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Nina Parrish  
Doug Rogers  
Jared Rogers  
Paul Schaefer



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Jan Garland  
Karen Herman  
Pamela Mason  
Lorna Tarquinio  
Drew Vinisky



March 26, 2023

# Worship Service

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Baptism: Gabriel Alexander Allan Harris

Minute for Mission: VBS - Tammy Symanowicz/Brenda Michel

\*Doxology #623

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Special Music: "Für Elise" - Dawson Frasier

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #254 "O How He Loves You and Me!"

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

Scripture: John 15:1-17

Sermon "Seven: Vine"

By Pastor Rich Herbster

\*Hymn #131 "This Is My Commandment"

\*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

## EASTER LILY ORDERS:

Order forms are included in this week's bulletin. The cost per plant is \$11. **All orders are due tomorrow, Monday, March 27th.**

## NEW MEMBER CLASS:

A New Member class will be offered on Saturday, April 22nd. Next week's bulletin will include a registration form. If you are interested in attending the New Member class, the form can be filled out and returned in the offering plate or the church office.

## CHOICES - WALK FOR LIFE:

SAVE THE DATE for May 13th! Mt. Pleasant is committed to supporting Choices' Pregnancy Services' annual Walk for Life. Register now to Walk for Life and support the life-saving ministry of Choices. Visit [www.WalkForMyLife.org](http://www.WalkForMyLife.org) to learn more and register today!

## SMALL GROUP STUDY:

Join us on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm for TrueU 01: Does God Exist? Building the Scientific Case - an apologetics small group curriculum that looks at how evidence from cosmology, biology, philosophy, and logic supports belief in the God of the Bible. High school ages and up. Facilitated by Amy Herbster.

## CHRISTIAN LITERACY TUTOR PROGRAM:

Our training has concluded and we are ready to begin! This program is open to all ages. If you would like to be paired with a tutor, please reach out to Dr. Nancy Kennedy at 724-899-2636.

## \*Prayer List



Alice Allison	Samuel Lane	Charlie Phillips
Tom Allison Sr.	Mike Lopata	Reed Girls
Walker Allison	Ed Luther	Paul Reft
Brenda	Iris McConn	Val Romo
Bill Bosley	Diane McCracken	Joanne Stanis
Joann Brooks	Mickey McHaffie	Kristin Vinisky &
Jimmy Bruce	Lee Miller	Mike Hardy
Bill Coon	Corrie Miller	Pastor Wang Yi
Mary Davy	Phyllis Miller	Larry Zahn
Jim George	Jack O'Neill	Lisa Zahn
Pat Gray	Betty Phillips	

**Bereavement:** Virginia Mihalik Family, Joan Anderson Family, John Brieck Family, Diane McHaffie Family

**Weekly Mission Focus:** Pastor Abby Opal, Chaplain Mental Health

**Special Prayer Focus:** Kid's Club

**Praise:** Helen Cogis, Mt. Pleasant Youth Group 30-hour Famine

*"...pray for each other..."*

James 5:16

## Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism

### Q24. How is Christ a prophet?

*Answer: As a prophet, Christ reveals the will of God to us for our salvation by His word and Spirit.*

Weekly Memorization Verse: John 14:6

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

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

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

**Pat Gray**  
Beaver Valley Nursing & Rehab  
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257 Georgetown Road  
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**Phyllis Miller**  
324 Mowry Road  
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**Rich & Dot Trimer**  
3860 Green Garden Road  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

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### TITHING REPORT

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
LAST WEEK	\$7,167	\$8,569	-\$1,402
YEAR TO DATE	\$117,709	\$102,833	\$14,876

VBS | COMING TO A PLANET NEAR YOU



VBS Dates

JUNE 26-30  
2023

6pm - 8:15pm



Stellar – Shine Jesus’ Light. Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they’ll have a blast shining Jesus’ light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that’s light years of faith-building fun.

Stellar VBS is filled with awesome Bible learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch and even taste! To make this happen we are looking for faithful, energetic volunteers to plan, lead and help.

**Volunteer positions needed:**

- Bible discovery teacher
- Imagination station leader
- Games coordinator
- Registration (2 or 3 volunteers)
- Adult Crew Leaders (8 volunteers)
- Senior high youth group for crew leaders (8 volunteers)
- Closing skit, praise and experiment (4-5 volunteers)

If interested, please reach out to Brenda Schaefer 724-513-0735 or Tammy Symanowicz 724-407-8890 by phone or email Tammy - [t.symanowicz@comcast.net](mailto:t.symanowicz@comcast.net).

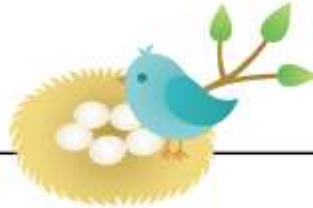
Thank you!



