

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER  
May 2021

Pleasant Chapel  
880 E 1100 N Roanoke, IN 46783  
260-519-5324  
Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am

*for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing  
has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our  
land.*

***Song of Songs 2:11-12(NRSV)***





# May 2021

## ***Birthdays***

May 1	Matt Law
May 3	Roger Colclessor
May 3	Emily DelReal
May 4	Hannah Henline
May 6	Jeff Stetzel
May 8	Jeremy Paul
May 8	Jason Hunter
May 9	David Morris
May 9	Florence Morris
May 10	Tom Thornburg
May 15	Vicki Giordano
May 16	Austin Amick
May 18	Rev. Marvin Grooms
May 19	Audre Johnson
May 25	Jamie Bernardin
May 25	Josie McClure
May 29	Jillian Parsons
May 31	Dennis Sherbahn

## **Greeters**

May 2	Jim and Cynthia
May 9	Dale and Sue
May 16	Larry and Joyce
May 23	Roger and Ellen
May 30	Griffin and Kendall
Jun 6	Aaron and Austin
Jun 13	Ryon and Gavin
Jun 20	Heather and Sarah
Jun 27	Reece and Lizzie
Jul 4	Karla and Candy
Jul 11	Phil and Nicole

## **Acolytes**

May 2	Magnusons
May 9	Amicks
May 16	Hands
May 23	Ayers
May 30	Hands
Jun 6	Wisels
Jun 13	Amicks
Jun 20	Colclessors
Jun 27	Magnusons
Jul 4	Amicks
Jul 11	Hands

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## ***Anniversaries***

May 24	Jason and Jillian Parsons
May 31	John and Fran Morris

Tammy Thornburg, and Joyce Hand for doing much of the coordination.

## **Events**

**May 5** – Bro-fest 7 am  
**May 9** - Mother's Day  
**May 10** –NO Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**May 17** –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**May 19** – Bro-fest 7 am  
**May 24** –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**May 21** –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30

**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 (looking forward to getting back to this?)

**A Big THANK YOU** from Joyce Hand for all the pies and cakes the ladies brought for the Tenderloin Supper on April 17

**Thanks too** to all who made the tenderloin supper a fun and successful evening. Approximately 150 cars drove through and the church raised approximately \$2800 for the Trustee Fund. A special thank you to Tom and Tammy Lickey, Tom and

**Vacation Bible School** at Pleasant Chapel is planned for June 14 through June 18 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am each day. Boys and Girls 3 years of age through and including 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited.

**An Easter Party** was held at Pleasant Chapel on Saturday morning, April 3. Twenty boys and girls colored dozens of eggs. After cleaning the coloring off our hands, we heard the Easter Story. The eggs we colored were hidden outside. The weather was sunny and windy but all the boys and girls went outside and found all the eggs. Everyone enjoyed a snack of cookies and Kool-Aid before going home. A thank you to all the furnished eggs and to the 15 youth and adults that helped with everything.

**A thank you** was received from Claudia Houck from the Roanoke Food Pantry for Pleasant Chapel's support and donations to the food pantry. The Roanoke Food Pantry continues to "help those less fortunate in our community. Blessing to all."

**The Pleasant Chapel Women** met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21st at the church.

Before the business meeting, each lady was handed blank recipe cards to use to copy recipes that had been submitted by Lillian Rupert from the three recipe books that have been published by Pleasant Chapel Women through the past years. These cards will then be given to Virginia Rogers.

Also, each lady was given supplies and very pretty decorations to make a "Mother's Day" card to give someone we want.

Jill then read a devotion from the Upper Room and led in prayer. Roll call was answered by seven ladies.

Minutes were read and approved. Treasures report was given. \$65 was sent to the Church World Service Blanket Fund / Tools of Hope Mission in Elkhart.

We signed cards to send to friends and shut-ins. Ellen delivered Easter flowers to shut-ins.

Announcements: Jill suggested a trip to Shippshewana on Tuesday, May 18th, leaving the church at 8:00 a.m. Joyce and Julie were hostesses for this meeting.

Tentative special events: Botanical gardens - June 9 and visit Roanoke Museum - July 14<sup>th</sup> (more details to come).

