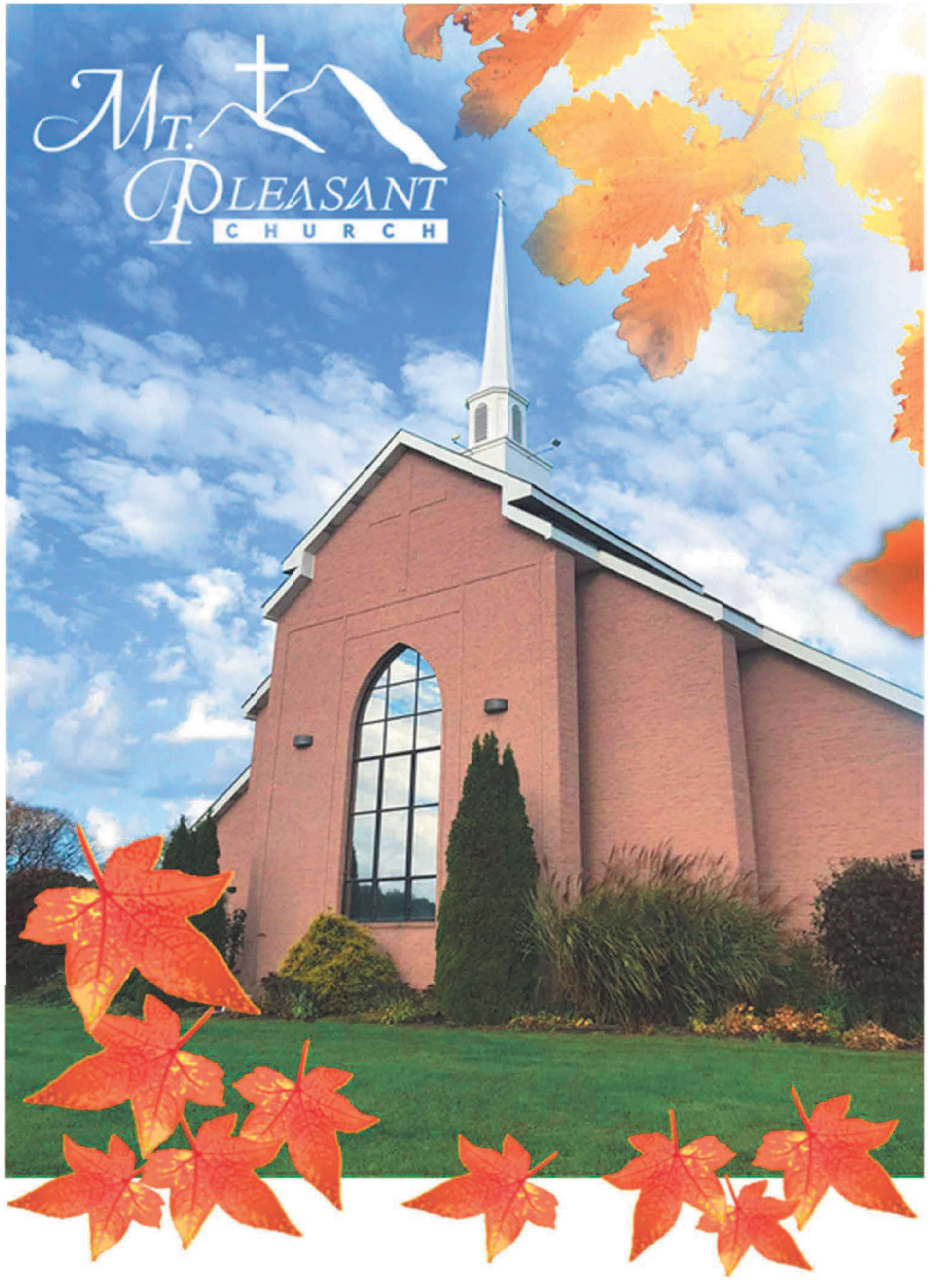

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Worship

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 30:19-20

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #597 We Gather Together (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

Apostles Creed #627

Baptisms: Christopher Paul Baker
Cameron James Baker
Annabelle Grace Baker

**Doxology 623*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Special Music: "Fruit of the Spirit," The Little Lambs

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #597 We Gather Together (2nd service)

