



October 18, 2026

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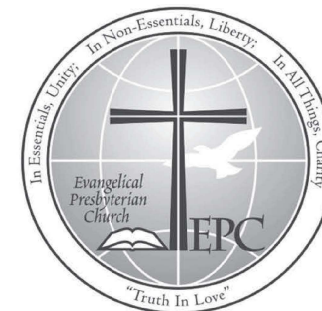
Joel Matsco

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Richie Pierce

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Paul Schaefer



Deacons

Jeff Butler

Jeff Duncan

Rich Hecht

Karen Herman

Pamela Mason

Bruce Parrish

Bethie Pierce

Jill Rupik

Tammy Symanowicz

Worship

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm: 86:11-13

Teach me your way LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness, give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart, I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #162 What a Friend We Have in 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

Baptisms: Lakelynn Jo Sessie
Donald Eugene Sessie V

**Apostles Creed #627*

**Doxology #623*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Special Music: It is Well with My Soul” - Vince Viscus, Piano

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn #162 What a Friend We Have in Jesus (2nd service)

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

Scripture: Acts 18:18-28

Sermon: Learning the Way More Accurately

Pastor Rich Herbster

*Hymn #322 I Love to Tell the Story

*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

Welcome

We are glad that you have chosen to join 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 at the back of the pew) 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

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

Sunday School

Sunday School at Mt. Pleasant includes offerings for the whole family at 9:40 AM every Sunday morning.

All our classes are Bible-based and reinforce memorizing the Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English.

Tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. Psalm 78:4

At Mt. Pleasant, our kids spend their Sunday school time learning the Westminster Shorter Catechism and memorizing God's Word through songs, games, and discussion. Fun tools connect them to each other, to great truth and to the God of the Bible! Meanwhile, adults learn how we can *all* interact with the kids to get them — and keep them! — excited about this learning.

We invite your child to one of our K-12 classes:

- Age 3-K—Teacher Micki Addison, Room 118
- 1st-2nd Grade—Teacher Carol Olson, Room 117
- 3rd-4th Grade—Teacher Jen DeLong, Room 115
- 5th-8th Grade—Teacher Holly Garland, Room 110
- 9th-12th Grade —Teacher Joel Matsco, Youth Garage

ADULT Sunday School

Post High School and beyond

Adult classes vary, offering Scripture study and Christian living topics, as well as different learning styles. Adults can also expect each class to be Bible-based and to reinforce memorizing the Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English. Nursery is offered during the Sunday School hour to help our parents and to teach our youngest children!



Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism

IN CLASS REVIEW

Prayer List

Ken Davis	Mary Marshall	Laine Turner
Tara Davis	Todd Maskill	Aubrey Ward
Mark Friday	Jay Mayhue	Donna Weatherby
Josh & Sarah Grosso	McClelland Family	Pastor Wang Yi
Holly Quigley Hamilton	Dianne McCracken	Jodi Weldon
Carl & Debbie Helmick	Bill McElhaney	David Whitehall
Sylvia Kendall	Christine & Tony Olszanski	Todd Williams
Felly Kamunga	Rowena Seigle	Lisa Zahn
Beth Knapp		

Weekly Mission Focus: Choices Pregnancy Services

Special Prayer Focus: Missions Annual Soup and Sweets Event

Bereavement: McCracken Family

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

Praise: Answered Prayers and God's Healing Touch

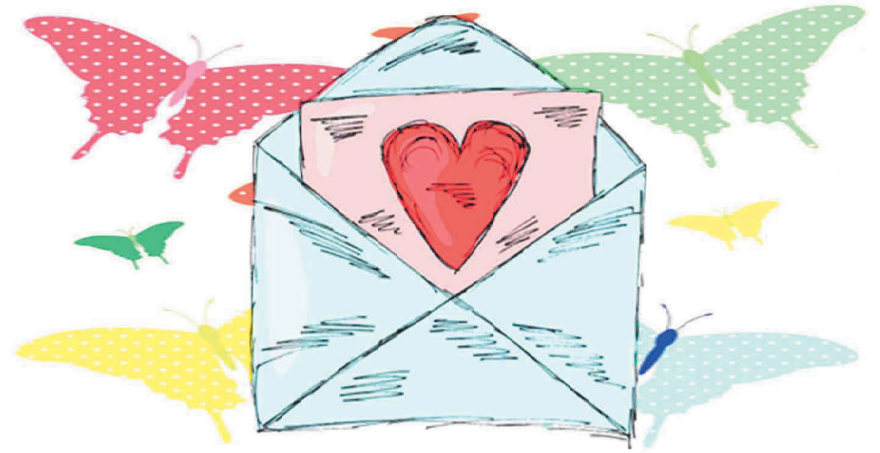
"...pray for each other..."

