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Richie Pierce
Jared Rogers
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Jeff Butler
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Rich Hecht
Karen Herman
Pamela Mason
Bruce Parrish
Bethie Pierce
Jill Rupik
Tammy Symanowicz



August 16, 2026

Worship

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Exodus 20: 8-11

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #373 The Light of the World is Jesus (1st service)

*Praise Through Song (2nd service)

Confession of Sin

(Congregation recites aloud.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Service

Assurance of Pardon

Minute for Mission: Nursery, Katie Pierce and Amber Rogers

*Apostles Creed #627

*Doxology #623

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #373 The Light of the World is Jesus (2nd service)
**The children will proceed to Children & Worship during the hymn*

Scripture: Exodus 20: 8-11

Sermon: "Commandment Number 4"

By Elder Rick Pierce

*Hymn #490 Rock of Ages

*Benediction and Recessional

***Congregation will stand.**

****Second Service Only:** Children ages **3 through 1st grade** are welcome to attend Children & Worship. A nursery is available for children under the age of 3.

Announcements

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.

Assisted Listening Devices to aid those with hearing deficiencies are available in the Sound Booth at the rear of the Sanctuary. Please see one of our staff in the booth prior to the Call to Worship to get set up.

WORSHIP/SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

First Worship Service - 8:30am

Sunday School (all ages) - 9:40am

Second Worship Service - 10:30am

MINISTRIES FOR EVERYONE

Women's Fellowship - Tuesday - 1:00-2:30pm

The Way Youth Group - Tuesday - 6:15pm

Ask A Nurse - Every 2nd Wednesday - 10am - Noon

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30pm

Kids' Choir - Wednesday - 6-7pm (will resume in the fall)

Young Adult Bible Study - Thursday - 7pm

The Lydia Stitchers (sewing group) - 1st & 3rd Fridays - 9am-3pm

Men of Faith Breakfast - Every 3rd Saturday - 8-10am

Christian Child Care - Monday through Friday - 6am-6pm

Save the Date:

We have a very busy Fall coming up at Mt Pleasant Church and we'd like everyone to be able to attend all our church events.

Please **"Save the Date"** for the following:

October 4th 150th Celebration

October 18th Pastor Appreciation

October 25th Missions' Soup and Sweets Event

October 31st Trunk or Treat

BECOME A MEMBER OF MT PLEASANT THIS FALL

Join the upcoming Belonging Class: An Invitation to Mt Pleasant
The classes will begin September 6th during the 9:40am Sunday School hour, over 12 weeks. Session Elders will lead the class on an exploration of who we are and what we believe, preparing you to become a member of our church family. Direct your interest and questions to Pastor Rich, Elder Brian Davis or Clerk of Session, Elder Jeanne Cox

Mission committee will meet Thursday August 20 at 6:30 pm.

We would welcome anyone who cares about missions locally or internationally to join us in working with this committee. Being on the committee doesn't mean you have to go to Honduras. The meeting will specifically focus on planning for the "Soup 'N Sweets" event on October 25.

*Prayer List

Tom Cogis	Denise Lander	Lou Staigvil
Tara Davis	Vivian Leonberg	Laine Turner
Beaux Debord	Jay Mayhue	Aubrey Ward
Mark Friday	Bill McElhaney	Donna Weatherby
Josh & Sarah Grosso	Deb McElhaney	Pastor Wang Yi
Holly Quigley Hamilton	John Newcomb	Todd Williams
Beth Knapp	Christine & Tony Olszanski	Lisa Zahn
Robyn Kerr	Rowena Seigle	

Weekly Mission Focus: Ethnos 360 (Bill & Debby Bosley)

God's Guidance & Care: Our troops and their families

Praise: Our School Supply Blessings Event served 20 children and youth from our community last Saturday!

"...pray for each other..."

James 5:16

Keep them in your thoughts by sending a card...



Mary Archer

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Martinsburg, WV 25403

Pat Gray

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Ruth Ann Hysong & May Hill

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Evelyn Lyle

111 Mowry Rd.
Monaca, PA 15061

Deb & Bill McElhaney

167 Cain Rd
Hookstown, PA 15050-1319

TITHING REPORT

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
LAST WEEK	\$10,910	\$11,072	\$-162
YEAR TO DATE	\$366,215	\$354,304	\$11,911

ATTENTION:

The Communicycle Scrap Trailer will no longer be available in our parking lot. You may take bikes and scrap metals to their shop in Monaca, which is located at 1214 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Summer Sunday School Schedule 2026

August 2nd—August 30th Summer Sessions

PreK – grade 4 Rm. 117

Grades 5-8— Rm. 110

High School 9-12 - Will join the adult classes

ADULT CLASSES

- Adult Group Bible Series
Gathering Room, Bill Enders
- Watch Your Mouth by Tony Evans
Room 121, Joanne Rogers

September 6th

Fall Kickoff for all Sunday School Classes in Fellowship Hall

YOU'RE INVITED... to join our Youth Ministry Team! We are looking for Tuesday night volunteers, monthly mentors, special event helpers, and meal providers! Come share your spiritual gift in this very important Kingdom Work!