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

Scripture: Acts 20: 7-11
Sermon: Greatly Comforted
Pastor Rich Herbster

*Hymn #588 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*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 10
Question: How did God create man?
Answer: God created man, male and female, in His own image and in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, to rule over the other creatures
Memory Verse: Colossians 3:9-10
Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Prayer List

Darlene Armstrong
Elmer & Louise Bucklin
Ayden Ciccone
Ken Davis
Tara Davis
Mark Devich
Nathan Ekis
Mark Friday
Josh & Sarah Grosso
Holly Quigley Hamilton
Jane Hartzell
Beth Knapp
Mary Marshall
Todd Maskill
Jay Mayhew
Bill McElhaney
Christine & Tony Olszanski
Pastor Omar
Doris Reed
Bob Schmidt
Rowena Seigle
Ellis Talotta
Linda Tankersley
Nancy Tournay
Laine Turner
Heidi Vos
Leslie Vos
Aubrey Ward
Donna Weatherby
Pastor Wang Yi
Jodi Weldon
Lisa Zahn

Weekly Mission Focus: Overcomers in Christ (Milan Mrkonja)

Special Prayer Focus: Those dealing with addiction and depression

Bereavement: Patsy Gray family

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

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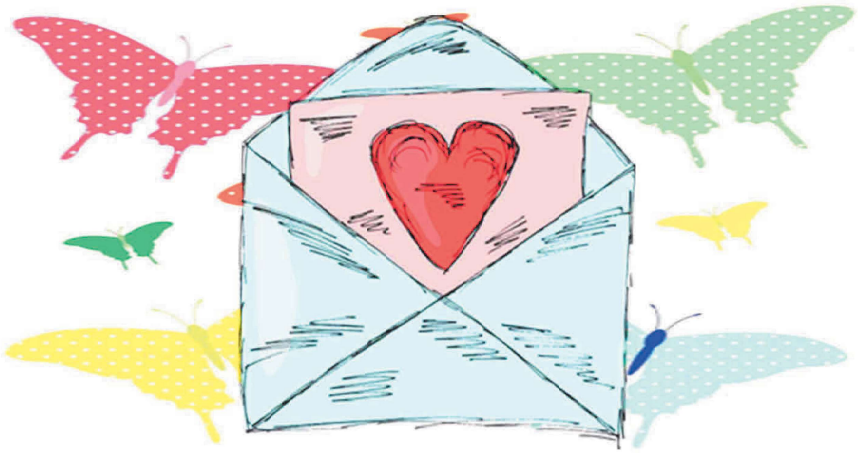
Keep them in your thoughts by sending a card...



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Lakeview Personal Health Care
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498 Lisbon Road
Darlington, Pa 16115

TITHING REPORT

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
LAST WEEK	$10,718	$11,072	$-354
YEAR TO DATE	$527,955	$509,312	$18,643

Announcements

DON'T MISS OUT

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 6th	Christmas Program – Kids Choir & Little Lambs
December 12th	Beaver Valley Choral Society Advent Concert
December 11th & 12th	Live Nativity at Mt Carmel EPC

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

As a reminder, we will not have Bible Study Wednesday November 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will begin the study of Romans on December 2nd and hope to see you all there.

The Deacon Christmas Tree:

The Deacon Christmas Tree is up and ready. This is an opportunity to help our community. The numbered paper ornaments are labeled with a specific gift item. Please register your name on the clipboard according to the number on the paper ornament. Gifts need to be returned UNWRAPPED by **December 7th** with the ornament attached. Thank you for your generosity

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!

EduNations Benefit Concert:

Kick off the Christmas season with Selah! Join us for the EduNations Benefit Concert featuring Selah on **Thursday, December 3 at Memorial Park Church in Pittsburgh!** Enjoy an evening of beautiful music while supporting EduNations, a nonprofit that provides quality education and shares the hope of Christ with children in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Learn more and get tickets at **edunations.org/concert.**

Flyers with more information are located in the Narthax.

Calling ALL Mothers:

Join us in the Gathering Room from 6pm-9pm on **December 14th** for a wrapping party as we share in fellowship and wrapping Christmas gifts together. This is our kick-off for the new 'Moms Encouraging Moms' group that will begin in early 2027. Moms with a child age birth through kindergarten can sign up for the ongoing group. HOWEVER, this wrapping party is for ALL MOMS! Paper, scissors, and tape will be provided. Just bring what you want to wrap and drop in for an hour or stay with us the entire time. Refreshments will be served.

