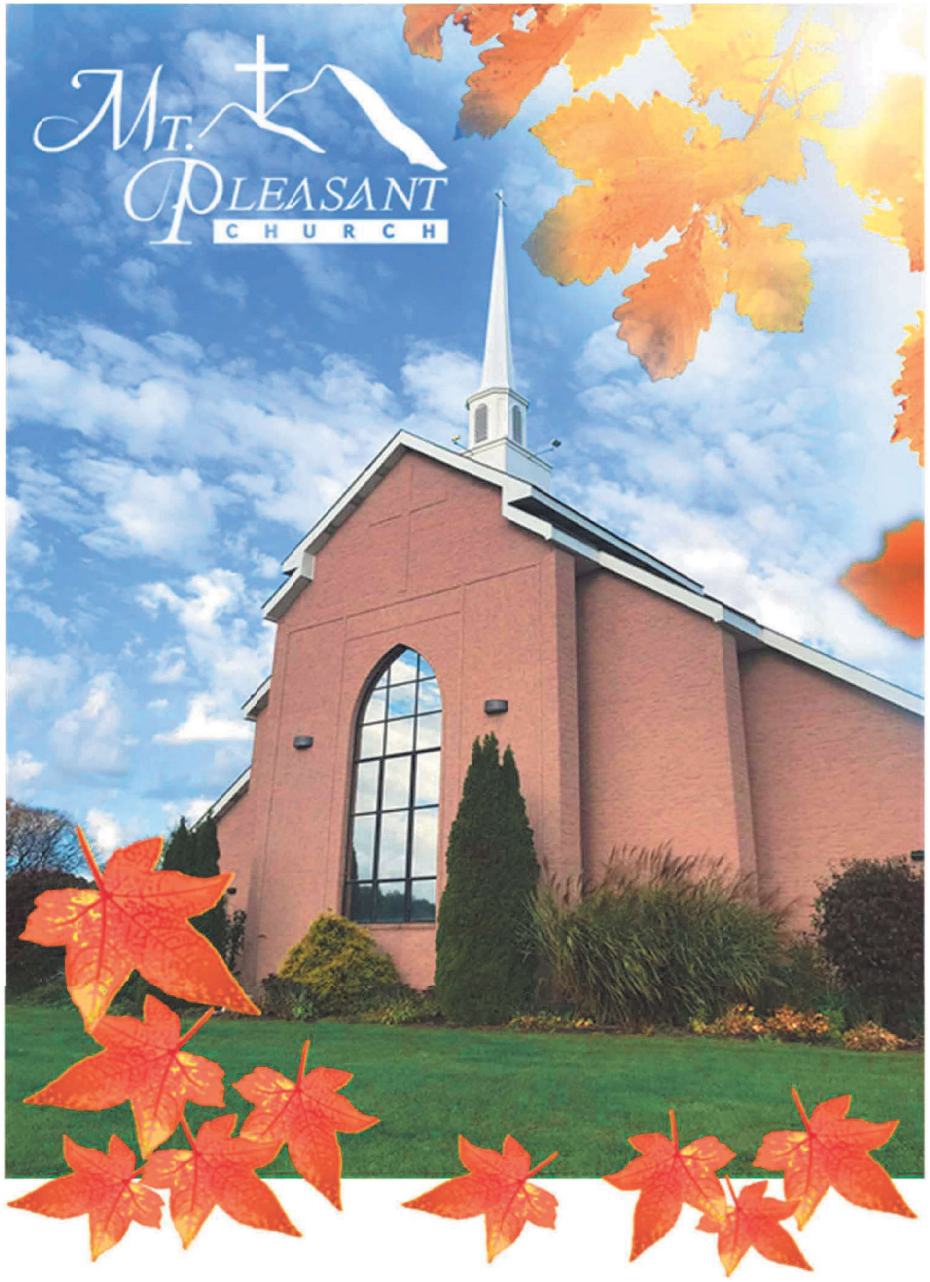


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Worship

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 44:6-7

"This is what the Lord says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it."

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #253 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (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

Baptism: *John Alan Kiss* *(1st Service)*

**Apostles Creed #627*

**Doxology #623*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #253 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (2nd service)

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

Scripture: Acts 19:23-20:6

Sermon: "The Victory of Artemis"

Pastor Rich Herbster

*Hymn #313 At Calvary

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We will partake of the elements together after everyone has been served.

