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



Deacons

- Jamie Ashcroft
- Joyce Butler
- Ron Campbell
- Nadine Duncan
- Jan Garland
- Karen Herman
- Pamela Mason
- Lorna Tarquinio
- Drew Vinisky



August 27, 2023

Worship Service

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Rev 21:1-4

Prayer of Invocation

*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Baptism: Paisley Elizabeth Neely

*Doxology #623

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #495 *"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"*

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

Scripture: Isaiah 13:1-14:23

Sermon: *"Babylon, Beelzebub and the Sweep of History"*

By Pastor Rich Herbster

*Hymn #413 *"Living for Jesus"*

*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

KIDS CHOIR:

Attention! Attention! Our first Kids Choir practice will be on **Wednesday, September 6** at 6:00 pm in the music room. We will have a Bible story, singing, practice for our Christmas musical, a game, and a small treat. We will sing once a month. For ages 4-12 Parents are welcome to stay if they wish. We will finish promptly at 7:00 pm. Questions? Call, text, or email Ms. Pat at 724-544-4577 or p.lampe@comcast.net

THE WAY YOUTH GROUP:

Battle for the Hill: Youth in grades 7-12... are you ready?! Join us at Mt Pleasant Church on **Saturday, September 9th** from 11am-4pm for a day of sweat-filled, dirt-covered, physical and competitive...fun!!! Food and refreshments will be provided. Bring your friends and be ready to Battle for the Hill!!

Regular Youth Group meetings will resume every Tuesday evening from 6:15pm - 8:15pm starting **September 12th**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 10TH:

Regular Sunday School classes are resuming on **September 10th** with offerings for all ages. A complete list of classes, teachers and rooms is now available in the Narthex or for the next few weeks in your bulletin. Bring your family, invite a friend - see you in September!

SENIOR LUNCHEON:

Mark your calendar for the Senior Luncheon (55 and up) **Sunday, September 10th** immediately following the 10am service. The Deacons will be providing a catered meal, Chinese auction, prizes and you will be entertained by the Stevens Family Ministry. Don't miss it! Please sign up in the Narthex so we can have a count. - (continued...)

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TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

The Tuesday Women's Fellowship and Bible Study group will resume meeting weekly starting on **September 12th** from 1pm - 2:30pm. They meet in the Gathering Room. Interested ladies - Come Join Us!

GRIEF SHARE:

Grief Share is a grief recovery support group. We invite those grieving to join us in healing with Elder Nina Parrish. We will begin **September 19th** at 6pm to 7:30pm Tuesday's to December 12th. There is no cost to attend. Reach out to Nina with any questions - 724-683-9972.

BELONGING: AN INTRODUCTION TO MT. PLEASANT:

If you are a more recent addition in our congregation, you may want to know more! A new Sunday School class, led by the Elders of Mt. Pleasant, will introduce you to our church, its staff and history, as well as our beliefs. We look forward to knowing you better, too, and helping you get plugged in to learning, fellowship, worship and mission. We will meet in Fellowship Hall starting September 10th. *This class is required for anyone seeking Membership.

FOOD PANTRY—RESTOCK NEEDED:

The Deacons are putting 3-4 boxes of food per week into the Little Needs Pantry in the church parking lot. Supplies are getting low. Please consider donating non-perishable items for restock.

***Prayer List**

Alice Allison	Tony Greier	Jack O'Neill
Tom Allison Sr.	Justin Hodnicki	Charlie Phillips
Tommy Allison	Renee Kopach	Valarie Rakowski
Bennet Family	Mike Lopata	Alesia Reed & Family
Bill Bosley	Ed Luther	Paul Reft
Joann Brooks	Iris McConn	Val Romo
Bill Coon	Diane McCracken	Evelyn Telesz
Drew Dalton	Mickey McHaffie	Pastor Wang Yi
Jeremy Dalton	Lee Miller	James Weatherby
Laura Friday	Corrie Miller	Lisa Zahn
Pat Gray	Christian Myzk	

Bereavement: Fye Family, Florence Pulver Family, Becca Doughty Family, Zach Pagley Family

Weekly Mission Focus: Outdoor Immersion (Jim Skal)

Special Prayer Focus: Maui, Hawaii, Back to School, Honduras Mission Team

“...pray for each other...”
James 5:16

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

Tom & Alice Allison
182 Calhoon Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Ron & Evelyn Lyle
111 Mowry Road
Monaca, PA 15061

Freda Buck
4260 Tuscarawas Road
Beaver, PA 15009-9137

Phyllis Miller
Concordia at Villa St. Joseph
1030 State Street
Baden, PA 15005

Mary Davy
West Hills Health & Rehab Center
951 Broadhead Road
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Rich & Dot Trimer
3860 Green Garden Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Pat Gray
Guardian Nursing & Rehab
Room 120
257 Georgetown Road
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Diana Winters
376 Chapel Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001



