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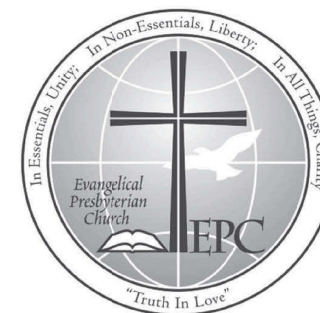
Joel Matsco

Rick Pierce

Richie Pierce

Jared Rogers

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: Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #294 I'd Rather Have 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: Operation Christmas Child, Pam Mason
Sunday School, Holly Garland

**Apostles Creed #627*

**Doxology #623*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #294 I'd Rather Have Jesus (2nd service)

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

Scripture: Acts 19:1-22

Sermon: Transformed

Pastor Rich Herbster

*Hymn #275 Because He Lives

*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

Catechism 6

Question: How many persons are in the one God?

Answer: Three persons are in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, the same in substance and equal in power and glory.

Memory Verse: John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*

Prayer List

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

Weekly Mission Focus: Mt. Pleasant Child Care

Special Prayer Focus: Trunk or Treat Event

Bereavement: Diane McCracken Family, Terry Tebbets Family

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

Praise:

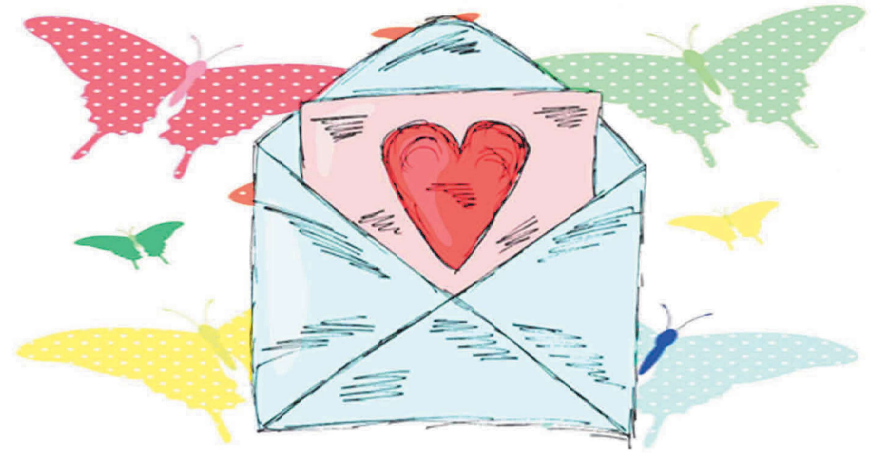
"...pray for each other..."

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	\$9,245	\$11,072	\$-1,827
YEAR TO DATE	\$473,059	\$465,024	\$8,035



Announcements



DON'T MISS OUT

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 31 st	Trunk or Treat
November 8 th	Youth Sunday

Today - 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 today, October 25th immediately following the second Worship service.

Today - Missions Soup and Sweets Event:

The annual Soup and Sweets event is today, October 25th immediately following the congregational meeting after the second service. Join us in sampling soups and desserts and then voting for your favorite with dollars to support our Missions. Auction items and baskets will also be available to compete to buy. 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!

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



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 in the Narthex with additional information

Join Us for a Ladies Bonfire October 30th from 5:30pm – 8:30pm

All ladies high school and older are welcome
Friday, October 30th from 5:30-8:30pm. We will meet behind the church. Please bring a lawn chair and a treat to share if you wish. Hot chocolate, warm apple cider and pumpkin roll will be provided

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

Deacons Christmas Bulb Sale

The sale price will be \$12.00 per bulb and the proceeds will go to The Center at Midland. The sale will start on Sunday **November 1st** and continue while supplies last.



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Operation Christmas Child:

Return your filled shoeboxes to the church lobby no later than Sunday, November 15, 2026. Your \$10 shipping donation can be paid by cash, check or you can pay online to Follow Your Box. Please DO NOT pack candy or other food items, soap, toothpaste, liquids of any kind, nail polish, glass or other breakable items, camouflage or military related items. Contact Pam Mason with any questions.

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



The DEACONS are currently taking nominations for our SHARE THE HARVEST, which is a program to help those who are less fortunate with Thanksgiving dinner. Please fill out the form below. **Nominations must be submitted by Sunday, November 15th.** Please use the Dropbox located at the entrance of the sanctuary.

THEIR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

YOUR NAME _____

Mothers Encouraging Mothers

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

Name:

Contact information:

1.) If a **Mothers Encouraging Mothers** 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

"Let the older woman encourage the younger woman to love their husbands and to love their children" Titus 2:4