**Christine Hull**, 43, of Centralia, Illinois passed away Monday, May 3,

2021. She was born March 21, 1978 in Alexandria, Virginia, the daughter of **Jim Hull and Karen (Simon) Hull**. In addition to her parents, Jim and Karen Hull of O'Fallon, Missouri, she is also survived by a sister: Michelle Speicher and husband Jake of O'Fallon, Illinois. She graduated from O'Fallon Township High School in 1996. Christine was an avid horse lover and spent her life raising and caring for horses and teaching others. Spring Willows Farm, an equine facility in Centralia, Illinois was a dream she turned into reality. A Private Family Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made direct to the charity of the donor's choice and will also be accepted at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Hull Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

**Youth Group** Maddie Hicks is working to develop some youth events this summer including a mid-week gathering and also some local service projects.

Maddie is a senior at Ball State and is currently working on a mission trip Virginia. She will be back in a couple of weeks and looks forward to beginning with the youth soon after.

Stay tuned for more details!

**Dependence Day** – May 2, 2021 was the church's day to declare (again) their dependence on God and their dependence on the leadership teams of the church.

The church voted on April 28, 2021 to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Denomination. This decision will not be final until June 2021 when acted upon by the UMC's Annual Conference.

If disaffiliation is approved, the church will need to develop its own belief statements, governing procedures, and establish itself as an independent, non-profit (501(c)(3) institution.

The congregation voted to enable and empower the existing Executive Board and Administrative Board to proceed with these initial steps in making *Pleasant Chapel Community Church* (working legal new name) and independent, non-denominational church.

Following the vote, Executive Board Chair Mike Ayers read the following declaration:

**We the People of the Community of Pleasant Chapel** in order to form a more perfect church in the communities of Roanoke Indiana, as we re-establish this local church to glorify God by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, declare our total dependence on His grace and that by the Holy Spirit we would become an effective instrument of that grace. We, His people, depend

	February 7, 2021	February 14, 2021	February 21, 2021	February 28, 2021	March 7, 2021	March 14, 2021	March 21, 2021	March 28, 2021	April 4, 2021	April 11, 2021	April 18, 2021	April 25, 2021	May 2, 2021
Attendance	14	19	30	25	21	26	43	51	86	50	65	77	65
Giving	1122	1441	704	1450	1182	770	1464	1921	2522	1691	1327	1215	1675



upon His mercy, patience, and kindness to work within us and through us as we work to develop this local body.

In order for this church to begin to organize and publish the church's beliefs and polity, we acknowledge our dependence upon the leadership of this church. Therefore, we declare that we rely upon their leadership to discern God's will for this church and empower them to develop the governing foundations which reflect our understanding of Scripture as they relate to the ministries of this church in this community and in this world.

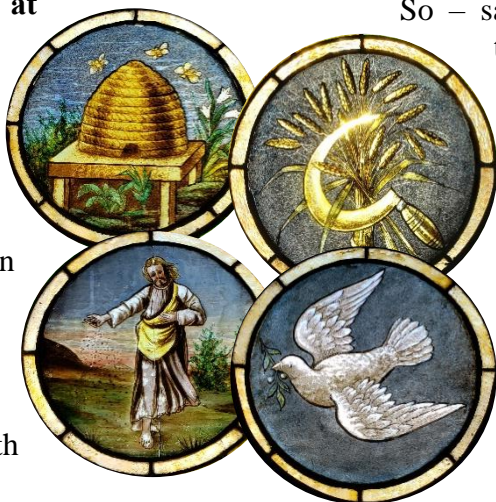
We commit to pray for the leadership of this church and to appeal to God that he would continue to bless this church. We will support this church and its leadership as they call upon us to be contributing members of this body.

57 people in attendance signed the document indicating their support of the leadership boards of the church, their dependence upon God to grace this church's future, and to commit pray for and support this church during this transition. The document will be available to sign if you were unable to attend service on May 2.

It was an important step for the church. Continue to watch for what God has in store for PCCC!