TITHING REPORT

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
LAST WEEK	\$9,561	\$8,569	\$992
YEAR TO DATE	\$337,258	\$291,360	\$45,898

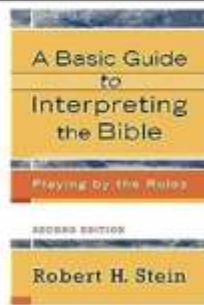


Spring Term: March 3 - May 26, 2024

NO Sunday School on Easter, March 31st

Playing by the Rules: A Study in Biblical Interpretation — Room 121
Facilitated discussion with John Shivler

This class offers a basic introduction to biblical hermeneutics, the discipline of scriptural interpretation. It will help readers identify various biblical genres, understand the meaning of biblical texts, and apply that meaning to contemporary life, explaining key concepts and using helpful examples.



Spring Devotional Focus — TWO HALF TERMS

March 3rd — April 14th



Developing Our Devotion —
Room 123

Group discussion with
Jeff & Joyce Butler

Exploring the art of sharing time with God
and his Word together at home.

April 21st — May 26th



The Pursuit of Prayer —
Room 123

Group discussion with
Joanne Rogers

Considering God's command that
Christians pray as a way of living.



Summer 2024 Adult Sunday School — PASTOR'S CHOICE!

Digging into cool topics in the heat of summer.



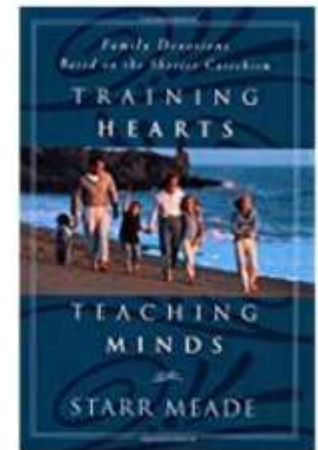
All of our classes are Bible-based and reinforce memorizing the Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English.

Tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. Psalm 78:4

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 (7th-12th)—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.

Childrens' classes by age/grade are held September to May; for summer, the youngest classes meet together and Jr & Sr High schoolers join up.

ADULT Sunday School

Post High School and beyond

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. Nursery is offered during the Sunday School hour to help our parents and to teach our youngest children!

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. Each lesson also features sections dealing with practical points, research and discussion, questions, and a study of the week's golden text. Inspirational lessons encourage Scripture study and involvement with the material. The class meets year-round; members choose an annual service project.

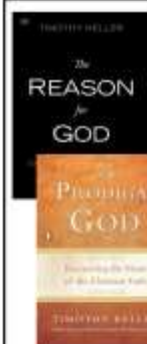
This class will meet every term.



Fall Term:
September 10 - November 26

Belonging: An Introduction to Mt Pleasant —
Fellowship Hall
Led by Session Elders

Whether you are new to our fellowship, seeking membership at Mt Pleasant, or you have been here awhile and want to understand us better, you are welcome to join in a conversation with other believers and church leaders about belonging to God's family and getting connected within our congregation. This course is required preparation for membership.



Talking Faith with Tim Keller — Room 121
Video & discussion with Jan Garland

In *The Reason for God*, candid conversations with real people, captured live and unscripted, address the most common protests leveled against the Christian faith. These sessions help us learn the common doubts and objections people have to Christianity. Then, in *The Prodigal God*, Pastor Tim Keller takes his trademark intellectual approach to understanding Christianity and uses the parable of the prodigal son to reveal an unexpected message of hope and salvation, challenging both the devout and skeptics to reconsider faith.

Winter Term:
December 3 - February 25

*NO Sunday School
December 24th
Christmas Eve*

Councils, Confessions & Creeds —
Room 121
Group study with Paul Schaefer

From the early days of the church, faithful believers have fought challenges — from within the church — to the truth of what Scripture teaches. At key moments in history, councils of the church have gathered to settle specific questions of faith, and those answers have been passed down to us through creeds and confessions. This group will discuss those questions and how the Bible answers them.

COUNCILS
CONFESSIONS
& CREEDS

One Hit Wonders: Little Books, Big Faith — Room 123
Group discussion with Sharon Ashcroft



You can quote from Isaiah but have you ever heard of Nahum? Your Bible pages are worn through Romans but have you ever spent time in Philemon? We will explore some "books less traveled" in the Old and New Testaments, including setting and context, author and key themes. We'll take time for personal reflection and discuss practical applications for living.