Winter ADULT Sunday School Classes: Post High School and beyond

First class begins on **December 6, 2026.** We hope to see you there!

The Study of Proverbs	**Chase Hervey**	**Room 122**

I toyed with a punchy title for this Sunday school, as I usually do: "Proverbs: For Wise Fools," "Proverbs: Where Christ Dwells," "Proverbs: The Trouble of Knowing Better," "Proverbs: A Respectable Fool," etc. But I felt as though every title I came up with limited and diminished the depth and breadth of this magnificent book, so alas, I have relented in the pursuit of a quippy name, and our study will merely be titled "Proverbs." It is a marvelous thing to have a book with so much to say! I worked through a chapter of Proverbs each day for two years in a row, and I can truly say the content never tired me out. If you decide to join us Sunday morning, my prayer is that you will grow in appreciation for Scripture's Wisdom Literature genre, have endless opportunities to share your own thoughts on the text, understand how to read Proverbs in a way you perhaps were unable to do on your own before, and most importantly, see the person and character of Jesus Christ as the fullness of wisdom, as St. Augustine says, "Therefore Christ is our knowledge, and the same Christ is also our wisdom," *On the Trinity* XIII.19.24. Iron will sharpen iron (Prov. 27:17), and I will do my best to wrap things up in time for the 10:30 service!

Reformation	**Jared Kephart**	**Room 121**

Join us for a journey through the Reformation, told through the lives of the Reformers: Wycliffe, Hus, Luther, Tyndale, Calvin, Knox, Jane Gray and others. Along the way we'll explore how God sustained and transformed his Church, and how the lives of these men and women can help deepen our appreciation of Scripture and our Presbyterian heritage.

Union Gospel Adult Bible Studies	**Bill Enders**	**Gathering Room**

Union Gospel Curriculum leads adults ages 26+ to a deeper knowledge of Bible truths through detailed lesson exposition. Each lesson also features sections dealing with practical points, research and discussion, questions, and a study of the week's golden text. Inspirational lessons encourage Scripture study and involvement with the material. The class meets year-round; members choose an annual service project.

Food Pantry Calling for Food Donations



Mission

The Mt. Pleasant Church stocks the pantry with food and non-perishables and other non-perishable essentials. Those who need, can take some **and when able**, they will give back.

Vision

The food pantry is a great for helping those in need in our church and community. The Deacons, stock it and encourage others to do so. It's a great way to get involved in giving back locally.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." — Matthew 25:35

With the coming of the Thanksgiving and Christmas season Mt. Pleasant Church's Food Pantry *is currently in need of restocking to help families in our community. Please consider donating non-perishable food items.*

- **Most Needed Items:** Canned tuna/chicken, peanut butter, rice, pasta & sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit and cereal.
- **Drop-off Location:** If you want to donate food, or other non-perishable items, the Deacons have a **"Drop Off Basket"** located as you enter the church main doors on left hand side. (Note: Additional information for donated items is attached to the side of the Drop Off Basket.)



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

Christmas Poinsettias

Christmas is almost here. As we celebrate the Love God showed us by sending us the best gift of all - His only Son - we want to give you the opportunity to show your love to someone whose memory or presence you cherish.

It is tradition to decorate our church and sanctuary each year with beautiful poinsettias. If you would like to honor someone with a plant, please fill out this order form and return it with your payment to an usher, collection box or the church office by **Tuesday, December 1st.** The cost per plant is **$12.00**.

Given by_____

In memory of_____

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In honor of _____

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Brief special message (optional)_____

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Total number ordered: #_____

Total Paid: $_____

Live Nativity at Mt Carmel EPC

It has become a tradition to many to participate in the Live Nativity hosted by our Sister Church, Mt Carmel EPC. They are truly grateful for our partnership in filling the many spots in their drive thru nativity scenes. If you would like to serve in this way, please see the sign up located in the narthex. There are also opportunities to help in the kitchen, or donate soup and cookies. For more details or questions, please contact Holly Garland, 412-853-3591.

