

The Pleasant Traveler

March 2023

Pleasant Chapel Community Church
880 E 1100 N
Roanoke, IN 46783

www.pleasantchapel.org
info@pleasantchapel.org
Worship 10:00 am



MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			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

Mar 1 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Mar 1 – Brofest
Mar 8 – Women’s meeting at 10:00am at PC
Mar 8 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Mar 12 – Daylight Savings. (spring forward)
Mar 12 – Love Unity Feast at the PAL Club in Huntington. 10:30am-1:00pm. Free-will offering
Mar 15 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Mar 15 – Brofest
Mar 18 – Soup Supper 4-7 pm
Mar 19 – Let’s “Taco Bout IT!” Lunch provided (taco stuff) after worship. Come and meet Vicki Sprunger and hear about children’s ministries.
Mar 22 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
Mar 29 – Brofest @ Nick’s
Mar 29 – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30

Greeters

Mar 5 Mike and Cory
Mar 12 Vicki and Cindy
Mar 19 Leona And Ashlee
Mar 26 Ryan and Breanne
Apr 2 Tom and Tammy L.
Apr 9 Andy and Andrea
Apr 16 Matt and Stephanie
Apr 23 Nick and Kasey

Acolytes

Mar 5 Rices
Mar 12 Amicks
Mar 19 Hands
Mar 26 Ayers
Apr 2 Hands
Apr 9 Wisels
Apr 16 Roehms
Apr 23 Hoffmans

Birthdays

Mar 6 Tammy Lickey
Mar 6 Sawyer Hoffman

Mar 6 Kelly Nei
Mar 9 Rev. Steve Fritchman
Mar 12 Madie Hicks
Mar 17 David Fairchild
Mar 19 Nick Wisel
Mar 22 Ryan Hoffman
Mar 23 Garrett Dinius
Mar 23 Deanne Hoffman
Mar 23 Tom Rupert
Mar 24 Ellen Colclessor
Mar 25 John Sherbahn
Mar 27 Bill Sherbahn
Mar 28 Valerie Raichart
Mar 28 Vivian Hoffman

Anniversaries

Mar 4 Barry and Sally Knuckles
Mar 31 Dan and Deborah Hunter

Bible Studies - All are invited to Parson’s home each Wednesday 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 2023 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 Gayl, Breanne, Ellen, Sherry and all the helpers who make children’s church a great experience for our young saints!

Thank you to everyone who donated canned food and paper products to the Roanoke food pantry. It has been delivered.

Senior Dinners are held every Thursday at noon. They are held at St. Joe Catholic Church in Roanoke. Call Gretchen at 260-403-0465 for reservations. The cost is \$5.00.

Soup Supper at Pleasant Chapel will be March 18th from 4-7. Free-will offering. Anyone wanting to help, contact Joann.

PC Women's Group

The Pleasant Chapel Women met at 1:00 Wednesday, February 8th at Ellen Colclessor's home. President Jill Law opened the meeting by reading Psalm 46:10.

Our mission giving for this quarter is Place of Grace in Huntington. The "By the Book" (Bible Trailer) for students in grades 3, 4, and 5 in Huntington County will be giving each student a Bible this spring. The cost for each Bible is \$14.00.

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

For the program, Ellen read scripture from Corinthians. When she came to the word "love" she paused and we all said the very special word "love". Ellen served refreshments to five ladies.

The GO175 Committee has selected **Red Bird Mission** as the mission focus for March 2023. Red Bird Mission, Inc., and Red Bird Clinic, Inc., have been providing ministries to the Appalachian Mountain region since 1921. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, and poor housing are obstacles that still plague this area today. Red Bird

strives to meet the needs of the Appalachian people through education, health and wellness, community outreach, economic opportunity and community housing improvement. Red Bird strives to provide assistance to help make their living conditions better. We will be sending a \$300 donation from Pleasant Chapel Community Church. If anyone would like to donate in addition to this amount, please put your donation in a clearly marked envelope with your name and Red Bird Mission in the donation slot at the back of the church. Thank you! Below is a tentative schedule of events the committee is working on.