James 5:16

Please fill out a yellow prayer card (located at the back of the pew) to be added to the prayer list.

If you desire special prayer or spiritual counsel, please meet with our Elders in the front of the sanctuary immediately following the service.

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



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TITHING REPORT

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
LAST WEEK	\$9,621	\$11,072	\$-1,451
YEAR TO DATE	\$463,814	\$453,952	\$9,862



Announcements



DON'T MISS OUT

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 25 th	Missions Soup and Sweets Event & Congregational Meeting
October 31 st	Trunk or Treat
November 8 th	Youth Sunday

Pastor Appreciation Luncheon is Today!

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following 2nd service for a catered luncheon, dessert and fellowship as we honor Pastor Rich and his family

Young Adults Bible Study

The Young Adults Group will be starting a new Bible Study topic on 10/15! Join us as we study several Old Testament characters, while working through a LifeGuide study. Young Adults meet for Bible study on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

Free Furnace Check-up

The Deacons are offering free furnace checkups for members of the church. Please contact Jeff Butler at [724-323-5329](tel:724-323-5329) if you need this service from the Deacons.



Announcements



Annual Fall Workday!

We will be hosting our annual Fall Workday on Saturday, October 24th, at 8am. We will be clearing out all the flower beds and shrubbery around the church. We encourage those who have hand tools, tarps and trimmers to bring them to speed up the work. If anyone could provide a small trailer for hauling brush to the woods, that would be appreciated as well. Most importantly, there will be donuts! Thank you in advance!

Good News Club

Todd Lane School:

Immediately following school until 5:15pm

October 15th – December 3rd, 2026

Contact Nina Mazzei Parrish at 724 683-9972

Independence Community Building:

Immediately following school until 5pm

October 19th to November 23rd, 2026

Contact Bev Foxall at 724 630-5583

Flyers are located in the Narthex with additional information

Congregational Meeting - Election and Terms of Call

The annual Congregational Meeting to elect new officers and approve the Pastor's terms of call will take place on Sunday October 25, 2026, immediately following the second worship service.



Announcements



Missions Soup and Sweets Event:

The annual Soup and Sweets is coming next week, Sunday October 25 immediately follow in the congregation meeting after second service. First, this is NOT a dinner or full meal. It is a fund raiser and a competition. Members are asked to cook up their favorite soup or dessert recipe and bring it in that morning. Those attending will get a sample of any soups and desserts they choose and then vote with dollars for your favorite!

There are also auction items and baskets to compete to buy. We will have some lower priced items this year too! Winner will win the Golden (or silver) spoon/spatula and dollars go to support missions! Come with your money and checkbooks to have some fun and friendly competition to bring God Glory and to carry His word to the world!

To sign up or for questions, Call Diane Luther [724-601-4179](tel:724-601-4179) ; Kathleen Mihalow [724-601-7161](tel:724-601-7161) or Nina Parish [724-683-9972](tel:724-683-9972).

Join Us for a Ladies Bonfire

Calling all Ladies: Friday, October 30th from 5:30-8:30pm. Join us for a fireside evening behind the church. Please bring a camp chair. Apple cider & pumpkin dessert will be provided. Bring a snack to share, if you wish. All ladies welcome



Announcements



Trunk or Treat - October 31st from 1pm-3pm

Join us for family fun with candy, free food, fall activities, hayrides, and a petting zoo.

You can sign up to decorate a kid's friendly trunk but it is not required to participate

Flyers with more information are in the Narthex

Reformation Day Worship Service:

Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Geneva Campus, Metheny Fieldhouse

Special Guest: Dr. Stephen Nichols

All are welcome to attend

Flyers with more information are in the Narthex

NEW CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION TAX DEDUCTION FOR 2026

Beginning in 2026, taxpayers who do not itemize deductions may be eligible to deduct up to **\$1,000 of qualifying cash charitable contributions (\$2,000 for married couples filing jointly)** in addition to taking the standard deduction.

Contributions must be made by **December 31, 2026**, to qualify for the 2026 tax year. Please consult your tax preparer regarding how this provision applies to your individual tax situation

