# MT. PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (E.P.C.)

December 4, 2016 2nd Sunday in Advent



# WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparatory Worship Call to Worship..... Luke 1:26-33 Prayer of Invocation \* Praise Through Song Blessing God's Children..... Jesus Loves Me \*\*The children will now proceed to Children & Worship.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

\* Apostle's Creed

\* Gloria Patri (Hymn 620)

Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 205	. The First Noel
Scripture	Leviticus 18, 20
Sermon	<i>Be Holy!</i> Pastor Richard Herbster
*Hymn 218	Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
* Benediction and Recessional	

"He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

### \* Congregation will stand

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

Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. for our Sunday Evening Worship Service led by Lucas Waters.

## WORSHIP NOTES

## WELCOME TO MT. PLEASANT!

We are glad that you have chosen to join with us in worship today.

If you are visiting for the first time, or have visited before but would like more information about our church, please fill out a blue visitor card (located in the back of the pews) and indicate how we may serve you.

If you need assistance at any time during the service, please notify an usher who will be happy to help.

If you desire special prayer or spiritual counsel, please meet with our Elders in the front of the sanctuary immediately following the service.

Blended Worship Service #1	Sun. 8:30 - 9:45 am
Sunday School - Children	Sun. 10:00 - 10:45 am
Sunday School - Adults	Sun. 10:00 - 10:45 am
Blended Worship Service #2	Sun. 11:00 - 12:15 pm
<b>Evening Worship Service</b>	Sun. 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Women's Fellowship	Tues. (Sep-May), 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Women's Prayer, Fellowship	Fri. 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Men of Faith	Every 3rd Sat. 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Bible Study & Prayer Group	Wed. 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Jr. High Youth Group	Sun. 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Sr. High Youth Group	Sun. 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Christian Childcare	Mon Fri. 6:00 am - 6:00 pm
Ask a Nurse	Every 1st Wed. 10:00am - 12:00 pm

#### **MINISTRIES FOR EVERYBODY**

#### **PRACTICE SESSIONS**

Special Music Practice w/Sound Tech ~ Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:00 pm. Kids Choir Practice ~ September - May, Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Worship Practice ~ Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Praise Choir Practice ~ Wednesday, 8:00 - 9:00 pm.

#### PRAYER LIST

- Praise ~ LaVern Pence, Tom Rupik, Wayne Taormina, Carol Thomas
- Bereavement ~ Tom Baez Family, Carl Pitzerell Family
- Illness/Injury ~ Steve and Denea Aurin, Nelson Boley, Sydney Brison, Jimmy Bruce, Gavin Campbell, Bonnie Clem, Bill Coon, Tim Cotherman, Roy Cox, John Crouch, Abby Dalton, Mary Davy, Sharon Diamond, Dinger, George Duke, Jimmy Ginther, Sue Gourley, Marie Hawk, Dwain Haymond, Joanie Heaton, Donna Herrmann, Joe Herrmann, Dorothy Homanick, Peggy Johannson, Reverend Kennedy, Carolyn Kuntz, Emily Long, Ethel Luther, Skip Malcomb, Bill Melvin, Florence Metz, Sam Mike, Gianna, Morelli, Cody Musser, Sean Nolan, Caitlyn Papsan, Judy Prost, Dennis Reagan, Frank Reed, Rich Rodgers, Butch Santicola, Heather Sanderson, Sara (Wilson) Scalise, William Schneider, Amy Shay, Ty Shannon, Fred Simunick, Betty Smith, Amy Statler, Jean Stewart, Beverly Thomas, Jr. Tindell, Jacob Whitehill, Gabby Wiatrak, Charlotte Wilson, Tony Ziglar

This Week's Mission ~ Skybacher Ministries

# CARE ELDER & DEACON

The Care Elder and Deacon are available if you have a need and can't reach Pastor Rich. For the month of December, the Care Elder is Beth Ann Enders (724-561-2950) and the Care Deacon is Rhonda Hicks (724-622-0363).

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve services: 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day service: 11:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School, but a time of fellowship at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 1st, New Year's Day service: 11:00 a.m.

# HONDURAS MISSION TEAM COOKIE FUNDRAISER

We will be selling cookie trays on December 18th, 2016, 4 doz. Cookies per tray, \$25. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for cookie donations for the sale.

# MT. PLEASANT CHILDCARE

The Child Care here at Mt. Pleasant has several openings for qualified employees, one of which is for Assistant Director. You must be able to acquire clearances and love to work with children. Part time or full time positions are available. Call the office at 724-495-3334 to get more information.

## KIDS' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This years Kids' Christmas Program will be held December 11th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Just as a reminder to our young people, there will be a dress rehearsal / pizza party for the program held December 10th from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

# **CATECHISM CORNER**

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# Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

**A. 31.** Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

The gospel is a wonderful gift, freely offered. But we are hard-hearted sinners, corrupted in our minds, wills, and efforts at obedience. The Holy Spirit of God moves in us, however. He convicts us of sin, teaches us the necessity of trusting Christ, transforms our wills, and enables "us to embrace Christ." This gracious movement of the Holy Spirit is dubbed "effectual calling," and without it no one would believe!

	<u>GIVING</u>			
<u>Tithing</u>	Giving	Needed		
Last Week	\$6,343.00	\$7,900.00	-\$1,557.00	
Year to Date	\$353,356.00	\$387,100.00	-\$33,744.00	
BUILDING FUND	<b>Giving</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 Year Pledge</b>	
Total Last Week	\$748.00	\$277,262.00	\$326,028.00	

#### ASSISTING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP

Acolyte	8:30 11:00	Sage McHattie Lucas Gielata
Ushers	8:30 11:00	Bill Enders, Virginia Mihalik & Russ Werme Jamie Ashcroft & Jason Michel
Greeters	8:30 11:00	Carl & Happy Hennen Sonnie Allison & Barb Petrovic
Music Director	8:30 11:00	Pat Lampe Pat Lampe
Liturgist	8:30 11:00	Craig Lahtinen Craig Lahtinen
Nursery	8:30 11:00	Michelle Dalton Ashley Winkle
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## MT. PLEASANT STAFF

# Rev. Dr. Richard Herbster Office: (724)-495-6362 Cell: (724)-544-5572

Lucas Waters, Pastoral Intern Lee Hudson, Junior High Youth Minister Patricia Lampe, Music Director Buddy Smeltz, Praise Team Leader Gary McFerren, Lead Sound Booth Technician Sara Beth Miller, Child Care Director John Foster, Administrator Sylvia Kendall, Treasurer Bill Kendall, Maintenance Manager Michelle Ellison, Custodian

## **CHURCH LEADERS**

#### **Elders**

Beth Ann Enders (Worship) Laura Given (Christian Education) Lennie Miller (Missions, Outreach) Jim Bruce (Shepherding) Craig Lahtinen (Administration) Larry Zahn (Finance) Diane Luther (Personnel) Steve DeLong (Facilities)

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#### **Deacons**

Micki Addison (Chair) Rhonda Hicks Marie Hyre Joan Lyons Jannel Martinez Shari McMasters Dave Symanowicz Deb Taylor Drew Vinisky

