



Mt. Pleasant UMC

The Parish Secretary received an email from Retired Pastor Brint Shafer, the following are excerpts from that email :

“ Dear Secretary Pastuszek

Today a conference email listed circle of prayer churches for the week. Klinessgrove is on the list. I have fond memories of Klinessgrove and Mt. Pleasant. Of course, my memory is not as good as it was and I doubt anyone remembers me. Still it is heart warming to see your websites.

My name is Brint Shafer. I am not 72 years old, retired for 6 years, after serving 47 as a pastor. My first assignment began at age 19, August 5, 1963., just before my sophomore year at Lycoming. I was hired as assistant pastor and youth pastor for Snyderstown charge. I forget the name of the pastor in charge. I do remember Snyderstown charge had seven churches: Klinessgrove, Mount Pleasant, Irish Valley, Boyles Run, Millers Crossroads, Snyderstown and Rushtown. (Boyles Run, Snyderstown and Rushtown are now closed) I served in that capacity for only one year. In 1964, the conference made Irish Valley and Boyles Run a student parish. I served them for the next 2 years until I left for seminary in New Jersey.

... I remember a man named Wayne was the conference member from Mount Pleasant. A girl named Nancy was the key youth member at Klinessgrove. ...

... in my last appointment I served for nineteen years at First in Hollidaysburg. Over those years, we went from two worship services a weekend to five. Our attendance grew from 200 to 725. For the last few years, we had the highest attendance in Susquehanna Conference. I mention these things, not to brag, but to thank Klinessgrove and Mount Pleasant. In the year we were together, you demonstrated some valuable truths about what it means to be a church family, to support and care for each other, and to nurture and encourage youth and young pastors. From my years on the Board of Ordained Ministry, I can tell you that young pastors mentored by churches like Klinessgrove and Mount Pleasant have a good foundation to become strong and caring pastors as they mature. ... So I hope you will convey my thanks to your congregations, especially any old-timers who might have been around in the mid 1960's. I hope also you will continue to be congregations that help pastors learn the good and joyful truths about church and ministry. We need more churches like that. You are important and make a lasting difference. Thank you.

Grace and Peace,

Brint Shafer “

Up and Coming Events:

July

Sunday 10 - Men's Breakfast 7am-8am

Vision Statement Introduction/Roll Out

Tuesday 12—Ad Council 7pm-8pm

Saturday 16—Community Picnic 5pm-8pm

Monday 18-24—*Pastor Brian on vacation*

Sunday 24—Pastor John Lee Preaching

Sunday 31—Christmas in July

August

Thursday 4—Trustees Meeting 7pm-8pm

Monday 8—SPRC Meeting @ MP 7pm-8pm

Sunday 14—Men's Breakfast 7am-8am

Sunday 19—Young Adults WGRC Day at Knoebels

Sunday 21—Promotion Sunday—Backpack for kids

Monday 22—Parsonage Trustees Meeting 7pm-8pm

Sunday 28—Outdoor Worship 9am-10am

Church Picnic 12pm-4pm

September

Sunday 11—Men's Breakfast 7am-8am

Tuesday 13—Ad Council 7pm-8pm

Friday 16—Rummage Sale

Pastor Brian on Mission Trip with KG youth group September 16-18

Saturday 17—Rummage Sale ALL DAY

Sunday 18—Pastor John Lee preaching



Every Sunday :

9am-10am - Sunday Morning Worship Service

1015am-1115am—Sunday School

Every Monday Starting Sept 5

10am-11am—Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday Starting Aug 17

6pm-7pm Hand bell practice

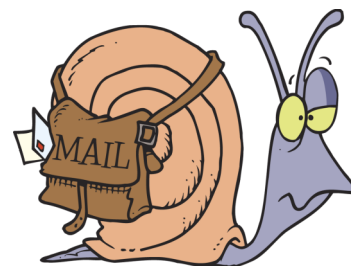
7pm-8pm Choir practice

All Mt Pleasant students going in to 3rd and 9th grade will be receiving Bibles during worship on Sunday, August 21. If you know of any students going in to these grades this fall, please be sure to tell Pastor Brian, Peggy Wallish or Deleen Wetzel by August 1, so we may have enough Bibles to honor these students.

Sunday, September 11: The 15th Anniversary – This will be a special day of remembrances as we remember where we were 15 years ago.

Sunday, September 25: National First Responders Sunday – On this Sunday, we will recognize any 'First Responders' within our community and families. A special brunch will be held for everyone following the worship service that morning.