### Pastor's staring at the church windows again!

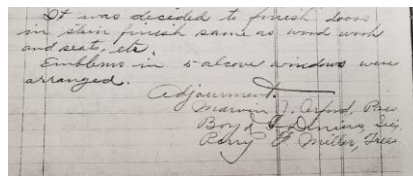
Have you ever stopped and looked at the four round windows in the front of the church? Each of them depicts a different scene. There is a bird with



a plant in its beak, a man walking and scattering seed, and a sickle and some wheat stalks. The fourth appears to be UFOs flying in and out of some sort of extra-terrestrial star base. Wait! That's can't be! What is that fourth one?

Each of those windows were commissioned for the purpose of conveying a message in our sanctuary. Like the other symbols throughout the church, they are meant to remind or to teach about a Bible story, represent a characteristic of God or of our faith, or to denote a particular truth. Yes they are pretty to look at, rich with color, and have a nostalgic value to them, but they also serve a purpose in our worship.

I tried to find some records indicating the



From Feb 1, 1911

reasons why the church designers chose the various artwork and symbolism throughout the church, but had no success. I did find the note from the Board of Trustees book that showed where the "emblems" were arranged. If I read that correctly there were "5" emblems but I only see 4. The window in the stairwell (behind the organ speaker) does not have an emblem.

So – say all that to say this: We are going to talk about these emblems the next several Sundays. They each point to a story or truth that is important to our faith. Now that E.T. one is going to take a little creativity!

It is interesting to read the notes from the Board of Trustees. While searching for info on the emblems, I found the final accounting for the 1910 building and is attached here. The building cost just short of \$14,100! It is kind of fun reading.

If you would like to read the document on line, you can find it on our web page under "Documents".

### My Mother Kept A Garden

My Mother kept a garden,  
a garden of the heart,  
She planted all the good things  
that gave my life it's start.

She turned me to the sunshine  
and encouraged me to dream,  
Fostering and nurturing  
the seeds of self-esteem...

And when the winds and rain  
came,  
she protected me enough-  
But not too much because  
she knew  
I'd need to stand up strong and  
tough.



Her constant good example  
always taught me right from wrong-  
Markers for my pathway  
that will last a lifetime long.

I am my Mother's garden.  
I am her legacy-  
And I hope today she feels the love  
reflected back from me



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Aug. 17, 1911.

The Board of Trustees met at Boyd Dimins' to make final report of year. Secy's report read & approved.

Treas's " " " " " "  
Bro. Perry presented bill of \$3.50, which was allowed.

Perry gave summarized report of Church treasury as he will present at Quarterly Conference for the year.

Following is Building report of Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

Total Cash cost of new church.	\$12583.90
Estimate of old church in new.	1250.00
" of Donation work.	250.00
Total cost of new church	\$14083.90
Collected to date by collectors:-	
By R. M. Sangster	\$133.00
" L. E. Chersole.	1525.04
" O. B. Wells.	6242.17
Total col.	7900.21
Cash paid out.	\$7520.10
" on Hand.	380.11
Total Cash	\$7900.21

Leaving a balance of \$4683.69 unprovided for, but covered with supposed good subscriptions. This report to be given at Quarterly Conference.

On motion, seconded, and carried, it was decided the board remain organized as before.

After some miscellaneous discussion, adjournment was taken.

Marvin J. Arford, Pres.  
Boyd S. Dimins, Secy,  
Perry F. Miller, Treas.

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### Thanks Mom

For holding me close; beneath your loving heart, until this life I was ready to start; for hearing me cry and holding me tight until my sobbing had ceased in the night, dear mom I give you thanks.

For rocking my cradle and wiping my nose, for all the mending and washing my clothes; for holding my hands as I learned to walk for teaching me words as I learned to talk, dear mom I give you thanks.

My first day in school, how well I remember at recess I came to you all with a tremble; the tears from my eyes you washed away and sent me back with a will to obey, dear mom I give you thanks.

For words of hope, that brought peace and joy; for that little pat, as you hugged your child, that quelled the storm, and that eased the strife, as you sent your little child forth into life; dear mom I give you thanks.

For your tender love for your wayward son, who long last, to her mother has come; just to see your face and feel your embrace, gave to me new hope, to win life's race, dear mom I give you thanks.

- Raymond Peters