1. Denominational affiliation
2. Overall program review
3. Improved discipleship on Sunday mornings and midweek including a structured plan for our children
4. Review of current facilities
5. Implementation of safety and security plan
6. Explore a possible life center attached to the current structure
7. Review Sunday morning worship service

As we prayed through and discussed these items, it became very clear that of the items on the list the first item was the one that needed immediate attention. Movement on the other items were dependent upon whether

Missions Committee

Social

Outreach

January		Biblical Citizenship Series
February	Bowling Event	Souper Bowl/\$10 Donation
March	Soup Supper	Red Bird Mission
April	Tenderloin Supper	Easter/Easter egg hunt
May	Graduate Bibles/Cake	World Vision
June	VBS	Heifer International
July	Blessings in a Backpack	4-H Fair Milkshakes
August	Back to School Party	By The Book Bible Trailer
Sept.	Block Party	Roanoke Concessions
October	Soup Supper/Rally Day	Place of Grace Banquet
Nov.	Tenderloin Supper	LOVE Inc/Oper. Shoebox

Update from the Executive Board

There are many new things happening at Pleasant Chapel. We are excited to see the attempts at growth and improvement within our church. Here is some background on why we're seeing what we're seeing.

In 2019, the Executive Board met to discuss some possible ideas that had been brought up for the church to consider. It wasn't the goal to move on all of the items, but rather to consider some of the ideas that have been floating around our church for many years. The Executive Board prayerfully considered the following to review:

we were staying in the United Methodist denomination or disaffiliating.

We started the process in early 2020. COVID-19 slowed our process down a bit but the church moved to disaffiliate and that process was completed in 2021. Since the completion of the disaffiliation there have been many positive steps forward.

We have created a safety and security committee (#5) that met to devise some plans to help ensure that our programming and facilities would be places where people felt safe and secure. The Administrative

Board is currently working at revising and implementing that plan.

During the discussions with the board and congregation throughout 2020 and 2021, two other items began to rise to the top of the list. Children's ministry (#3) and a review of our current facilities (#4 and #6) began to be the topic of conversation.

We created a committee to develop a job description for a potential Director of Children's Ministry. Because we are seeing an increase in the number of children coming to our church and participating in the programs that we currently have, we felt it was important to bring some leadership, organization, and resource management to enhance children's programming. We also feel that the youth is where our church needs to focus and grow.

That job description was posted, and the interviewing committee recommended Vicki Sprunger for our Director of Children's Ministry. The executive board approved Mrs. Sprunger for that position. Vicki brings years of experience and leadership in youth programming and ministry. We feel that she will be a vital asset in our growth of both youth and adult discipleship.

We also created an exploratory committee for the purpose of coming up with some proposals for enhancements to our building structure. These would include easier access to worship services. This process would also look at plans to ensure the existing structure would have any necessary structural and mechanical maintenance. The building committee has been in contact with contractors and architects to obtain ideas and information on adding on or building a new fellowship hall. They have made a couple of trips to surrounding churches looking at their facilities to gain ideas and information to use in our

process. They have a general concept in mind that we are currently seeking budgetary numbers and drawings to bring to the congregation to discuss feasibility of the project.

It is great to see our church moving forward by doing its best to create the best space and programming which will allow ministry opportunities to bring people to connect with God and for them to develop their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our future is bright, and we feel that our biggest asset is our people. Together with God we can move mountains. We are excited to see what God has in store for us in the coming year.

Respectfully,

The Executive Board

Pleasant Chapel Welcomes Vicki Sprunger as the new Director of Children's Ministry.

Vicki will be helping lead programming for our children and she brings with her experiences in public education as well as church ministry. Vicki says this to help us get to know her a bit:

Hello! My name is Vicki Sprunger and I'm going to be working for the Lord at Pleasant Chapel and I'm so excited to join you!

I live in South Whitley with my husband, Bryan. We're proud parents of



three grown boys who have blessed us with two daughter-in-laws and five amazing grandchildren. Needless to say, we love spending time with our family near and far!

In May of 2022, I retired from teaching from South Whitley Elementary after 30 fun filled years. I'm now working part time at Faith Christian Academy of Whitley County as a kindergarten teacher.

I've attended the Collamer First Church of God since I was born, I've served the Lord holding many different positions in the little country church and I thank him daily for the blessing that I have received. I feel the Lord has

called me to Pleasant Chapel to continue my work for him! I'm anxious to start meeting the children and getting activities planned for

them. With your help we'll work together to teach the word of



God to the young at heart in a fun and exciting way.

Thank you for bringing me on board for this journey as Children's Ministry Director and for your warm welcome that I have received so far!