Effective May 2, The Conference Office has changed their address. the Post Office box(PO Box 2053) used for Conference Mailing, has been discontinued. Please direct all mail to : 303 Mulberry Drive, Mechanicsburg PA 17050. - Mail delivered to the Post Office Box will be forwarded for one year.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 7 Todd and Deleen Wetzel
July 14 Justin and Ellyn Ross
July 16 William and Karen Stewart Jr.
July 31 Joseph and Karen Bobeck

August 10 Joel and Jen Spangler
August 15 Joseph and Denise Finan
August 18 Eric and Jodee Aucker
August 19 Eric and Jamie Doering
August 25 Paul and Holly Kieffer
August 20 David and Rebekah Pastuszek

September 3 Jerrod and Laura Cole
September 12 Don and Sylvia Herb, Gregory and Melissa Wetzel
September 17 Chris and Vicki Main, Thomas and Kris Reich
September 18 James and Pamela Rodkey
September 22 Dave and Kim Zoch, Jack and Colleen Pegg
September 27 Gordon and Gail Aikey

BIRTHDAYS

July

1—Garritt Aucker
4—Shirley Caskey, John Lazur
5—Kyle Hauck
9—Betsy Benner
10—Caleb Spangler
13—Michelle Switzer
15—Kaelee Ranck
19—Noah Cooper, Eric Doering
20—Jeffrey Bidelspace
21—James Pope
23—Madeline Boop
28—Alexander Michael
29—Lisa Dooley, Garren Levi, Angelina Rodkey
30—Thomas Reich
31—Velma Lunger

August

2—Michelle Cooper, Harold Reich
3—Robin Lazicki
4—Bonita Kauffman, Betty McFall
5—Judith Pope
7—Timothy Herbster, Brandon Ulrich
8—H. Ronald Pope
9—Gloria Walker
10—David Grimm, Michael Moyer
14—Tessa Long
18—Aimee Pope, James Pope
25—David Hauck
30—Tara Williams
31—Garret Boop, Pamela Rodkey

September

1—Nathan Linn
2—Taryn Pastuszek
6—Abigail Wetzel
7—Ayden Hauck, Gregory Reich
8—Corrine Aucker, Chris Main
9—David Pastuszek
12—Ganon Gay
15—Brett Neidig
17—Donna Hall
19—Mary Herring
20—Kyle Kern
21—Steven Herring
23—Vicki Pope-Main
29—Logan Hall
30—JoBeth Herbster

Happy
Birthday



Date	Focus	Scripture & Sermon Topic	Memory Verse
7/3	Independence Day Communion	Psalm 30:1-5 The Sun is Coming	Matthew 24:27
7/10	Invite, Ignite, Grow & Go	Colossians 1:9-14 Praying, Producing, Growing	John 14:6
7/10	Offer, Love, Grow, Serve	Colossians 1:9-14 Praying, Producing, Growing	1 Thessalonians 4:10
7/17		Luke 10:38-42 Where Is Our Focus	Hebrews 12:2
7/24	Pastor Brian on vacation - Pastor John Lee covering	TBD	TBD
7/31	MP - Christmas in July	Colossians 3:1-11 Take Aim	Matthew 5:6
8/7	Communion	Hebrews 11:8-16 Heroes of Faith - Fol- lowers	Psalm 43:3
8/14		Hebrews 12:1-6 Heroes of Faith - Run- ners	Acts 20:24
8/21	MP - Promotion Sunday & Backpacks	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Everyone I Send You To	Isaiah 6:8
8/28	MP - Outdoor Service, Church Picnic, blessing of our school kids	Hebrews 13:1-8 Entertaining Angels	Psalm 142:7
9/4	Labor Day Communion	Luke 14:25-33 Are We Finished	1 Corinthians 15:58
9/11	KG - Blessing/Commission of Youth Mission Trip	1 Timothy 1:12-17 Poured out in His Ser- vice	Mark 10:45
9/18	Pastor Brian on mission trip - Pastor John Lee cov- ering	TBD	TBD
9/25	MP - First Responders Ap- preciation Sunday & Brunch	Luke 16:19-31 Up from the Grave	Matthew 13:57b



The education department of Mt. Pleasant UMC is hoping to expand with one or two extra classrooms this fall. Please see Peggy Wallish or Deleen Wetzel for more information.

The annual community picnic for Mt Pleasant UMC will be held on Saturday, July 16 at 5pm. Not only will we have food at this picnic, various activities will also be included in the event; activities such as face painting, finger painting, sidewalk chalk writing and a giant slip and slide. Bingo will be held for all and a camp fire for toasting marshmallows will conclude the evening.

Church members are asked to not only make their favorite picnic food and/or dessert but to also invite family and friends for this fun event!

Please be sure to see the sign up sheet in the back of the church to sign up for necessary picnic items, such as paper plates and cups, etc. If you are able to provide hot dogs or hamburgers for the picnic, please see Peggy Wallish.



SAVE THE DATE

Mt. Pleasant UMC will hold their 4th annual fall craft bazaar Saturday October 8 2016, from 9am-2pm, rain or shine

Spaces are available to rent for crafters. We will also have a kitchen full of homemade food to sell—DELICIOUS!!

