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**Elders**

- Jeanne Cox
- John Garland
- Diane Luther
- Rebecca Matsco
- Lennie Miller
- Doug Rogers
- Jared Rogers
- Paul Schaefer
- Dan Steele



**Deacons**

- Joyce Butler
- Jan Garland
- Karen Herman
- Pamela Mason
- Bruce Parrish
- Bethie Pierce
- Jill Rupik
- Lorna Tarquinio
- Drew Vinisky



*September 8, 2024*

# Worship Service

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:3-5

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

*"Profiles in Faithfulness"* - Rev. R. Kennedy Testimony

\*Doxology #623

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Special Music: *"Work on Your Attitude"* - Sunday School Classes

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #432 *"I Would Be True"*

Scripture: John 1:19-34; 22-36

Sermon: *"Preparing the Way"*

By Pastor Rich Herbster

\*Hymn #427 *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

\*Benediction and Recessional

\*Congregation will stand

\*\*Children from ages **3 through 1st 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

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Tuesday Women's Fellowship and Bible Study group will begin to meet for the new year on September 10th from 1-2:30pm. We will meet in the Gathering Room. Come join us!

## MISSION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Mission Committee will begin meeting again on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Gathering Room. We invite anyone who has a love for missions and serving in this way. Please join us to begin planning for the next season. We welcome you!

## LYDIA STITCHERS SEWING GROUP

Lydia Stitchers returns to workdays on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month beginning September 20th. The group meets from 9am - 3pm in the Gathering Room. Bring your machine and basic sewing tools. Beginners are welcome - bring a sewing machine if you have one. We have all other equipment needed. Male or female, come and create as part of a mission group here at Mt. Pleasant. Bring a lunch, bring a friend. If you have questions or need more information, see Pam Mason or Diane Luther.

# *Announcements*

(Continued)

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Our youth group, The Way, is a great opportunity for our youth to find fun, fellowship, and Christian formation with other young people their age.

We will kick-off our year on September 10th from 6:16-8:15pm. Join us for another AMAZING RACE!! We will be leaving promptly by 6:15 to start the race! With the help of trusty volunteers, we will go to a variety of Raccoon locations via cars to complete our challenges and Pit Stops! Please eat beforehand! There will be water and snacks to grab at each challenge. Ice Cream Sundays at the end of the race which will be back at the Mt. Pleasant Church Parking Lot.

## **GRIEF SHARE**

Grief Share will begin a new 13 week study on September 10, 2024. Meetings are every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm—5pm. The group meets in the church Gathering Room. All are welcome. It's a free community outreach. It includes a workbook study and a video each session. Any questions, contact Nina Mazzei Parrish 724-683-9972.

**\*Prayer List**

Alice Allison	Holly Quigley Hamilton	Jack O'Neill
Tom Allison Sr.	Diana Hayhurst	Barb Petrovic
Terry Ankrom	Diane Harris	Charlie Phillips
Aziah Bradford	Karley & baby	Alesia Reed
Joann Brooks	Mike Lopata	Paul Reft
Richard Buck	Iris McConn	Rose Marie Smith
Cheryl Caldwell	Diane McCracken	Evelyn Telesz
Bill Coon	Deb McElhaney	Jim Toman
Micah Dadig	Mickey McHaffie	Pastor Wang Yi
Don	Lee Miller	Lisa Zahn
Pat Gray	Corrie Miller	

**Bereavement:** Lenny Hyre Family, Margaret Johanningmeir Family, Jason Dick Family

**Weekly Mission Focus:** Honduras Mission Team

**Praise:** Davis Michael Thompson - born to Jake & Rachel Thomson, Grandparents - John & Beth Thompson, Great-Grandparents - Ken & Marie Davis

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

**Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q61. What does the fourth commandment forbid?

*Answer: The fourth commandment forbids failing to do or carelessly doing what we are supposed to do. It also forbids treating the day as unholy by loafing, by doing anything in itself sinful, by unnecessary thinking, talking about or working on our worldly affairs or recreations.*

Weekly Memorization Verse: Ex 20:11b

**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

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

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

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

**Jack & Donna Weatherby**  
 650 Frankfort Road  
 Monaca, PA 15061

**Tom & Marcy Hughes**  
 956 State Route 168  
 Hookstown, PA 15050

**Diana Winters**  
 Heritage Valley Senior Living  
 30 Heckel Road  
 Room 109b Memory Care  
 McKees Rocks, PA 15136

**TITHING REPORT**

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
<b>LAST 2 WEEKS</b>	\$11,619	\$8,979	\$2,640
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	\$375,227	\$314,251	\$60,975