## 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.

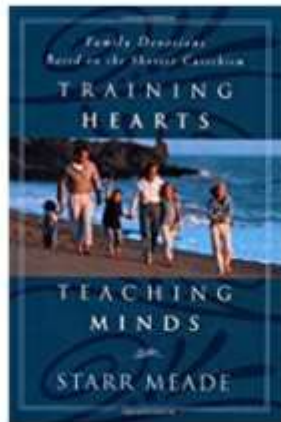


### LET THE CHILDREN COME

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 Jen DeLong
- ◊ 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 engage your "home team" in learning God's truth.

## ADULT Sunday School - Spring 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 leads adults ages 26+ to a deeper knowledge of Bible truths through detailed lesson exposition. This Spring, learn how **Jesus Pleases His Father: By his works, by his sacrifice, by his teachings**. Inspirational lessons encourage Scripture study and involvement with the material. The class meets year-round; members choose an annual service project.



### The Book of Job — Room 121

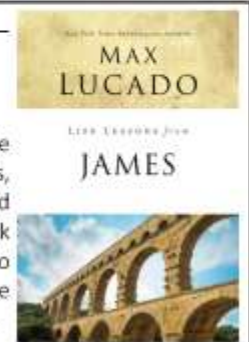
Video & discussion with Craig Lahtinen

Join us for this video series presented by Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas of Ligonier Ministries. Walk through the book of Job and consider what the Bible says about our darkest moments. Address the difficult questions of the relationship between God's sovereignty and the existence of evil, sin, and suffering. The format will include reflection on the previous week's study, a 20-minute video presentation per week, with interactive follow-up discussions about the video.

### Life Lessons from James: Practical Wisdom — Room 123

Group discussion with Joanne Rogers

In his letter, James boldly deals with practical issues of faith. He shows the importance of living a genuine life. He encourages, challenges and confronts, offering constructive words and admonitions to live out our faith. Max Lucado helps unpack some of these themes: God gives true wisdom; Satan wants to break us while God tests us to strengthen us; the words we use are powerful and influential; faith and good deeds go together.





Easter is almost here. As we celebrate the Love God showed us by sacrificing His only Son, we want to give you the opportunity to show your love to someone whose memory or presence you cherish.

It is tradition to decorate our church and sanctuary each year with beautiful Easter Lilies. If you would like to honor someone with a plant, please fill out the order form on the back of this sheet and return it with your payment to the Church Office by March 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost per plant is \$11.



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In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Number of Lilies Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

## Adult Nursery Volunteers Needed!

In order to staff the nursery appropriately, we need adult volunteers to step up and help Megan Michael as she cares for the little ones. Megan loves her work in the nursery! She has all her clearances, lots of experience, and does a great job, but in today's culture we really should have 2 people on staff in the nursery each week.

What makes it easy:

- Megan knows the ropes and the regulars very well and has been handling nursery by herself for a while, so being a "helper" should be pretty light work.
- There's already a good support system in place to pull in other help if needed – people are monitoring the situation from inside the sanctuary, and more help is available at the flick of a switch.
- You don't have to miss out on the service! The service is displayed on a TV in the nursery.
- You don't need to be the only helper! Bring along a friend with clearances, or a younger person who is old enough to be really helpful but who isn't old enough to take a turn by themselves.
- Having solid coverage in the nursery can help Megan get a break sometimes to be in the service.
- If tiny ones that are extra special to you will be in town for a week, you can easily schedule that as a week you can help.
- The more people help, the smaller the job is for everyone!

What is needed:

- We need adults and older young folks who are willing to help, even a little bit every once in a while is great!
- If you can't be on the floor playing with babies, can you hold a baby while sitting?
- If you can't change a diaper we can still use your help!
- If you don't have your clearances to work with children, or haven't updated in a while, you may need to apply. We plan to have a lunch one Sunday for volunteers, and we will help people to get or renew their clearances right then!

**To volunteer, please add your name and contact info to the appropriate line below and turn this slip into the church office or put it in the offering plate. Thank you!**

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I can help with the nursery!

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I might be able to help with the nursery, but I have a few concerns to answer first, please contact me!

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## Volunteers needed for the sound booth!

- We are looking to build the number of people that have a little basic knowledge about how to turn things on in the booth. Learning is not committing to anything beyond watching how to turn things on a couple of times and maybe practicing a bit.
- Also needed are slide turners! This is an easy and very necessary job. It doesn't take a lot of technical knowledge, just knowing when to change the slide and pressing the button. This is a great way for younger folks to get engaged if they would like to.

As the number of people who know a bit about the system grows, we hope some people will be interested in learning more and get good enough to be part of running a small event or worship practice, etc. This could be a great opportunity for some high school age people or even younger to get exposure to technical systems that could help them see whether that might be a good career direction or hobby later on.

**If you're interested or willing at all to know more about how to turn on the system, how things work in the sound booth, or how to support the service by doing slides, video, etc., please add your name and contact info to the line below and turn this slip into the church office or put it in the offering plate. Thank you!**

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I'm willing to learn more about the sound booth and how I can help!

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