

## Announcements

**NEW MEMBERS** Please welcome our new members: John and Holly Garland and Justin Stillwagon.

**2018 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES** There are paper copies of the schedules for the Liturgists, Ushers, and Greeters in the Narthex. If you are a volunteer, feel free to take one with you. The schedules are also available on the church website [mpchurchpa.org](http://mpchurchpa.org) on the "Information" page at the bottom under Volunteer Schedules.

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

**HONDURAS MISSION TRIP COOKIE FUNDRAISER** If you are donating cookies for the Christmas cookie fundraiser, please drop off your four dozen cookies at the church by tomorrow, 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.

## Christmas Eve Services

**Blended Worship at 10 am**

**No Sunday School**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

**at 4 pm and 6 pm**

## 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](mailto:info@mpchurchpa.org)**  
**Website: [www.mpchurchpa.org](http://www.mpchurchpa.org)**  
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## Elders

Jim Bruce  
Ken Davis  
Steve DeLong  
Beth Ann Enders  
Laura Given  
Craig Lahtinen  
Lennie Miller  
Rich Pierce  
Larry Zahn

## Deacons

Micki Addison  
Rhonda Hicks  
Marie Hyre  
Dan McHattie  
Shari McMasters  
Brownie Statler  
Dave Symanowicz  
Deb Taylor

**December 17, 2017 Worship Service**



Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:9-11

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

New Members Reception

Baptisms—11 am service  
Chase Anthony Inge  
Noah Lee Stillwagon

\*Doxology #623

Special Music "*It's Christmas*"  
Praise Team/Choir

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #205 "*The First Noel*"

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

Scripture: Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon "*Rest for the Weary*"  
Pastor Rich Herbster

\*Hymn #191 "*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*"

\*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.*

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

**Praise:** Jeff Duncan, Alice Allison  
**Bereavement:** The Richard Stover Family,  
 The Andrew Langton Family,  
 The Curt Findley Family, The Sandy Rybacki Family,  
 The Amy Phillips Family, The Sam Mike Family  
**Missions:** Africa Inland Mission (Dan & Courtney Schmidt)

## Catechism Corner

**WSC Q. 77. What is required in the ninth commandment?**  
*A. The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing.*

The ninth commandment forbids us to “bear false witness.” The catechism indicates that we are to not only “maintain” truth, but to “promote” it as well. We should be people who model truth, teach truth, and actively encourage truthfulness on the part of others. We should be concerned with “our neighbor’s good name.” We should model a way of speaking about others that protects the reputation of others.

## 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	Beth Ann Enders & Tammy Symanowicz
	11:00	Lexa Taylor & Karen Herman

## Assisting in Next Week's Worship December 24, 2017

Acolyte	10:00	Abby Herbster
Ushers	10:00	
Greeters	10:00	David & Mertz Whitehill
Music Director	10:00	Pat Lampe
Liturgist	10:00	Rich Pierce
Children & Worship	10:00	

<u>TITHING REPORT</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$7,452	\$7,526	-\$74
Year to Date	\$369,793	\$376,300	-\$6,507
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pledges Phase 2</u>
Total as of Last Week	\$1,140	\$580,339	\$138,590