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Doug Rogers

Jared Rogers

Paul Schaefer

Dan Steele



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Pamela Mason

Bruce Parrish

Bethie Pierce

Jill Rupik

Drew Vinisky



February 9, 2025

# Worship Service

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Genesis 12:1-3

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Minute for Mission: Women's Retreat - Denise Lander

\*Doxology #623

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Special Music: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - Darla Stiteler

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #410 "Cleanse Me"

Scripture: 1 Thess 2:6-16

Sermon: "Family Ties"

By Pastor Rich Herbster

\*Hymn #413 "Living for 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

# ATTENTION

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—CALL FOR REPORTS:

Our congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. All ministry leaders are invited to submit a report for the meeting. **Reports are due by Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit your report in an **editable format** via the church email ([info@mpchurchpa.org](mailto:info@mpchurchpa.org)).

### THE PERSECUTED CHURCH February 23rd at 9 AM

All are welcome to a special Sunday School hour presentation in Fellowship Hall. Our Chinese brothers and sisters are under intense persecution from their communist government, and an increasing number of these believers have realized the debilitating effect the communist schools are having on their children, so they are forming underground schools to give their children a Christian education. Despite overwhelming obstacles and even greater degrees of persecution and challenges, they believe the price to be worthy. Join us for an all-church Sunday School hour on February 23 to learn more about the pioneers on this new path and to pray together for the persecuted church and schools in China.

# *Announcements*

## CONTINUED

### **BECOME A MEMBER OF MT PLEASANT THIS SPRING**

Join the upcoming **Belonging: An Invitation to Mt Pleasant** beginning March 2nd during the 9 AM Sunday School hour. Over 12 weeks, Session Elders will lead the class on an exploration of who we are and what we believe, preparing you to become a member of our church family. Direct your interest and questions to Pastor Rich or to Clerk of Session Jeanne Cox.

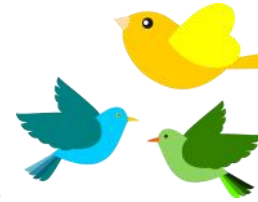
### **SAVE-THE-DATE FOR VBS NOW!**

Our annual Vacation Bible School will be held **June 23-27**. Hold those dates to bring your children, grandkids, neighbors and friends for a week of Bible learning, fun and the chance to know our Savior Jesus better!

### **UPCOMING MISSION TEAM EVENTS - DON'T MISS OUT!**

- **April 6<sup>th</sup>** is Mission Sunday. Fellowship time is planned for after the worship service.
- **Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** is the annual yard sale. More to come!
- We are forming a veterans committee. Please contact Diane Luther for more information. We plan to meet sometime in March after worship.

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.

Belonging: An Introduction to Mt Pleasant  
— Rm 122 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.



**Summer Term 2025**

June 1—August 31  
All-New SS Classes

**June 23-27** 2025 VBS  
Join us as a volunteer!

## \*Prayer List



|                        |                  |                 |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Alice Allison          | Matt Luther      | Asa Shivler     |
| Tom Allison Sr.        | Iris McConn      | Megan Staulters |
| Terry Ankrom           | Diane McCracken  | Don Stolkovich  |
| Betty                  | Mickey McHaffie  | Leslie Vos      |
| Joann Brooks           | Jim McIlvain     | Kelly Wagner    |
| Bill Coon              | Lee Miller       | Pastor Wang Yi  |
| Micah Dadig            | Jack O'Neill     | Lisa Zahn       |
| Pat Gray               | Charlie Phillips | Jodi Zajack     |
| Holly Quigley Hamilton | Paul Reft        |                 |
| Mike Lopata            | Paul Searight    |                 |

**Bereavement:** Dan Rubottom Family, Rob Meola Family, Judy Shannon Family, Charles Graham Family

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

**Special Prayer Focus:** New Salem Church, Families in Calcutta affected by the shooting, Kids' Club

**Praise:** Child Care Inspection

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

*James 5:16*

## Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q80. What does the tenth commandment require?