Romans 10:14–15 (NRSV) ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Christ followers know that people need to call on God whom they believe. But in order for them to believe, they need to hear of Him and all about Him. For that to happen someone needs to share Him. And

that person had to be one who was sent.

Karla and I recently had a meeting and the conversation eventually moved into talking about faith and our participation in our churches. The person shared that he and his family had just recently changed churches in Fort Wayne. He said there was some transitions within his old church that had eliminated much of the programming and opportunities for children and youth. He shared that his children were at a place where he knew they needed to maintain connection with the church, associate with other kids their age who were on a similar faith journey, and also have exposure to the good news of Jesus Christ. He changed churches in order to get his children in an environment where he knew they would have that kind of exposure.

I believe those young parents were acting very responsibly in bringing up their children in the faith. But

then I can't help but think about the many children whose parents simply do not have that conviction and commitment to providing the best Christ-centered environment for their children as they are involved in a local church.

These parents were concerned, that at their old church, there would be no one there for their children, at this most critical stage of their life, to be the ones to share the love of God with them. I commended him on his action to seek out a church which was better suited for his family at this time.

I told him his children today have so many more messengers being sent to them with messages that so often contradict the biblical truth we believe. Our children are growing up today in a world where there is tremendous access and exposure to all of our world. On a positive note, our children get to see the rich diversity of culture throughout our world. But on the other hand, too



Congratulations to
the Amicks and the
Leo Lion Hockey
Team State
Tournament!



often they are confused by the bombardment of deception, and immorality, untruth, and worldviews that are incongruent with the message of Christ.

So for Pleasant Chapel, it is with utmost importance that our church do its best to be those ones who have been sent to proclaim Him to children in order that they can

believe and call upon the One who loves them.

So thank you Pleasant Chapel for placing an elevated importance on the ministries of our children. Thank you to the many teachers and helpers who share God's love with our kids. Thank you to those who have taken their time and sacrificed it in order to provide true direction for our

Thank you parents for your faithful commitment in bringing your children up in Christ.

And thank you for the leadership of this church who has taken the initiatives to augment, and develop children's programming that is attractive and has eternal consequence for children within our community.



SAVE THE DATE...

the Unity Feast is Sunday, March 12th!

Join us at the PAL Event Center from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm for a benefit breakfast for United With Love. This is a freewill offering event and all proceeds will benefit the ministries of United With Love.

Soup Supper Saturday March 18, 2023 4-7 pm



Menu

**Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham
Sandwiches, Drinks,
Homemade Pies, and Cakes**



Eat your fill, pay as you will!

children.

The Chosen Bible Study Season 1 Sundays at 9:00

Season of Lent

L C W O W V Y C O U H U F S P Y W K Z W P E G B
 U Q I W I J Z J B G E T H S E M A N E D Q J I A
 Z P S E N E J B P R C E T A N M N K B K H G I I
 D E W C E S P M S L G R U G T D A T M U D Y I C
 B P J U B U R I Y M B F T O E R E K J Q V C Z O
 A X D S C S V U G A O N Q D C X G L X S M J M P
 R T P A L M S U N D A Y M B O X E K F G T G K P
 A N R J Z A Y F X E J U D A S N X E A S T E R Q
 B Y N Y Z Y O I T V I N R I T A G K Q F C X N K
 B I Z Q I S E U C H A R I S T P O H J F O R S Z
 A A K I A S H W E D N E S D A Y O Y E A M Z J J
 S K W V F C A E P A Y S R L V O D P R L A S X C
 S O U C Q H S V I S U U F L F X F K U X R T K X
 C R U C I F I X V O G R P I O J R T S C Y A Q C
 A P O S T L E S N M V R X U H S I J A M M L S K
 V D P C Q V K C Y N H E A E L P D C L G A A R K
 F M E D E M Q R X X E C T N E M A Z E D G S G E
 P M T B U P J O D A P T J X N H Y G M U D T R D
 F U E B O P L S Z T Y I M P T Z E Z B A A S C C
 C B R T V Z Y S B O G O X Q K D A K S S L U Z U
 N K M L Z D E S B M Y N I B M A T D S X E P B G
 S X X U I C Q L Z B L P N L J Q F Q A K N P K B
 D Y T Z V W C H R I S T I A N I T Y U V E E B Z
 Y P O N T I U S P I L A T E L C E K H U S R G N