*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 7
Question: What are the decrees of God
Answer: The decrees of God are His eternal plan based on the purpose of His will, by which, for His own glory, He has foreordained everything that happens.
Memory Verse: Psalm 33:11
But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations

Prayer List

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

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

Special Prayer Focus: Youth Sunday**,** Share the Harvest, Operation Christmas Child

Bereavement: Ed Dawson family

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

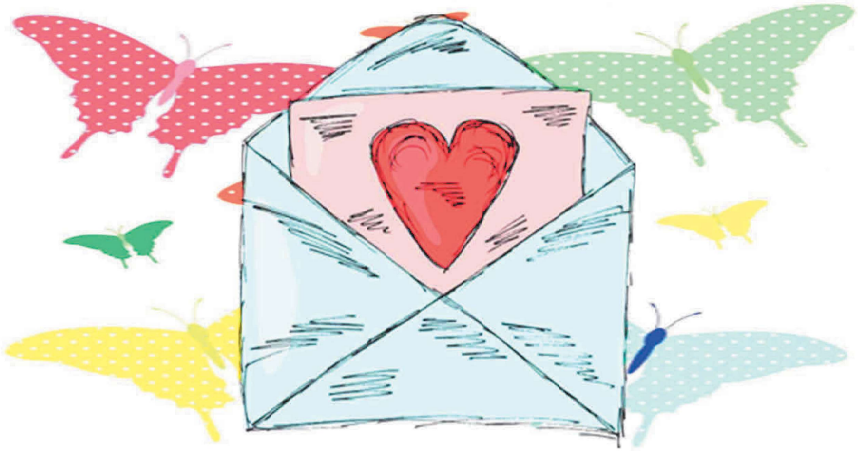
Praise: Soups and Sweets Event, Trunk or Treat

"...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.

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



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Lakeview Personal Health Care
Room A17
498 Lisbon Road
Darlington, Pa 16115

TITHING REPORT

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
LAST WEEK	$18,807	$11,072	$7,735
YEAR TO DATE	$491,866	$476,096	$15,770

Announcements

DON'T MISS OUT

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 8th	Youth Sunday
December 6th	Christmas Program – Kids Choir & Little Lambs
December 12th	Beaver Valley Choral Society Advent Concert:

A Heartfelt Thank You

From Pastor Rich and the Herbster family: Thank you for the generous gifts, cards, and lovely luncheon for Pastor Appreciation.

Soups and Sweets Fundraiser

The annual Soup and Sweets event held on October 25th was very successful. The winner of the golden spoon was Heather Lahtinen for her delicious taco soup and Adylan Rogers won the silver spatula for her scrumptious brownies. We made $3,581.82 to support Missions thanks to the generosity of our congregation. THANK YOU!

Deacons Christmas Bulb Sale

The Christmas bulb sale begins today, **November 1st**, in the Narthex. The sale price will be $12.00 per bulb and the proceeds will go to The Center at Midland. Be sure to stop by the Deacons' table to purchase your Christmas bulb before they are gone!

Reformation Day Worship Service:

Today at 6 p.m. — Sunday, November 1, 2026
Geneva Campus, Metheny Fieldhouse
Special Guest: Dr. Stephen Nichols
All are welcome to attend. Flyers with more information are in the Narthex

Announcements

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.

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

Mental Health Seminar – Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

Anyone interested in attending the Mental Health Seminar on Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) to take place on zoom on Friday Nov 6 at 10am can join the Lydia Stitchers in the Gathering room. We will be broadcasting the presentation on the TV during our workday. Thank you.

Free Furnace Check-up

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



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

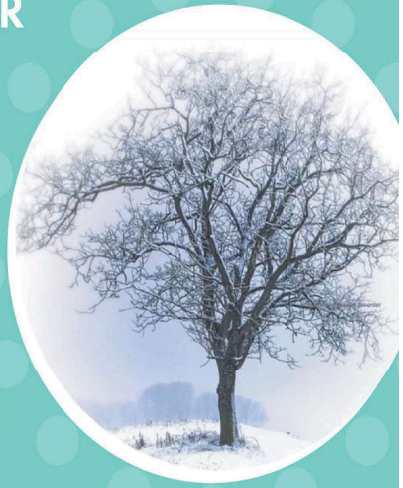
Bible Study Group – The Mystery of God's Will
Coordinator: Rhonda Hicks
Facilitators: Diane Luther
Location: Hookstown area
Content: "The Mystery of God's Will" by Chuck R Swindoll.
Days: Begins October 1st – every other Thursday
Times: 6:30pm
Contact: Text Diane at 724 601-4179 or Rhonda at 724-494-9081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

Let's Talk About Mental Health
A Ministry of Mill Creek, EPC

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

Join us for a **FREE WEBINAR** with **Dr. Amy Kelly** - *Child, Adolescent & Adult Psychiatrist at East Liberty Family Health Care*



Registration is Required

Friday, November 6, 2026
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Register using the QR code or email:
chaplain.abby.opal@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	