



Mt. Pleasant UMC

An Easter Message from Pastor Brian:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” Mark 16:6-7

Each Spring, we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We also lay witness to the miracle of the rebirth of life as the flowers start to push their way out of their dirt enclosed tomb. Spreading out into the world and basking in the sun once again.

This year, we celebrate Holy Week with the start of Palm Sunday on March 20th, all the way to Easter Sunrise worship at 6:30 am and our Easter Sunday Service at 9:00 am on March 27th, including our Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm at Klinesgrove and Good Friday Services at 7pm at Mt. Pleasant. We celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, but we also reflect on the hardship, sacrifice, humiliation, and disgrace that He bore for us.

I am overwhelmed, excited and humbled by the sense of resurrection that I see in the church today. I see God's children getting more excited to serve the Lord, follow His commandments, walk the path that He has laid out before us. We are seeing more and more people getting involved in the church and the church ministries, more small groups developing and supporting each other. More relationships being formed with each other and with Christ.

I am excited and looking forward to launching the outcome of our Vision and Mission meetings in a church wide campaign soon. A small core of us have been meeting to discuss our new Vision for Mt. Pleasant UMC and how we can make it Christ's Church, His body, and His hands and feet. I am so proud and passionate about this vision process. Our combined Vision and Motto statement for the Church is:

At Mt. Pleasant UMC, we are “*Sharing the love of Jesus so others may know The Way!*” by:

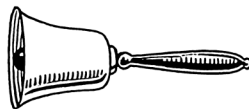
- **Invite - In** all to meet Christ and make a personal connection
- **Ignite - Within** our hearts a spark, passion, and fire
- **Grow - Here** in wisdom and knowledge through encouragement, support, fellowship, opportunity, and study
- **Go - There** and make disciples of Christ by serving and sharing

I am looking forward to putting this vision statement into action in all that we do, for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ and God, our heavenly Father. We are now in the process of developing a branding for our new vision statement and would invite and love your help as we continue to Invite, Ignite, Grow and Go together united in Christ.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Brian M. Moyer

Up and Coming Events:

- 3/13 Green Baby Shower Dinner—after Sunday school
- 3/15 Worship Meeting 7PM-8PM
- 3/16 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830PM
- 3/23 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830
- 3/24 Holy Thursday Services @ Klinsgrove UMC 7PM-8PM
- 3/25 Good Friday Services @ Mt. Pleasant UMC 7PM-8PM
- 3/27 Easter Sunrise Service 630AM-730AM
Easter Sunrise Breakfast 730AM-830AM
- 3/29 Finance Meeting 6PM-8PM
- 3/30 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830PM
- 4/6 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830PM
- 4/9 Young Adult Dinner -time to be announced
- 4/10 Men's Breakfast @ Jay's Tiffany's 7AM-8AM
- 4/12 Ad Council 7PM-8PM
- 4/13 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830PM
- 4/20 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830PM
- 4/27 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830PM
- 4/28 Church Trustees 7PM-8PM
- 5/4 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830PM
- 5/8 Mother's Day Breakfast 7AM-9AM
- 5/10 Ad Council 7PM-8PM
- 5/11 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830PM
- 5/18 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830PM
- 5/25 Hand bell Practice 6PM-7PM
Choir Practice 7PM-830PM
- 6/12 Men's Breakfast @ Jay's Tiffany's 7AM-8AM
- 6/14 Ad Council 7PM-8PM
- 6/19 Father's Day Breakfast 7AM-9AM
- 6/20 VBS—OCEAN COMMOTION
- 6/21 VBS—OCEAN COMMOTION
- 6/22 VBS—OCEAN COMMOTION
- 6/23 VBS—OCEAN COMMOTION



Every Sunday evening, there is Bible Study from 630-8PM, the theme is 'BELIEVE'.

There is woman's Bible Study every Monday morning, from 10AM-11AM at Evelyn Geise's.



The Daniels Family, missionaries in Ecuador, have decided to extend their stay, and will be there another year. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their mission!

