

# The Pleasant Traveler

## May 2022

Pleasant Chapel Community Church  
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Worship 10:00 am



### **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 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

### **Anniversaries**

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

### **Events**

**May 2** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**May 4** – Brofest @ 7am  
**May 8** – Mothers' Day  
**May 9** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**May 11** – PC Women at 12 noon at Sherry Rupert's home  
**May 15** - Whitko Gospel Choir  
**May 16** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**May 18** – Brofest @ 7am  
**May 22** – Membership Service  
**May 23** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**May 30**– Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30  
**Jun 5** - Congregational Conference (all church meeting)  
**Jun 6-10** – VBS @ PC

### **Greeters**

May 1 Jim and Cynthia  
 May 8 Phil and Nicole  
 May 15 Larry and Joyce  
 May 22 Roger and Ellen  
 Jun 5 Aaron and Austin  
 Jun 12 Ryon and Gavin  
 Jun 19 Heather and Sarah  
 Jun 26 Reece and Lizzie

### **Acolytes**

May 1 Rices  
 May 8 Amicks  
 May 15 Hands  
 May 22 Ayers  
 Jun 5 Wisels  
 Jun 12 Amicks  
 Jun 19 Colclessors  
 Jun 26 Rices

**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! Sign-up papers for snacks are on the table in front of the mailboxes.

**Children's Church** is held each Sunday morning after the children's story for preschoolers and up to third grade. Thank you to Ellen Colclessor and all her helpers who make children's church a great experience for our young saints!

**A big thank you** to everyone that furnished eggs, helped hide the eggs, and helped the boys and girls have a nice time at the Easter party.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped in any way with the Tenderloin Supper on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Approximately 275 people were served from the drive through and in the dining room. Proceeds from the dinner were turned over to the Trustees of the church.

**Vacation Bible School** is being planned here at Pleasant Chapel for the week of June 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> for boys and girls three years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Anyone interested in helping, please see Joann.

**Easter party.** Boys and girls gathered at the church on Saturday morning, April 16<sup>th</sup> for an Easter party. A busy time was had by everyone as they colored dozens of eggs in cups of coloring. While the eggs were being hid outside, story time was held in the church. Everyone put on coats and hats and hunted eggs. Prizes were given to each one that found a prize egg and those that found the most eggs. A snack was served before we went home.

**PC Women's Group** The Pleasant Chapel Women's group met on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the church. Delicious lunch was

served by the hostesses, Julie Wegmann and Joyce Hand.

After lunch, President Jill Law opened the business meeting. Sherry Rupert read Easter devotions. Roll call was answered by 5 ladies.

Ellen put the blanket we have from Church World Service on a chair under the balcony with envelopes for offering. This is a worldwide project, giving blankets for people to keep warm and supplying garden tools for people to use for having a garden.

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

**Building Upgrade** The Executive Board met Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>. One of the items that was discussed was the current building structure and the possibility of renovations, improvements, and or new addition. These things have been talked about for years as we have looked at ways of improving the facilities to make them function as best as possible.

The board decided that this is the right time to *explore possible options*. The Board believes it is beneficial for the church to have some *conceptual options* for the purpose of the church to make some decisions regarding our property.

Their decision **does not mean** that there will be any building

projects. They simply have decided it is a good time to dream a bit and to get some possibilities available for the church.

Clearly, this would be a major church decision, one that our bylaws would require a congregational vote. Therefore, the committee decided to have a Congregational Conference *to determine if the body believes* that this is the time to pursue some building renovation options. Therefore, on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> after worship, the church will have a Congregational Conference for the purpose of voting on pursuing this exploration.

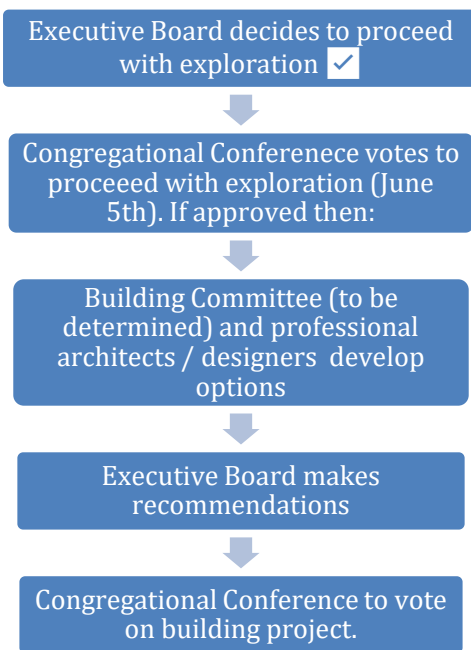
If the congregation shows significant interest in pursuing an exploration of building possibilities, the next step then would be to have a team from the church created that would work with professionals to get some conceptual designs with budgetary estimates that would provide some options in improving our facilities.

Those options would be brought back to the church for discussion and then ultimately presented before another Congregational Conference later for a vote to pursue any project.

The benefit is we would then have some concrete plan on how we are going to proceed regarding our building. It helps us in planning, it gives us some purpose in fund raising, and

provides us the opportunity to be the best stewards of the resources that we have been given.

So right now, this is not the time for specifics on any kind of building improvements, but rather this is the time where we as a church decide whether we want to go forward with a deliberate exploration of our facilities. Once that decision has been made, there will be plenty of opportunities for input regarding ideas that would improve and enhance our facilities.



**Having said that,** the upcoming Congregational Conferences will be used for discussion and for church votes. Anyone attending the church is welcome to come to these meetings, however only voting members can vote. We had a membership Sunday on

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 shortly after the disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. Most of the existing members from Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church (old one) joined that day with a few other new members joining. Some members from the old church were not present that day due to conflicting schedules. Since then, we have also had several new people who have been regularly attending the church who are not members.

Therefore, we will offer a membership service on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will give anyone who missed the membership service in the fall, as well as any other non-members the opportunity to join the church.

You can read about church membership in our bylaws. But just a quick note on that. Membership is not a requirement in participation in the church. Membership in the church, we believe, is a step of spiritual growth, commitment, and devotion to God through service and participation in this local church. But it is optional.

If you are not a member of Pleasant Chapel Community Church and would like to be, contact Joel by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Be prayerful about this! We are looking to see where God is leading this church as we all make important decisions regarding how we do ministry

and manage the resources we have to do that ministry.

We are reminded of the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25:14–18

<sup>14</sup> “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

The parable is about a master who entrusts resources to three of his servants with the expectations that each would grow those resources.

The two good servants returned that which they were entrusted with more than they were given. The bad servant simply hid his master’s assets and simply did nothing to grow what he had been given

We have been given a church that is not ours but His and he is expecting us to exercise our responsibility wisely by being good stewards and growing that which he has given.



*Sammy asked his mother if he could fill his little plastic pool with water, and since it was such a nice day, she agreed. Looking out the kitchen window, Sammy's mother was amused to see him lift the family's dog into the pool, then watched as he quickly dunked the dog's head and let it out a moment later. Next, he went and got the family's pet rabbit out of its hutch and did the same thing.*

*Sammy's mother was getting very curious although it was obvious he wasn't harming his pets. She went back to her chores until*

*Sammy came running into the house  
"Mommy, can you please help me? The cat*

