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### Elders

Darrell Bradford  
John Garland  
Diane Luther  
Rebecca Matsco  
Lennie Miller  
Nina Parrish  
Doug Rogers  
Jared Rogers  
Paul Schaefer



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Nadine Duncan  
Jan Garland  
Karen Herman  
Pamela Mason  
Lorna Tarquinio  
Drew Vinisky



Mt. Pleasant  
CHURCH

January 1, 2023

# Worship Service

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: 1 John 3:16-18

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Officer Ordination/Installation

\*Doxology #623

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #220 *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

\*\**The children will proceed to Children & Worship during the hymn.*

Scripture: Zechariah 8:18-24

Sermon *"Love Peace and Truth"*

By Pastor Rich Herbster

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*We will partake of the elements together after everyone has been served.*

\*Hymn #216 *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

\*Benediction and Recessional

\*Congregation will stand

\*\**Children from ages 3 to 2nd grade are welcome to attend Children & Worship  
A nursery is available for children under the age of 3.*

# Announcements

## WORSHIP/SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:45am—Coffee/Fellowship

9:00am—Sunday School for All Ages

10:00am—Worship Service

## 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

2023 offering envelopes are in the Narthex ready to be picked up. Please contact Luann Frasier at [info@mpchurchpa.org](mailto:info@mpchurchpa.org) if you have any questions or are in need of a set of offering envelopes. Thank you.

## GRIEF SHARE GROUP

Grief Share is a grief recovery support group. We invite those grieving to join us in healing with Elder Nina Parrish. We will meet every Tuesday starting January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 PM for 13 weeks. There is no cost to attend. This is an open group. Feel free to attend at any point in the 13 weeks. Please reach out to Nina with any questions.



## \*Prayer List



Kate Adams Tom Hughes Christine Olszanski  
Micki Addison Sarah Kane LaVern Pence  
Alice Allison Judy Kearns Charlie Phillips  
Tom Allison Mike Lopata Barb Rupert  
Bill Bosley Evelyn Lyle Dan Silverman  
Joann Brooks Pat McCary Pastor Wang Yi  
Bill Coon Iris McConn Lisa Zahn  
EPC in Sierra Leone Diane McCracken  
Pat Gray Jack O'Neill

**Bereavement:** Brian McKnight Family, Dolores Herron Family, Carole Olson Family, Ed Jestat Family, Ed Drake Family

**Weekly Mission Focus:** CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship)

**Special Prayer Focus:** Dan & Courtney

**Praise:** Another year of worship and fellowship together!

*“...pray for each other...”*

James 5:16

## Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q13. Did our first parents remain as they were created?**

*Answer: Left to the freedom of their own wills, our first parents sinned against God and fell from their original condition.*

Weekly Memorization Verse: Genesis 3:6

Semester Scripture memorization: Psalm 8

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## Keep them in your thoughts by sending a card...

**Tom & Alice Allison**  
182 Calhoon Road  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

**Pat Gray**  
Beaver Valley Nursing & Rehab  
Room 20  
257 Georgetown Road  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

**Freda Buck**  
4260 Tuscarawas Road  
Beaver, PA 15009-9137

**Virginia Mihalik**  
3940 Patterson Road  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

**Mary Davy**  
137 Kennedy Road  
Hookstown, PA 15050-1705

**Phyllis Miller**  
606 Frankfort Road  
Monaca, PA 15061

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## TITHING REPORT

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
LAST WEEK	\$11,652	\$7,957	\$3,695
YEAR TO DATE	\$473,650	\$413,738	\$59,912



## 2023 Sunday School

Sunday School at Mt Pleasant includes offerings for the whole family from 9-9:50 AM every Sunday morning.

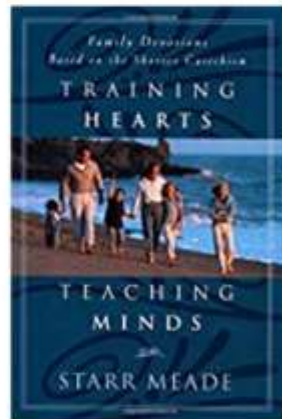
All classes are Bible-based and reinforce memorizing the Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English.

### LET THE CHILDREN COME

At Mt Pleasant, our kids spend their Sunday school time learning the Westminster Shorter Catechism and memorizing God's Word through songs, games, and discussion. Fun tools connect them to each other, to great truth and to the God of the Bible! Meanwhile, adults learn how we can *all* interact with the kids to get them — and keep them! — excited about this learning.

We invite your child to one of our K-12 classes:

- ◊ Age 3-K—Teacher Becky Smeltz
- ◊ 1st-2nd Grade—Teacher Carol Olson
- ◊ 3rd-4th Grade—Teacher Bethie Pierce
- ◊ 5th-6th Grade—Teacher Holly Garland
- ◊ Jr/Sr High—Teachers Paul & Brenda Schaefer



Every family in our congregation receives its own copy of "Training Hearts, Teaching Minds", a great interactive family devotional based on the Shorter Catechism. If your home doesn't already practice household worship, this is a great way to start — and it ties in directly with what your children are learning in Sunday School! Enjoy time together and how to engage your home team in learning God's truth.

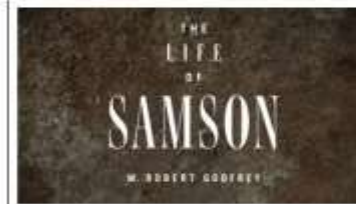
## ADULT Sunday School - Winter Term

Adult classes vary, offering Scripture study and Christian living topics, as well as different learning styles. Adults can also expect each class to be Bible-based and to reinforce memorizing the Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English. All adults from post-High School and beyond are welcome in any class.

### Union Gospel Adult Bible Class — Gathering Room

Workbook study with Bill Enders

Union Gospel Curriculum is designed to lead adults ages 26 and up to a deeper knowledge of Bible truths through detailed lesson exposition. These inspirational lessons encourage Scripture study and involvement in the Sunday school material. The class meets year-round and members choose a service opportunity to bless the church or community each year.



### The Life of Samson — Room 121

Video & discussion with Jan Garland

A man of incredible physical strength and debilitating moral weakness, Samson was nevertheless God's instrument to rescue Israel from the Philistines during the era of the judges.

In light of these contrasts, we are faced with this key question: What, exactly, are we to make of Samson and his place in the Lord's purposes? In this series, Dr. W. Robert Godfrey considers the life of Samson, highlighting vital theological lessons and exploring what this judge tells us about Christian living.

### Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus — Room 123

Group discussion with rotating facilitators

In the beginning, the church ate together, traveled together and shared in all facets of life. Centered as they were on Jesus, these seemingly mundane activities took on their own significance in the mission of God. In *Slow Church*, we're invited to leave franchise faith behind and enter into the ecology, economy and ethics of the kingdom of God, where people know each other well and love one another as Christ loved the church.

