

Announcements

YOUTH MINISTRY AT MT. PLEASANT We are excited to announce that Laura Given and Katie Pierce will be leading our new youth ministry program “The Way”. They will be taking a holistic view of supporting and educating our youth from 5th to 12th grade. As a church, we are blessed that they are taking up this call. Look for more details in the coming months!

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP MEETING If you are interested in joining the next mission trip to Honduras, or would just like more information, there will be a meeting at the church on Monday, October 9 at 7:30 pm.

HONDURAS MISSION TEAM COOKOFF/BAKEOFF is scheduled for October 15 following the second service. Everyone is invited to attend and to enter a soup or baked good or to donate an item for the silent auction. Plan to join the fun in this family friendly fellowship time. Proceeds will be contributed to the January 2018 mission trip.

FIRESIDE SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP A special fall event is scheduled for October 22 beginning at 5 pm. Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor worship service along with food (hot dogs and smores), fellowship and fun around the campfire. If weather does not cooperate, everything except the fire will be moved inside.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be October 29 from 10 am to 10:50 am, during the Sunday School hour. Children’s classes will still meet.

CHILD CARE FALL FUNDRAISER If you would like to order Chestnut Hill candles, order forms are available in the narthex or in the church office. Candles are \$10 and \$4 from each sale will help fund our playground improvements. The sale ends on October 11.

LADIES MARK YOUR CALENDAR A date has been booked for the 2018 Ladies Retreat at Das Dutch House in Columbiana, Ohio for the weekend of April 20 and 21.

Contact us

Rev. Dr. Richard Herbster 724-495-6362
October Care Elder and Deacon available
if you have a need and can’t reach the Pastor.
Laura Given 724-312-2127, Elder
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[youtube.com “Mt. Pleasant Church Sunday Service”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



More Announcements

SMALL GROUP beginning Tuesday, October 17 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm will study “The Truth Project” video series by Focus on the Family. There are twelve video lessons along with study guides. The group will be hosted Tuesday evenings by Gary and Rhonda Hicks at 221 Pittsburgh Grade Road in Hookstown and there are plans for snacks! Interested or have questions, contact Rhonda at Rhondahicks25@gmail.com or 724-494.9081.

SAMARITAN’S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
We will be collecting shoebox donations again this year along with monetary donations to cover shipping the boxes. Shoeboxes along with instructions will be available soon in the church narthex. The boxes will be due by November 19.

October 8, 2017 **Worship Service**



Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 51:15-17

Prayer of Invocation

*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Minute for Mission-Building Project

*Doxology #623

Presentation of Tithes and Offering
The second offering is for the EPC Hurricane Relief Fund.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn #299 “*Amazing Grace!*”

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

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon “*Mercy, Not Sacrifice*”
Pastor Rich Herbster

*Hymn #336 “*Jesus Loves Even Me*”

*Benediction and Recessional

*Congregation will stand

***Children from ages 3 to 2nd grade are welcome to Attend Children & Worship.*

There is nursery available for children Under the age of 3.

Prayer List

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.

Ministries for Everyone

Worship Service #1—Sunday—8:30 am

Worship Service #2—Sunday—11 am

Sunday School (Adult & Children)—10:00 to 10:45 am

Women's Fellowship—Tuesday—6:30 to 8 pm
(September to May)

Women's Prayer, Fellowship—Friday—10:00 am to 12 pm

Grief Support Group—1st and 3rd Wed. of Month—1 pm

Kids Choir—Wednesday—6:30 to 7:30 pm

Bible Study & Prayer Group—Wednesday—6:30 to 7:30 pm

Men of Faith—Every 3rd Saturday—8:00 to 10:00 am

Junior High Youth Group—Tuesday—6:30 to 8:00 pm

Senior High Youth Group—Tuesday—6:30 to 8:00 pm

Ask A Nurse—1st Wed. of Month—10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Christian Child Care—Mon. to Friday—6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Illness

Candy Heck Blair	Joe Eland	A.J. Mihalik
Darrell Bradford	Sue Gourley	Jan Miller
Bret Buckley	Emma Lou Hammand	Darrell Musser
Stephan C.	Timothy Hare	Pastor Omar
Gavin Campbell	Dorothy Homenick	Evelyn Reed
Jeremiah Cline	Tom Hughes	Breanna Runyon
Sue Conn	Jacob	Fred Simunick
Bill Coon	Peggy Johansson	Cooper Stickley
Vikki Dalton	Rev. Kennedy	Wayne Taormina
Vic D'Amico	Krista	Vesta Vickodil
Ed Douglas	Raymond Massa	Chuck White
Sean Douglas	Patrick McCon	Andy Zelazny
Jim Duncan		Rory Zelezniak

Praise: Alice Allison, Freda Buck, Tracy Bell, Peggy Karr
God's Care and Guidance: Paul Stranar, Terri Musser, Don and Tammie Phillips
Bereavement: The Holt Family, The Michelle Warnick Family, The Jerry Lander Family
Missions: Africa Inland Mission (Dan & Courtney Schmidt)

Catechism Corner

WSC Q. 67. Which is the sixth commandment?
A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

The sixth commandment forbids murder. The Hebrew verb translated kill doesn't refer to all forms of killing. Within the context of the Law itself there are commandments for the Israelites *to* kill in the instance of a justifiable war, in self-defense, and in carrying out the death penalty in certain situations. What is in view is what we would call "murder." That is, intentionally taking the life of a human being outside of the three instances just mentioned. God gave us life, and it is his to take away.

Assisting in This Morning's Worship

Acolyte	8:30	Dalton Lander
	11:00	Sammy Milligan
Ushers	8:30	Tom Allison, Paul Conn, Steve DeLong
	11:00	Sean & Gary Hicks, Sam Milligan
Greeters	8:30	Dalton Lander & Mertz Whitehill
	11:00	Ed & Diane Luther
Music Director	Both	Pat Lampe
Liturgist	Both	Jannel Martinez
Children & Worship	8:30	Jennifer DeLong & Jennifer Stiteler
	11:00	Sharon Ashcroft & Kathleen Mihalow

Assisting in Next Week's Worship October 15, 2017

Acolyte	8:30	Charlise Jesko
	11:00	Lucas Gielata
Ushers	8:30	Tom Allison, Paul Conn, Steve DeLong
	11:00	Sean & Gary Hicks, Sam Milligan
Greeters	8:30	Dalton Lander & Mertz Whitehill
	11:00	Ed & Diane Luther
Music Director	Both	Pat Lampe
Liturgist	Both	Jannel Martinez
Children & Worship	8:30	Beth Ann Enders & Billy Yoho
	11:00	JoAnn Fabianich & Lexa Taylor

<u>TITHING REPORT</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$8,728	\$7,526	\$1,202
Year to Date	\$295,521	\$301,040	-\$5,519

<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>3 Yr. Pledge Total</u>
Total as of Last Week	\$1,530	\$338,344	\$325,908