at 1:00pm

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO COVID.

Two informational, question/answer meetings are scheduled. It is recommended you attend at least one of the meetings

Those meeting dates/times are:

November 29th at 11:00 am

December 2nd at 6:00 pm

(both meetings at the church)

THESE MEETING ARE POSTPONED DUE TO COVID

All church attenders are encouraged to pray for this church decision. All are encouraged to attend the meetings. However, only voting members will be able to vote on the disaffiliation. If you have any questions please contact Joel or any of the members of the Executive Board.

2020 Executive Board Members

John Magnuson- Chairman
Jill Law – Lay Leader, Secretary

Andrea Amick	Mike Ayers
Vicki Giordano	Troy Husband
Leona Bear	Nicole Colclessner
Deloris Smith	Roger Colclessner
Aaron Amick	Joyce Hand
Joann Dolby	Heather Parsons

Even though the Church Conference to vote has been postponed, the church can use the additional time to pray and talk about the decision the church is facing.

Mailboxes - If you want to give Christmas cards to any of our church family, please use our mailboxes. The mailboxes are arranged alphabetically.

“I Can Only Imagine” In 2001, Bart Millard of *MercyMe*, released the song “I Can Only Imagine”. It quickly became the top Christian song and stayed there for a long time. The song is about imagining what heaven would be like. Imagining what our eyes would see when we are there in the real presence of Jesus, when we get to see him face to face. The song tries to imagine what we will be doing when we are there. Are we dancing, are we simply still and in awe, or do we merely fall to our knees in praise? Clearly where

we are and when we are, we just don't know. We can only imagine as the song proclaims.

I'd like to borrow from the idea of the song for just a bit. Rather than wondering or imagining what it *will be* like, I'd like to think about a time long ago. I can only imagine what *it was* like then. What was it like at the first Christmas? Clearly, I can only imagine what life was like in Judea 2000 years ago, guess what culture was like, what the climate was, etc.

Perhaps with some creative thinking I could come somewhat close to what the conditions would have been like at that first Christmas. But I do not believe my imagination could even come close to understanding what he gave up in order to take on flesh for the purpose of saving me and saving you.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14**

We're familiar with that text. It is the gospel writer John describing to us the Word, who is God, who is Jesus becoming flesh or becoming a real person. He is validating the history that talks about Jesus who was a real human in the flesh, and also the divine Word.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. **John 1:1-3**

What would have been most fascinating for John's readers who knew Jesus in the flesh, is now identified with the One who was there at the very beginning. It was He who spoke everything into being.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **John 1:10-11**

Yet the One who spoke everything into being had now come in the flesh into that which He had created. John says the world did not know him and his own people did not accept him. It is a fascinating thing that the One who created it all was unrecognized when he entered into His very own creation!

Yet what is even more fascinating, that I can't begin to imagine, is what it is that He left in order to come to this creation. Think of a place that transcends all of this creation, a realm of the supernatural that is complete light, pure perfection, and ultimate holiness. It is a realm unfathomable for me here and now.

To think the King of kings over a realm that is so supreme to this creation, left all of that for me and for you is also unfathomable! It has to be love! Nothing else could possibly explain it. He left all that, being obedient to the Father who sent him, for the purpose to reconcile you and me to Him.

It had to be love! I can only imagine what Christmas *really* means!