Palm Sunday
 Crucifix
 Peter
 Cross
 Pontius Pilate
 INRI
 Apostles

Lent
 Barabbas
 Jerusalem
 Ash Wednesday
 Pentecost
 Gethsemane

Jesus
 Tomb
 God
 Wine
 Mary Magdalene
 Easter

Good Friday
 Resurrection
 Eucharist
 Last Supper
 Judas
 Christianity

PLEASANT CHAPEL
OFFERING & EXPENSE REPORT
2/28/23

Opening Checking Balance (STD/NON-PROFIT/BSB)	\$ 228,548.51	YTD BALANCE
TRANSFERS FROM SAVINGS/CD	\$ -	\$ -
TRANSFERS TO SAVINGS BSB	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST EARNED (savings)	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST EARNED (checking)	\$ 19.59	\$ 40.02
CHURCH OFFERING	\$ 9,613.75	\$ 19,670.75
COMMUNITY AID/GO175 OFFERING	\$ -	\$ -
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	\$ -	\$ 167.00 Karen's Christmas Fund
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	\$ -	\$ -
VBS OFFERING	\$ -	\$ -
BIRTHDAY OFFERING	\$ -	\$ -
TRAVELLER OFFERING	\$ -	\$ -
MISSIONS OFFERING	\$ -	\$ -
MEMORIAL OFFERING	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 9,633.34	
AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING	\$ 2,224.79	
NEEDED EACH WEEK	\$ 1,200.00	
OVERAGE OR DEFICIT	\$ 1,024.79	

	February ACTUAL	YTD TOTAL	2023 BUDGET	PERCENT SPENT	DOLLARS REMAINING
SPECIALS PAID TO IC					
BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%	\$ 800.00
CUSTODIAN	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ 2,100.00	8%	\$ 1,925.00
GUEST MINISTER	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00	25%	\$ 1,500.00
INSURANCE PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	0%	\$ 4,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS (Flowers, Bank Fees)	\$ 167.10	\$ 167.10	\$ 750.00	22%	\$ 582.90
OFFICE SUPPLIES (Advertising, Postage)	\$ 1,296.44	\$ 1,766.51	\$ 1,500.00	118%	\$ (266.51)
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION	\$ 2,146.66	\$ 4,293.32	\$ 23,000.00	19%	\$ 18,706.68
PAYROLL EXPENSE (TAXES)	\$ 70.12	\$ 654.70	\$ 2,400.00	27%	\$ 1,745.30
PASTOR'S EXPENSES/Ministry Exp.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0%	\$ 2,000.00
PLEASANT CHAPEL FOUND/TRU	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	0%	\$ 600.00
CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	0%	\$ 1,200.00
CHURCH LIGHTS (UTILITIES)	\$ 192.80	\$ 702.30	\$ 3,200.00	22%	\$ 2,497.70
CHURCH FUEL	\$ 1,521.22	\$ 1,521.22	\$ 6,000.00	25%	\$ 4,478.78
Telecommunications/Internet (FB)	\$ 57.91	\$ 57.91	\$ 900.00	6%	\$ 842.09
KAREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,463.06	0%	\$ 1,463.06
COMMUNITY AID/GO175 FUND (Evang/Spec Events/Worship Comm	\$ 218.05	\$ 218.05	\$ 4,000.00	5%	\$ 3,781.95
ACCOUNTANT FEES (CULP)	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,920.00	17%	\$ 1,590.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 660.00	0%	\$ 660.00
	\$ 6,500.30	\$ 10,386.11	\$ 58,993.06	18%	\$ 48,606.95

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES

WEEKS 52

CHECKING BALANCE AS OF 2/28/23	\$ 129,523.89
SAVINGS BALANCE AS OF 2/28/23	\$ 102,297.90
	\$ 231,821.79

	November 20, 2022	November 27, 2022	December 4, 2022	December 11, 2022	December 18, 2022	January 1, 2023	January 8, 2023	January 15, 2023	January 22, 2023	January 29, 2023	February 5, 2023	February 12, 2023	February 19, 2023
Attendance	60	63	53	59	57	38	63	65	54	64	77	32	54
Giving	742	686	1835	1135	3891	1957	2276	2714	536	1539	6942	1601	1071

Pleasant Chapel Community Church
880 E 1100 N
Roanoke, IN 46783



*"Prayer is asking for rain.
Faith is carrying an umbrella.
Prayer is a little bit like eating
salted peanuts;
The more you do it, the more you
want to do it."*

