

## Announcements

**SHARING THE HARVEST** Thanks to all who donated food and delivered the meals. Many of our congregation and community were blessed with this amazing outreach.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** The 2018 offering envelopes are ready for your pick up in the narthex.

**CHRISTMAS CHILD CARE DAY** On Saturday, December 9, from 8:30 am to 5 pm, our child care doors will be open to all children of our congregation and our child care families. There will be no charge, however, donations will be accepted that will help better our playground. There will be no lunch provided, so children will need to bring a bag lunch. No peanuts or peanut butter please! If you are planning for your child to attend, please sign up in the church office.

**HONDURAS MISSION TRIP COOKIE FUNDRAISER** If you are able to donate cookies for the Christmas cookie fundraiser, please sign up in the narthex. Donations are requested for 4 dozen of the same kind of cookie and are to be dropped off at the church by December 18 at 6 pm. Cookie Trays will be available for purchase for \$25 for a tray of 4 dozen cookies. Trays will be ready for pick up on December 19.

**SEEKING A PART-TIME CUSTODIAN** If you are interested in a part-time, paid position at Mt. Pleasant, the Personnel Committee is currently taking applications for a Part-Time Custodian to act as a backup for vacation and off days. Contact Ken Davis at 724-513-6383.

**KID'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be Sunday, December 10 at 6 pm. This year's production is titled "The Christmas Cupcake".

**PRAYER FOCUS SUNDAY** On the second Sunday of each month we will gather at the front of the sanctuary immediately following each worship service for a special time of prayer. Consider joining us to pray!

*Thank you to Allison's Tree Farm for their donation of our beautiful Christmas tree!*

## Contact us

**Rev. Dr. Richard Herbster 724-495-6362**  
**December Care Elder and Deacon available**  
**if you have a need and can't reach the Pastor.**  
**Rich Pierce 724-601-8502, Elder**  
**Dan McHattie 724-561-4420, Deacon**

**Church Office 724-495-6462**  
**Child Care Office 724-495-3334**  
**Email: info@mpchurchpa.org**  
**Website: www.mpchurchpa.org**  
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## The Sabbatical Corner

The EPC recognizes the 24 hour per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year burden borne by clergy, and realizes the need to avoid stress-related "burnout" which could diminish clergy's effectiveness, emotional balance, and general well-being. Therefore the EPC encourages the granting of prudently planned and approved Sabbatical Leave for purposes of renewal and rededication to God's work by its clergy.



The Way would like to thank Ms. LaVern and Mr. Ron for coming to our meetings and sharing their testimonies. The youth have been extremely touched! The Way has been active in the area of being God's Hands and Feet. In the fall, the youth helped with the childcare open house and also volunteered when Communicycle visited Mt. Pleasant. In October, they did a Trick or Treat Reversal, visiting those in the community to give out candy and pray with the homeowners. They also participated in Sharing the Harvest in November. December's outreach will be Christmas Caroling. The congregation is invited to join THE WAY on December 12 at 6:30 pm to go out to our neighbors and make a joyful noise unto the LORD!

## December 3, 2017 Worship Service



Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:1-5

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Apostles' Creed #627

\*Doxology #623

Special Music "Ancient Of Days"

Praise Team/Choir

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

*The second offering is for the Deacon's Fund.*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #185 "Emmanuel"

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

Scripture: Matthew 11:1-19

Sermon "I Am The Greatest"

Pastor Rich Herbster

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Hymn #187 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

\*Benediction and Recessional

*Time of Prayer-Front of Sanctuary*

\*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.*

## 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

## Prayer List Illness

Vernon Anderson	Rev. Kennedy	Joyce Reed
Candy Heck Blair	Linda	Fred Simunick
Kiersten Bruce	Glenna Loudermilk	Bud Smeltz Sr.
Gavin Campbell	Lucy	Martin Sosa
Carla	Janet Luketic	Cooper Stickley
Sue Conn	Eli Martin	Ron Stillwagon
Bill Coon	Amy Marshall	Wayne Taormina
Stephanie DeMarco	Michael Martinez Sr.	Herman Thomas
Vic D'Amico	Raymond Massa	Dana Unger
Ed Douglas	Kathy McBee	George Unger
Sean Douglas	Missy McConn	Tara Winkleman
Joe Eland	Patrick McConn	Karen Winland
Sue Gourley	Melissa	Helen Yoho
Emma Lou Hammand	A.J. Mihalik	Larry Zahn
Dorothy Homenick	Jan Miller	Lisa Zahn
Shirley Hysong	Nancy	Andy Zelazny
	Pastor Omar	

**Praise:** Rory Zelezniak, River Zelezniak  
**God's Care and Guidance:** Barb Antonini,  
 Our Leaders, Police and 1st Responders  
**Bereavement:** The Sandy Rybacki Family, The Amy Phillips Family,  
 The Sam Mike Family,  
 The Gisele Connor Family, The Sue Johnson Family  
**Missions:** Wycliffe Bible Translators (Beth Knapp)

## Catechism Corner

### WSC Q. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

*A. The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor's, wealth or outward estate.*

The eighth commandment forbids us to “steal.” But that involves more than just not actively engaging in open theft. We are responsible to do what is necessary to protect the property of others as well. If someone dumps trash on our neighbor's property, that's our concern. If someone vandalizes a town park, that's our concern. If a politician mishandles public resources, that is a moral matter for us.

## Assisting in This Morning's Worship

Acolyte	8:30	Alison DeLong
	11:00	Cameron Michel
Ushers	8:30	Bill Enders, Rich Schoedel, Drew Vinisky
	11:00	Mike McDonald, Jamie Ashcroft, Jim Enders
Greeters	8:30	Dalton Lander & Mertz Whitehill
	11:00	Bill Kendall
Music Director	Both	Pat Lampe
Liturgist	Both	Rich Pierce
Children & Worship	8:30	Janet Conn & Jennifer DeLong
	11:00	Lexa Taylor & Deb McDonald

## Assisting in Next Week's Worship December 10, 2017

Acolyte	8:30	Alison DeLong
	11:00	Cameron Michel
Ushers	8:30	Bill Enders, Rich Schoedel, Drew Vinisky
	11:00	Mike McDonald, Jamie Ashcroft, Jim Enders
Greeters	8:30	Dalton Lander & Mertz Whitehill
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<u>TITHING REPORT</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$5,286	\$7,526	-\$2,240
Year to Date	\$353,689	\$361,248	-\$7,559

<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>3 Yr. Pledge Total</u>
Total as of Last Week	\$3,690	\$576,414	\$325,908