	August 23, 2020	August 30, 2020	September 6, 2020	September 13, 2020	September 20, 2020	September 27, 2020	October 4, 2020	October 11, 2020	October 18, 2020	October 25, 2020	November 1, 2020	November 8, 2020	November 15, 2020
Attendance	29	42	27	36	32	25	25	60	25	25	36	27	23
Giving	986	966	1436	1462	491	723	1374	1241	2316	1672			

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Jesus' birthplace (9)
- 5 Herod slew the children of this age and under (3)
- 8 Peter quoted his words on the day of Pentecost (4)
- 9 "A ___ shaken with the wind" (4)
- 10 "Ye shall find ___ babe wrapped in swaddling clothes" (3)
- 12 The year from Jesus' birth (2)
- 14 Anna was of this tribe (as recorded in Luke) (4)
- 15 "Behold, a ___ shall be with child" (6)
- 20 "Fruits ___ for repentance" (4)
- 21 The wise men came from here (4)
- 22 "He shall reign of the house of ___ for ever" (5)
- 23 A female ancestor of Jesus, as recorded in Matthew 1 (4)
- 25 The amount of manna to be gathered per person (4)
- 27 He multiplied the widow's oil (6)

30 "As soon as the voice of thy salvation sounded in mine ___" (4)

32 An altar meaning witness (Joshua 22) (2)

33 To increase (3)

35 Malarial fever (4)

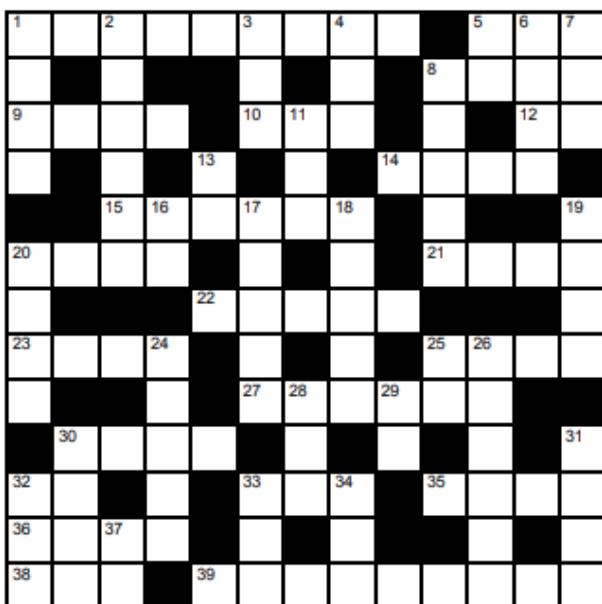
36 To guide (4)

38 There was no room here (3)

39 These men went to see the baby Jesus (9)

Down

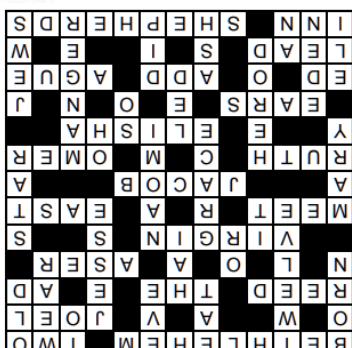
- 1 "Mary, of whom was ___ Jesus" (4)
- 2 Jesus' age when he was taken to Jerusalem (6)
- 3 Jesus did not do this in the wilderness (3)
- 4 Adam's wife (3)
- 5 "Mary was espoused ___ Joseph" (2)
- 6 "They that ___ soft clothing are in kings' houses" (4)
- 7 Zacharias said, "I am an ___ man" (3)
- 8 Grandson of 23 (5)
- 11 A place near Bethel (3)



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- 13 "A pair of turtledoves ___ two young pigeons" (2)
- 16 "That ___ might be fulfilled" (2)
- 17 "The ___ of God was upon him" (5)
- 18 Mother-in-law of 23 (5)
- 19 This went before the wise men (4)
- 20 The mother of Jesus (4)
- 24 He was king at the time of Jesus' birth (5)
- 25 "___ that one would hear me!" (2)
- 26 Jesus was laid in this (6)
- 28 The spirit did this to Jesus in the wilderness (3)
- 29 Thus (2)
- 30 The first garden (4)
- 31 "Where is he that is born king of the ___?" (4)
- 32 A priest in the time of Samuel (3)
- 33 A tree of the olive family (3)
- 34 To put into water (3)
- 37 "___ angel of the Lord appeareth" (2)



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