*Answer: The tenth commandment requires us to be completely satisfied with our own status in life and to have a proper, loving attitude toward others and their possessions*

Weekly Memorization Verse: Ex 20:17b

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### 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

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

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

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

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### TITHING REPORT

|              | GIVING   | NEEDED   | DIFFERENCE |
|--------------|----------|----------|------------|
| LAST WEEK    | \$11,866 | \$8,979  | \$2,888    |
| YEAR TO DATE | \$55,867 | \$44,893 | \$10,974   |



**"Cast Your Burdens"**

Join Us for the 2025 Ladies Retreat  
 Das Dutch Haus,  
 150 E. St. Rt. 14, Columbiana OH 44408  
 Friday & Saturday, April 11th & 12th



The Retreat program will begin at 6 pm Friday evening. Guests spending the night can check in anytime after 3 pm. Overnight guests can enjoy a complimentary breakfast before Saturday's events starting at 9 am and closing at 3 pm.

If you would like to attend, please return this registration form to the church office by March 9th. The total payment will be due by March 30th. **Checks payable to Mt. Pleasant Church.** Limited space is available, so registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Feel free to invite family and friends.

| Lodging & Meal Cost per Person |              | Meal ONLY Cost per Person |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| \$88                           | — 4 per room | \$44                      | — Dinner and Lunch |
| \$98                           | — 3 per room | \$24                      | — Dinner only      |
| \$116                          | — 2 per room | \$20                      | — Lunch only       |
| \$200                          | — 1 per room |                           |                    |

**Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.**

\*\*Don't let the burden of cost keep you from attending. Scholarships are available to those needing help covering all or part of the cost of the retreat.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Room Preference 4 per room 3 per room 2 per room

Roommates: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have roommates when registering, please circle all the preferences above that you are willing to accept. Based on the ladies who register singly, you will be placed in the lowest priced room available.



*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

*Matthew 11:28-30*



This will be our 9th Annual Mt. Pleasant Church Women's Retreat. Those that have attended in the past have enjoyed fellowship and time spent with other women who share in the love of Christ.

Our speaker this year is Terry Musser, sister of Denise Lander. After graduating high school, she enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Penn State with aspirations to become an Extension Agent, specifically working with a 4-H program. These programs were hard to come by after graduation, so Terry took a position as a high school vocational agriculture teacher for two years and then decided to return to Penn State for her Master's degree in Agricultural Education. She eventually landed an Extension Agent position with a 4-H program in Lawrence County, PA. After moving to Centre County, Terry found a position with Penn State in the College of Agriculture, working as an academic adviser for students. It turned out to be her dream job, working with students helping them navigate the University. It was the most rewarding job she could ever have dreamed of. Terry completed her Master's degree in 2006 and finished her PhD in Instruction Systems. After 35+ years working at Penn State, she retired in 2020. In 2015, Terry felt called to participate in a program of the Presbytery to certify lay preachers to fill pulpits within the Presbytery. She began preaching in 2016 and continues that ministry today, filling pulpits in churches around the Presbytery. She also serves on their Committee on Ministry.

Come hear some inspiring testimonies from a few of our church ladies. There will be music, devotions, and the traditional "drama" production. If you aren't able to spend the night, you can come for just the Friday evening session, the Saturday session, or both (see the meals only costs). It is a 45 minute drive from the church to Das Dutch Haus. If you need a ride or want to carpool, let us know.

At closing, Friday evening, fellowship time includes snacks we bring to share, games, swimming or soaking in the hot tub. Don't want to visit the pool, bring your favorite game.

You may want to bring a sweater or jacket in case the meeting room is chilly.

You can contact Tammy Symanowicz at 724-407-8890 or email to [t.symanowicz@comcast.net](mailto:t.symanowicz@comcast.net) if you have any questions or ask one of the other planning team ladies (Shirley Bruce, Pat Lampe, Sara Beth Miller, Joyce Butler, Denise Lander, Nadine Duncan and Abby Coneby).