There will be a basket auction at 1pm of baskets full of goodies and also a few craft items. All proceeds will benefit missions and current expense fund.

For info call Lois Kovaschetz at 570-286-8042.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW!

FAMILY MINISTRIES

In March, our church family was invited to a Green "Baby Shower" dinner to benefit Birthright of Sunbury. We enjoyed many delicious "green" dishes and collected a trunk full of donations to go to Birthright. Many infants will benefit from the items everyone so graciously brought.

We welcomed spring with a picnic themed progressive dinner in April. First, the Ross Family hosted yummy appetizers, then, the Hauck Family hosted the delicious main course, and finally, we enjoyed scrumptious desserts hosted by the Doering Family. We not only fed our bodies with food, but also our minds with scripture cards from our Daily Bread promise box so we can ignite a spark within ourselves to grow in His Word. Meals were offered to four church family who were unable to attend and they were served to two. "Admission" was a piece of gently used jewelry which was donated to Jewelry Shop for Mom.

Volunteers go to Head Start programs and students have an opportunity to choose a piece of jewelry to give to their Mommy for Mother's Day. Thirty-five church family and friends enjoyed an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

We decided to relax in May and let Country Cupboard do the cooking. We collected over 50 pairs of used eyeglasses to go Lions Recycle for Sight program. After dinner mints were shared and it was a joy to see personal connections between the scripture on the mints and our knowledge learned through the Believe church wide campaign we just studied. Some of the scripture referenced fruits of the spirit.....humility, love, joy, peace, and also spiritual gifts.

On June 18, we had an awesome "field trip" to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. The executive director, Rob Vissher, gave us a tour of the facility and shared how they re connecting God's resources with human need. Last year, they has 8-10 million dollars in donations meeting the needs of approximately 2 million people. We were fortunate to schedule a date for Saturday March 18, 2017 to go to Mission Central to serve in this local, state, national and worldwide mission. (Volunteers 18 and older need to have clearances) If you would like to learn more about Mission Central, please log onto missioncentral.org.

Thank you to everyone who participates in Family ministry here at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church. It is encouraging to see so many people who desire to build partnerships between church and family through fellowship and sharing.

*Upcoming **Family Ministry** Events :

- July 16 Community Picnic

- August 20 **Family** Fun Day at R.B. Winter State Park—you are invited to bring your family and friends for a day of fishing, hiking, swimming and food! We have reserved Pavillion2, from 8am—sunset, it is conveniently located near plenty of parking, bathrooms, and a playground. Please bring your own paper products, drinks, and a covered dish to share—there is electricity if you wish to make something in a crock pot. The church will provide hotdogs, buns, condiments and a cooler of cold water. Please plan on bringing your own fishing/beach gear, and spending a few hours—or the whole day—having food, fun and fellowship with your church family.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

- Psalm 133:1

We had a fantastic week at Ocean Commotion VBS, as we dove into the book of Genesis and learned about Noah and the great flood. We had an excellent turnout each night! The children performed their songs and gave the congregation a glimpse of their week during the closing the program. Thank you to Dave Zoch and Wayne Hauck for the beautiful ark that was built, the teachers and helpers, Pastor Brain and the congregation for your support!



Operation Christmas Child

July 31, Mt Pleasant will hold their kick-off for collecting various items for the annual Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.

The ages for Operation Christmas Child are 2 – 14.

While you are more than welcome to bring any of the items at any time,
here is the list of suggested times and items:

July 31 – August 14: End of summer items - Shoes, flip flops, socks, underwear, shorts, tee shirts, sunglasses, etc.

August 14 – August 28: Back to school items - Notebooks, pens, pencils & pencil sharpeners, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, paper, coloring books, solar calculators, glue sticks, kid scissors, etc.

August 28 – September 11: Hygiene items – Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste (watch that the expiration date is more than 6 months ahead), wash cloth, scrubbie, hair brush, comb, hair accessories, etc.

September 11 – September 25: Toys – Rubber balls, cars, jump ropes, dolls, puppets, yo-yos, slinkies, toys that light up, kid jewelry, playing cards, toy spiders, bugs or snakes, play-doh, puzzles, small electronic games, stuffed animals, etc.

September 25 – October 9: Winter items: Hats, gloves, mittens, candy such as: hard candy, taffy, gum, caramels, Tootsie Rolls, and gummy bears.

The following items are **NOT** to be included: Chocolate, no liquids of any kind (such as glue or soap), 'army' toys, guns, sharp objects, knives, snow globes, or any items with glass.



Connect with us:

Mt. Pleasant is excited about some changes that are coming. We are in the process of making some changes to our website. Once we are done, we will be posting more information on the website, such as bulletin information, Audio recordings of our sermons, newsletters, and informational articles. Come visit us at

<http://www.susquehannavalleyparish.org/>

We are also excited to announce that we have a Face book page and a twitter account. Come like and follow us on Face book and Twitter.

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