If this is you... RSVP to Holly Garland 412-853-3591.

GRIEF SHARE GROUP

Grief Share is a grief recovery support group. We invite those grieving to join us in healing with Nina Parrish.

The fall Grief Share program will begin a new 13-week study on September 8, 2026. Meetings are every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm—5pm through November 17th 2026 and will meet in the Gathering Room.

If interested in attending, please complete the registration form which is available in the Narthex and drop it off in the office.



Sunday, August 30th

Senior Luncheon (ages 55 and up)

Fellowship Hall—After the second service

Hosted by the Deacons

Sign ups for the senior luncheon will be on
August 16th & 23rd in the Narthex

2026-27 School Year Prayer Walk

Please join us for the 4th annual School Kickoff Prayer Walk at South Side School. We will meet the night before school starts, Sunday August 30, at the flagpole, in front of the school at 5 p.m. Using a map of the campus we walk to several different points and at each point pray for specific aspects of the school community (teachers, students, coaches, bus drivers, etc.). We circle the campus and return to the flagpole by 6 p.m. where those who can't walk around may meet up for the final closing time of prayer. All are invited and encouraged to join this great way to start the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jefferson Ellis from Hanover Presbyterian at 724.899.2911.

Old Fashioned Revival & Gospel Sing-Along,

Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 6 PM

@ "The Historic Village, Hookstown Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM

Welcome: Pastor Jefferson Ellis, Hanover EPC

SING along with Songs by the Mt. Pleasant Praise Team

Featuring: Pastor Rich Herbster with a short message from

South African minister, Andrew Murry's (1828 – 1917) devotional entitled "God Looks at the Heart".

SING: Featured songs Mt. Pleasant Praise Team

Featuring: Elder Rich Pierce with a short message based on the famed American preacher, Johnathon Edwards' (1703 - 1758) devotional entitled "Holy Spirit a Fountain of Holiness and Joy.

SING: Featured songs Mt. Pleasant Praise Team

Featuring: Pastor Olzsewski with a short message from D.L. Moody's (1837 – 1899) devotional entitled "Fruits of Faith"

SING: Featured songs Mt. Pleasant Praise Team

CLOSING SONG : Led by Andy Janicki on harmonica. #1 Amazing Grace

PRAYER: Pastor Ellis

Sponsors: SSHVA, Mill Creek Church, Hanover Church, Mt. Pleasant Church, and many cherished friends.

Sound: Gary, Mt. Pleasant Praise Team Shelters: Jeff Butler



All are invited to join us for our annual church picnic following our second Worship service on September 13th!

You are welcome to bring a side dish to share!

We will be serving up ice cream for dessert!

Enjoy a petting zoo and other fun activities!

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share is a free program open to our church community and neighbors experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one. The program begins with a 30 minute video and workbook studies allowing for a daily Bible devotion and open discussion. The fall Grief Share program will begin a new 13-week study on September 8, 2026. Meetings are every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm—5pm through November 17th 2026 and will meet in the Gathering Room.

If interested in attending, please complete the registration form below and drop it off in the church office. Additional registration forms are available in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact

Nina Mazzei Parrish: 724-683-9972.

GRIEF SHARE REGISTRATION Fall2026

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Dinner for Eight

It's time again for "Dinner for Eight"-an opportunity here at Mt. Pleasant Church to get to know one another better.

Groups of 8 (4 Couples, or 2 couples and 4 singles, etc.) will meet for dinner once a month for 4 months. The group will gather at one group member's home one month, another's home the next month, and so on.

The host provides the main course; the others bring side dishes and dessert. If someone is unable to host a gathering in their home, the group can meet twice in another's home.

Individuals are encouraged to participate and may sign up alone or with a friend with whom they would like to attend. "Dinner for Eight" will run from September to December. Your group will schedule your own dinner dates/times during these months.

You can submit this form by dropping it in the offering plate or returning it to the church office.

NAMES: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____