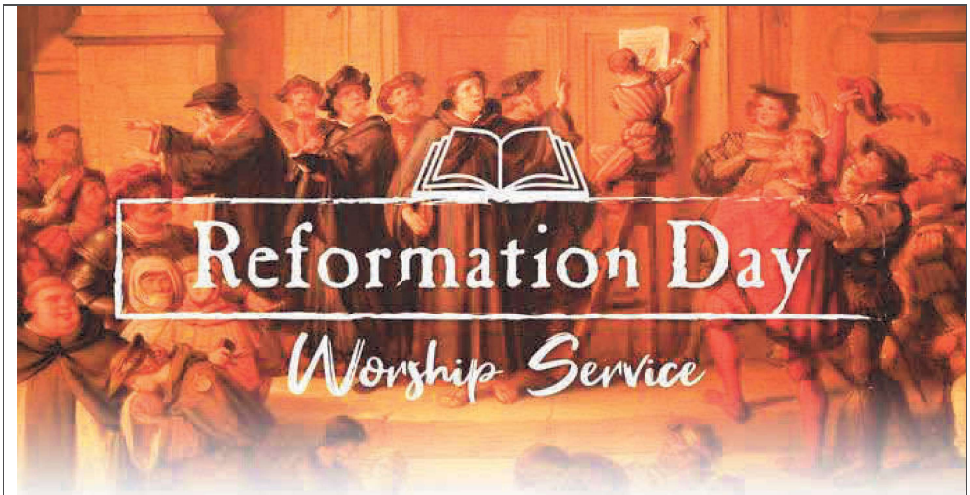




Bible Study Group - Hebrews
 Coordinator: Paul & Brenda Schaefer
 Facilitators: Paul Schaefer
 Location: Chippewa area
 Content: Hebrews
 Days: Begins October 8th – every other Thursday
 Times: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
 Contact: Text 412 491-6151 or
 email at schae4s@comcast.net

Bible Study Group – The Mystery of God's Will
 Coordinator: Rhonda Hicks
 Facilitators: Diane Luther
 Location: Hookstown area
 Content: "The Mystery of God's Will" by Chuck R Swindoll.
 Days: Begins October 1st – every other Thursday
 Times: 6:30pm
 Contact: Text Diane at 724 601-4179 or Rhonda at
 724-494-9081 or email grammydi831@gmail.com

Bible Study Group – Sermon content review
 Coordinator: Rogers & Butlers
 Facilitators: Joanne Rogers Joanne
 Location: Hookstown area
 Content: Review sermon content and application
 Days: Begins October 13th the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
 Times: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
 Contact: Text 570-441-1682 or
 email rogersjoanne84@gmail.com



Save the Date:

Reformation Day Worship Service

2026

All are invited to join us on campus at Geneva College for our eighth annual worship service celebrating the great gospel truths recovered and proclaimed during the Reformation.

Sunday, November 1, 6 p.m.
 Metheny Fieldhouse at Geneva College

Special Guest:
Dr. Stephen Nichols

Dr. Nichols, Senior Scholar and Lancaster Bible College Ambassador, is a well-known church historian, and the author of many books, including *R.C. Sproul: A Life* and *The Reformation: How a Monk and a Mallet Changed the World*.

Learn more and register: <https://www.geneva.edu/pastors-churches/reformation-worship-service>

Mt Pleasant Church's



October 31st 1 to 3pm

Candy 🍭 Free Food 🌭

Hayride 🚜 Fall Activities 🍏

🐐 Petting Zoo 🐑

If you'd like to decorate a kid-friendly trunk, please arrive early to do so, however, you do not have to do a trunk to participate in this event.

Good Family Fun

All are welcome

We can't wait to see you there!!

Sign up your trunk in the narthex today!

Marriage Retreat Questionnaire

We're working on planning a 2027 Marriage Retreat but would like some help from those who may be interested in joining us!

**Please keep in mind we won't be able to appease everyone but will do our best*

New to what a Marriage Retreat is? It's a structured getaway where couples step away from daily routines and focus entirely on their relationship. There will be guided content and faith-based teachings.

Please fill out and place in the offering plate or on the desk in the office by Monday, October 19th. We appreciate your input!
More details to come!

Name:

1. Would you be interested in attending a marriage retreat in 2027?

Y/N

2. Dates we are considering are: (please circle one)

a. February 12th & 13th

b. March 12th & 13th

c. Sometime in the fall

d. Any date works for me!

3. Comments:

<i>Mothers Encouraging Mothers</i>	
Mt. Pleasant Church is considering commencement of an encouragement group for mothers of young children ages infant to kindergarten. We would like input from our congregation to see if this is a need we can meet for you. At this time, it looks like it would be a group that meets bimonthly at the church as a time for fellowship and Biblical encouragement. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. If this is of interest to you, please answer the following questionnaire and drop it in the offering plate or return to the office	
<i>Name:</i>	<i>Contact information:</i>

1.) If a <i>Mothers Encouraging Mothers</i> group started at church, what time would you be most likely to attend?	a. Morning b. Evening c. Either is fine
2.) What 2 topics would be most beneficial to discuss in this stage of your motherhood journey?)	
Topic 1.	
Topic 2	

3.) If you have a child that has graduated from high school, would you be willing to serve in this group as a Mentor Mom?	a. Yes b. No c. Maybe
<i>"Let the older woman encourage the younger woman to love their husbands and to love their children" Titus 2:4</i>	