

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER
July 2021

Pleasant Chapel Community Church
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Worship 9:00am



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Community
Church*

(kinda has a nice "ring" to it, doesn't it?)



Birthdays

- Jul 2 Candy Raichart
- Jul 2 Jocelyn Sherbahn
- Jul 5 Jessica Sherbahn
- Jul 6 Nancy Buckingham
- Jul 6 Joe Rogers
- Jul 8 Greg Rupert
- Jul 8 Leona Bear
- Jul 9 Conner Hicks
- Jul 9 Sue Law
- Jul 9 Randy Dinius
- Jul 10 Susan Lahr
- Jul 12 Fran Morris
- Jul 13 Gina Fairchild
- Jul 14 Phil Colclessner
- Jul 15 Deborah Hunter
- Jul 18 Jim Chesterman
- Jul 20 Janell Simons
- Jul 24 Lindsey Johnson
- Jul 25 Tom Lickey
- Jul 27 Tammy Schacht
- Jul 29 Ella Fairchild

Greeters

- Jul 4 Karla and Candy
- Jul 11 Phil and Nicole
- Jul 18 John R. and Brent
- Jul 25 Tammy S. and Julie
- Aug 1 Larry and Joyce
- Aug 8 Jim and Cynthia
- Aug 15 Nick and Kasey
- Aug 22 Tom and Tammy L.
- Aug 29 Harley and Ann

Acolytes

- Jul 4 Amicks
- Jul 11 Hands
- Jul 18 Ayers
- Jul 25 Hands
- Aug 1 Wisels
- Aug 8 Amicks
- Aug 15 Colclessers
- Aug 22 Magnusons
- Aug 29 Amicks

JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	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

- July 5** –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
- July 11** – Cemetery Board at PC at 3:00pm
- July 12** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
- July 14** - Pleasant Chapel Women’s Meeting. 1:00 at Jill Laws.
- July 19** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
- July 21** – Bro-fest 7 am
- July 24-29** Huntington County 4H Fair
- July 26** –Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30

Anniversaries

- July 6 Rev. Rex and Kathy Charles
- July 10 Dan and Karen Sherbahn
- July 12 Tom and Kelly Nei
- July 20 Tony and Rene Hicks
- July 28 Jess and Abby Morgenthaler
- July 28 Nick and Kasey Wisel

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!

Vacation Bible School was held at Pleasant Chapel on June 14 through June 18. We had an enrollment of 25 boys and girls. The theme of our Bible school was “Discovery on Adventure Island”. We had lessons from the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Julie Wegmann and Cindy Fairchild taught the preschool class. Ellen Colclessner and Lizzie Colclessner were in the first grade class. Josey Paul taught the second and third grade class. Jill Law taught the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade class.

Joyce Hand and Cynthia Chesterman had some very nice crafts for the boys and girls to make. Gayl Husband along with the help of Alazai and Lexi Larkey served each class refreshments each day.

Joann and the teachers led the boys and girls in singing each day. Brent Hammel put up signs to slow traffic down and also many other jobs during the week.

The offering the students brought during the week is being donated to the Roanoke Food Pantry and the World Vision Child that Pleasant Chapel supports.

A big thank you to everyone that helped in any way to make it a very special week.

Congratulations to our high school graduates this year: Reece Colclessner, Seth Johnson, Matt Hicks, and Josie Paul.

Thank you! Your friendship is a gift from God. Since May 3, we have been blessed with so many good wishes and acts of kindness from our Pleasant Chapel family. We are so thankful that Jim continues to improve. Sending our praises.

- Jim and Cynthia Chesterman

Congratulations to all 4-H members participating in the 4-H fair this year. Best wishes for top honors!

Our sympathy and prayers to Tammy Thornburg and all of Tom and Tammy's family in the death of Tom.

Tom was a special person, working on many committees and in many ways at Pleasant Chapel. Tom and Tammy started our famous tenderloin suppers here at Pleasant Chapel.



Those we hold most dear never truly leave us, they live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared, and the love they brought into our lives.

- Isabel Norton

Disaffiliation Update - The Indiana Annual Conference met June 10-12 and approved Pleasant Chapel's request to leave the denomination. The following was captured from Annual Conference showing the motion and the 8 other churches who disaffiliated.

Action for the Annual Conference

Motion: Pursuant to the process outlined in the disaffiliation agreement and ¶12553, the Indiana Annual Conference is now called upon to ratify by simple majority the disaffiliation of the following congregations: Bennington UMC, Curry's Chapel UMC, Fairland UMC, Hazleton UMC, Monroe UMC, Pine Village UMC, Roanoke Pleasant Chapel UMC, St. Paul Memorial UMC, and Zanesville UMC.

The motion passed 803 votes to 44 votes with 20 abstaining.

Final payment has been made to the Conference and the church is now independent.

So what happens from here? Clearly much of what happens within this church really is no different than what has happened in the past. The church, for the most part, functions well on its own. Any dependence or reliance upon the conference or the denomination really was fairly minimal.

However, some of the things that were assumed or at least taking care of at the denominational level, need to be organized and formalized at this new local level. So we are working on developing our own constitution or bylaws that help us define and profess who we say we are, what it is we are doing, what it is we believe in, and how it is we organize and function as a local body.

It is in this process that I believe the church has a unique opportunity for growth. The proverbial iron is hot! It is during this time we are going to look at some of the assumed things we say about church and our beliefs and look inwardly to see what that means for us individually and corporately as that plays out in the things we do as a church.

The leadership committees are currently working towards developing these defining statements which will be discussed and voted upon by the entire congregation later in the fall. Drafts of these documents are available on our web site for everyone to view as this process develops.

We are going to take the next several Sundays during worship service to review these important statements. So are sermon topics will focus on the questions that our bylaws hope to provide answers to. Questions such as:

- Who are as Pleasant Chapel Community Church and what is it we are doing and working towards?
- What is it we say we believe about
 - God?
 - Scripture?
 - The church?
 - People?
- What about membership in this church?
- How do we practice baptism and communion in this church?
- And the current issues of gender and human sexuality have been so divisive, what is our church's stance regarding these issues?

While it is one thing to create a written document that *says* what we believe is true, it is a whole other thing to put what we say we believe to *practice*. And it is here, I believe, this church has tremendous potential to grow. We can use this opportunity to reinvent, if you will, this church and its ministries.

It is quite possible this church, like many other churches, places a high emphasis on *fellowship and social activities*. While these are important and crucial to the vitality of the church, it should not be the primary focus. All churches need to be more *missional* about their calling as a church; doing what it is they say they believe. **We are to be about making disciples.** That's you and me becoming better disciples in this lifelong process. And it is also about bringing new people to the faith, creating opportunities for people to connect with God.

So what we are working through together as a church serves as a great occasion to improve what we do as a church.

So let us roll up our sleeves and get to work!
-Joel

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We are America, the heart Of a world seeking freedom and peace. We are the East and the West, the North and the South— one people embracing many. We are a legacy Of courage With a destiny of greatness. We are history and prophecy, liberty and home, refuge and vision.

So we lift up our light as a beacon of hope with this prayer to our God and Creator: Make us a people who care and comfort. Let us reach out a welcoming hand to the homeless, the helpless, the hungry. Let us fulfill

