

Announcements

KID'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is this evening at 6 pm. This year's production is titled "The Christmas Cupcake".

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP If you would like to make a ribbon wreath, Mertz Whitehill will be leading a workshop on Saturday, December 16 at 2 pm. The cost is \$25 per wreath and it is necessary to contact Mertz at 724-350-7768 to register so she can have enough supplies on hand.

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

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.

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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Christmas Eve Services

Blended Worship at 10 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight at 4 pm and 6 pm



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 10, 2017 Worship Service



Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:1-3

Prayer of Invocation

*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Apostles' Creed #627

*Doxology #623

Special Music "First Noel" by Megan Michel

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #206 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

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

Scripture: Matthew 11:20-24

Sermon "Best of Times? Worst of Times?"

Pastor Rich Herbster

*Hymn #199 "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

*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	Rowena Seigle
Kiersten Bruce	Glenna Loudermilk	Fred Simunick
Gavin Campbell	Lucy	Bud Smeltz Sr.
Carla	Janet Luketic	Martin Sosa
Sue Conn	Eli Martin	Ron Stillwagon
Bill Coon	Amy Marshall	Marlene Taormina
Stephanie DeMarco	Michael Martinez Sr.	Wayne Taormina
Vic D'Amico	Kathy McBee	Herman Thomas
Sean Douglas	Missy McConn	Dana Unger
Jeff Duncan	Melissa	George Unger
Betsy Ergen	A.J. Mihalik	Tara Winkleman
Sue Gourley	Jan Miller	Karen Winland
Dorothy Homenick	Junior Mills	Helen Yoho
Shirley Hysong	Nancy	Andy Zelazny
	Pastor Omar	

Praise: Alice Allison, Rory Zelezniak, River Zelezniak

God's Care and Guidance: Barb Antonini,
Our Leaders, Police and 1st Responders

Bereavement: The Andrew Langton Family, The Curt Findley Family,
The Sandy Rybacki Family, The Amy Phillips Family,
The Sam Mike Family

Missions: Coalition for Christian Outreach

Catechism Corner

WSC Q. 76. Which is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

The ninth commandment on a surface reading seems to forbid giving false testimony in court – perjury. But the principle God would teach us through the commandment is much, much broader than that! God requires us to be people of truth. People in whom there is no deceit. People to whom, as Jesus will say, “Yes is yes; No, no.” This is because God himself is a God of truth – we are to be like him. It is the enemy who is a liar.

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 17, 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
	11:00	Bill Kendall
Music Director	Both	Pat Lampe
Liturgist	Both	Rich Pierce
Children & Worship	8:30	Beth Ann Enders & Tammy Symanowicz
	11:00	Lexa Taylor & Karen Herman

TITHING REPORT	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$8,652	\$7,526	\$1,126
Year to Date	\$362,341	\$368,774	-\$6,433

BUILDING FUND	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pledges Phase 2</u>
Total as of Last Week	\$2,785	\$585,665	\$135,590