Let's Talk About Mental Health  
Presents

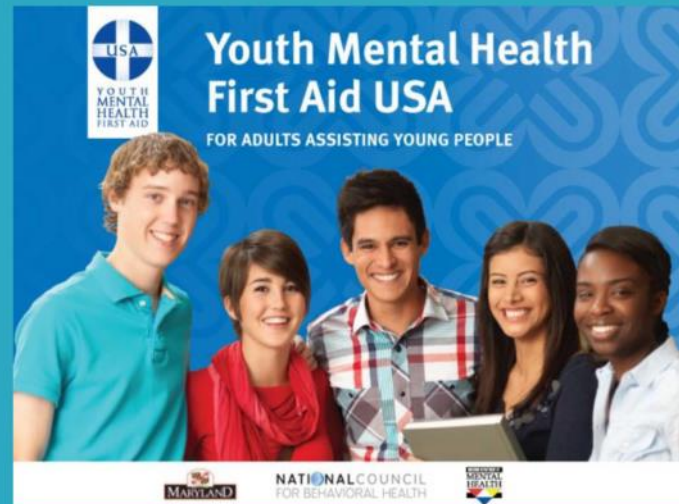
# YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID & SUICIDE PREVENTION

\*\*Certification Received  
at Training Completion

SATURDAY, OCT 12 2024  
**8 AM - 4 PM**

FPC BEAVER, 252 COLLEGE AVE., BEAVER, PA 15009

REGISTER USING  
THE QR CODE  
LUNCH IS PROVIDED



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## 2024-2025 Sunday School

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

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

A K-12 class for every student...  
And nursery for our littles!

At Mt Pleasant, your kids will 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!

- ◊ Age 3-K—Teacher Micki Addison
- ◊ 1st-2nd Grade—Teacher Carol Olson
- ◊ 3rd-4th Grade—Teacher Jen DeLong
- ◊ 5th-8th Grade—Teacher Holly Garland
- ◊ 9th-12th Grade —Teacher Brenda Schaefer



### PLUS

Every family in our congregation receives its own copy of "Training Hearts, Teaching Minds", a great interactive family devotional that ties in directly with what your children are learning in Sunday School. Ask for yours now!

...and a study for every Adult!  
Post High School and beyond

Adult Sunday School classes vary, featuring changing seasonal offerings of Scripture study and Christian living topics, using different classroom styles. Nursery is offered during the Sunday School hour to help our parents and to teach our youngest children.

Like the kids, Adults will also encounter the Westminster Shorter Catechism, to learn how we can all interact with our children to get them — and keep them! — excited about their learning.

## Fall Term

**September 8 - November 24**  
**WSC Questions #61-70**

**September 8** Sunday School Kickoff & All-Church Picnic

**October 13** Children's In-Class Review, Q61-Q65

**November 3** FALL BACK! Daylight Savings Ends

**November 24** Children's All-Class Review Q61-Q70

Union Gospel Adult Bible Class — Gathering Room  
Year-round 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 & discussion, questions, and a study of the week's text. Inspirational lessons encourage Scripture study and involvement with the material.



Imprisoned: Faith in All Circumstances — Rm 121  
Video discussion with Jan Garland



No suffering goes to waste in the good plans of our sovereign God. From Genesis to Revelation, God's people are thrown into dark dungeons, locked behind closed doors, and exiled to remote lands. Some endure by trusting the Lord; some waver in their faith. All leave valuable lessons about God's purposes in our trials, to help us look to Christ in even the most difficult circumstances.

Belonging: An Introduction to Mt Pleasant  
— Rm 123 Led by Session Elders

For those who are "curious or serious" about membership at Mt Pleasant! Whether you are new to our fellowship, or you have been here awhile and want to understand us better, anyone is welcome to come learn about our people, practices and beliefs. This course is required preparation for membership.



## Winter Term

**December 1 - February 23**  
WSC Questions #71-80

**December 22 & 29** Sunday School will meet during the Christmas holidays

**January 12** Children's In-Class Review, Q71-Q75

**February 16** Children's All-Class Review Q71-Q80 in Fellowship Hall

### February 23 SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL!

Children & adults meet together in Fellowship Hall for a special Lenten presentation.

#### Exploring the Psalms: Getting to Know God & Ourselves — Room 121

Video discussion with Joanne Rogers

With Christian music artist Sandra McCracken, this study unpacks the richness of the words and poetry of the psalms, to gain a deeper appreciation and connection to God's Word. While the words are ancient, they represent the full spectrum of human emotion and speak to our current times. Thoughtfully selected psalms offer comfort, encouragement, and remind us of God's unfailing love.



#### Coming up: A Great Christian Living Study in Room 122!

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#### Can you help?

Our Nursery is a great place to serve our congregation by holding little ones while Dad & Mom worship. We will help you get clearances and get started!

## Spring Term

**March 2 - May 25**  
WSC Questions #81-90

**March 9** Spring forward for Daylight Savings

**April 6** Children's In-Class Review, Q81-Q85

**April 20** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY

**May 25** Children's All-Class Review Q81-Q90 in Fellowship Hall



#### The Parables of King Jesus — Room 121

Guided discussion with Paul Schaefer

Jesus's parables are familiar and popular, but they are sometimes misinterpreted or misapplied, treated as timeless stories with moral lessons. But Jesus isn't simply relaying information or providing instruction, he's ushering in his kingdom. In this Bible study, we'll discover that the parables are not merely describing something but *doing* something through the words and works of Jesus.

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## Summer Term 2025

June 1—August 31

All-New SS Classes + VBS

Join us as a volunteer!