

## Announcements

**KIDS CLUB POOL PARTY** There will be no meeting on Thursday, February 22 due to the Pool Party on February 23 from 7 pm to 8:15 pm at the Hopewell Junior High Pool.

**IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE?** A True U video series, is being offered by The Way. The series started Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 pm and will continue for 10 weeks. The series, led by Amy Herbster, will examine historical and archaeological evidence so that you may determine for yourself the veracity and accuracy of the Bible.

**CHOICES BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** Once again we are participating in Choices Pregnancy Services' "Baby Bottle Campaign." If God has laid it on your heart to support this incredible ministry, please take a baby bottle when you leave, fill it with coins/bills and return the bottle to the Church by February 28. Thank you.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is next Sunday, February 25 between the services. There will be no Sunday School so that teachers and voting youth can attend. In addition to receiving reports, the nominating committee will present a Deacon nomination. All ministry leaders, who have not submitted their annual reports, need to do so as soon as possible. Send them to [info@mpchurchpa.org](mailto:info@mpchurchpa.org) or turn in a hard copy to the church office.

### Sabbatical Corner

Leviticus 25:4 reads, "In the seventh year the land is to have a Sabbath of rest, a Sabbath to the Lord." This command to Israel concerning the soil allowed the fields to recover so they would keep producing. Without it, the land would essentially wear out and become useless. Similarly, an extended rest is the secret to longevity in ministry and to maintaining spiritual, mental and physical health. Sabbaticals make room for God!

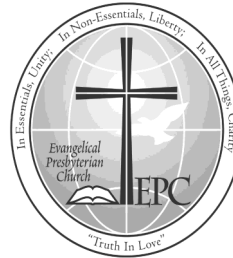
Pastor Rich and his family were planning to take a sabbatical this summer, but will need to wait till next summer (2019) due to the construction of our new addition this year.

### Contact us

**Rev. Dr. Richard Herbster 724-495-6362**  
**February Care Elder and Deacon available**  
**if you have a need and can't reach the Pastor.**  
**Rich Pierce 724-601-8502, Elder**  
**Jamie Ashcroft 412-551-1367, Deacon**

**Church Office 724-495-6462**  
**Child Care Office 724-495-3334**  
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**[youtube.com](http://youtube.com) "Mt. Pleasant Church Sunday Service"**



### Elders

Ken Davis  
Beth Ann Enders  
Craig Lahtinen  
Kathleen Mihalow  
Sara Beth Miller  
Nina Parrish  
Rich Pierce  
Mark Stefanini  
Larry Zahn

### Deacons

Jamie Ashcroft  
Nadine Duncan  
Marie Hyre  
Dan McHattie  
Lennie Miller  
Brownie Statler  
June Statler  
Dave Symanowicz

February 18, 2018 Worship Service



Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Daniel 2:44

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Minute for Mission-Child Evangelism Fellowship

\*Doxology #623

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Special Music "*Amazing Love / Word of God Speak*"  
Praise Team Choir

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #299 "*Amazing Grace*"

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

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-35; 44-46

Sermon "*Appearances Deceiving*"

Pastor Rich Herbster

\*Hymn #295 "*Blessed Assurance*"

\*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

The Way 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

Steve Aurin	Mason Hoskinson	Tim Ramsey
Joe Bishop	Shirley Hysong	Joyce Reed
Candy Heck Blair	Joyceann Jumper	Fred Simunick
Derek Brennan	Linda	Pat Sloan
Ronda Burke	Glenna Loudermilk	Bud Smeltz Sr.
Carla	Elizabeth Luciano	Martin Sosa
Pam Chandler	Matt Luther	Lou Staigvil
David Clark	Amy Marshall	Ron Stillwagon
Sue Conn	Michael Martinez Sr.	Don Talbot
Bill Coon	Kathy McBee	Carol Thomas
Vic D'Amico	Missy McConn	Herman Thomas
Greg Dalton	Melissa	Vince Tomei
Sean Douglas	Bill Melvin	Karen Winland
Nancy Farley	A.J. Mihalik	Lanny Winters
Robert Fike	Brooks Miller	Andy Zelazny
Sue Gourley	Michelle Morrow	John Zybrowski
Dorothy Homenick	Danielle Notarini	

**Praise:** LaVern Pence, Nicole Dishaw, Wayne Taormina, Junior Mills  
**Gods Care and Guidance:** Jim Caldwell  
**Bereavement:** The Don Schweikart Family, The Sandy Nan Family,  
 The Darrell Jones Family, The Franklin Rice Family,  
 The Eddie Cox Family  
**Missions:** Coalition for Christian Outreach

## Catechism Corner

### WSC Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

*A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.*

We are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. Faith means “belief in” or “trust in.” Even this faith is a gift of God, or as the catechism here says, “a saving grace.” Paul says exactly this in Ephesians 2:8 - “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” We receive the Christ by faith – and that is like unwrapping the greatest gift anyone ever received!

## Assisting in This Morning's Worship

Acolyte	8:30	Dalton Lander
	11:00	Nate Ashcroft
Ushers	8:30	Tom Allison, Jim Gray, Billy Yoho
	11:00	Jim Enders, Jason Michel, Sam Milligan
Greeters	8:30	Dalton Lander & Virginia Mihalik
	11:00	Joan Lyons
Music Director	Both	Pat Lampe
Liturgist	Both	Craig Lahtinen
Children & Worship	8:30	Beth Ann Enders & Colleen Jesko
	11:00	Sharon Ashcroft & Holly Garland

## Assisting in Next Week's Worship February 25, 2018

Acolyte	8:30	
	11:00	Nate Ashcroft
Ushers	8:30	Tom Allison, Jim Gray, Billy Yoho
	11:00	Jim Enders, Jason Michel, Sam Milligan
Greeters	8:30	Dalton Lander & Virginia Mihalik
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<u>TITHING REPORT</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$6,414	\$7,501	-\$1,087
Year to Date	\$57,810	\$52,507	\$5,303

<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>
Total as of Last Week	\$785	\$593,120	\$710,359