Happy Anniversary

APRIL 6 Scott and Janice Hixson
APRIL 7 Kris and Bonita Kauffman
APRIL 20 Wayne and Carol Hauck
APRIL 21 Carl and Hilda Kashner,
APRIL 21 Daniel and Jennifer Frye
APRIL 28 Gregg and Lois Laboskie

MAY 4 Ray and Darlene Kern Jr
MAY 8 Gerald and Sandi Ressler
MAY 17 Ronald and Elizabeth Gay II
MAY 19 Eric and Karlen Light
MAY 26 Mark and Velma Lunger
MAY 31 James and Lois Kovaschetz

JUNE 5 Garrett and Brigid Boop, Ralph and Susan Newman
JUNE 7 Harold and Ethel Reich Sr., Roy and Megan Beck
JUNE 21 Ronald and Judith Pope, Matthew and Lisa Dooley
JUNE 23 Bryan and Erin Karpinski
JUNE 26 Tim and JoBeth Herbster
JUNE 27 Randall and Mary Herring

BIRTHDAYS



APRIL

3 Jeremy Finan
4 Carson Strawser
7 Jeremy Cooper, Alexander Wetzel
8 Jamie Doering, Gregory Wetzel
9 Quintyn Bucher
10 Susan Newman
11 Ray Kern Jr
15 Harry Herbster, Jayce Kimball
16 Brigid Boop
18 Rosalie Karpinski
21 Erin Karpinski
23 Joseph Finan
24 William Stewart III
25 Jenelle Frye, Wayne Hauck, Mark Lungert
27 Melissa Wetzel
30 Florence Strawser

MAY

1 Eric Auken
2 Harold Reich Jr, Kim Zoch
3 Reenie Miller, Dianne Pope
7 Daniel Wetzel
10 Samuel Main, Julie Moon
14 Drew Rodkey
15 Austin Haupt
16 Phyllis Wetzel
20 Johnathan Lungert
21 Malcolm Boop, Jerry Splitt, Zeb Switzer
22 Rachael Meckley
23 Gordon Aikley, Ryleigh Rider
25 Barron Pope
26 Faye Switzer
27 Matthew Rice
28 Dave Lazicki, Heather Switzer
29 Karen Stewart
30 Shanna Kimball
31 Christian Cole, Karlen Light

JUNE

3 Tregg Mull, Daniel Switzer
5 Denise Finan
8 Elijah Spangler
9 Sylvia Herb
10 Glenn Haupt III, Holly Kieffer
13 Tim Herbster, Ellen Lazur
19 Jodee Auken, Robert Bidelsbach Sr.
21 Terra Hall
22 Hailee Kavaschetz
23 Elizabeth Gay, Kurt Pegg
24 Alexis Herb
26 Joel Spangler
27 Joyce Ann Lindenmuth
28 Gerald Ressler
30 Cierra Haas



Date	Focus	Scripture & Sermon Topic	Memory Verse
03/20	PALM SUNDAY LENT - PALMS Youth help lead (KG)	The Great Festival Nehemiah 8:13-17 <u>Palm Sunday</u> Luke 19:28-40	John 15:11
03/24	MAUNDY THURSDAY @ KG LENT Communion	Remembrance 1 Corinthians 11:23-29	None
03/25	GOOD FRIDAY@ MP LENT	Laws of Love in the heart Hebrews 10:16-25	None
03/27 Sunrise	EASTER SUNRISE @ MP	Our Risen Lord 1 Corinthians 15:19-26	None
03/27	EASTER SERVICE	Resurrection Luke 24:1-12	John 12:23-24
4/3	Peace COMMUNION	The God of Peace 1 Kings 4:20-25	Philippians 4:6-7
4/10	Self-Control NATIVE AMERICAN DAY	The Prodigal's Brother Luke 15:11-32	Titus 2:11-13
4/17	Hope	My Hope is in You Luke 2:22-35	Hebrews 6:19-20a
4/24	Patience	Song that doesn't end! 1 Samuel 24:1-13	Proverbs 14:29
5/1	Kindness/Goodness COMMUNION	Gracious Giver Luke 14:1-14	1 Thessalonians 5:15
5/8	MOTHER'S DAY Ascension Sunday Faithfulness	His Reflection Genesis 39:1-6a	Proverbs 3:3-4
5/15	PENTECOST SUNDAY Gentleness	Soft Seconds John 21:4-17	Philippians 4:5
5/22	PEACE WITH JUSTICE TRINITY SUNDAY Humility	I am second John 13:1-17	Philippians 2:3-4
5/29	MEMORIAL DAY	No room on the Fence 1 kings 18:20-24 Galatians 1:1-9	Matthew 22:37
6/5	COMMUNION	Faith and Knowledge Galatians 1:11-24	Titus 1:1
6/12		The weight of forgiveness Luke 7:36-50	Psalm 49:8
6/19	Father's Day	Everything Changed Galatians 3:23-29	Romans 8:2
6/26		Don't look back. Luke 9:51-62	Genesis 19:17a



Because of the success of movies like *God's Not Dead* and *The War Room*, several additional Christian themed movies are being released. If you would like to see them as a group, meet at the theater 30 minutes before start time. Here is a list of movies and events being released. If you have any questions contact Deleen.

See you at the Cinema!

The Young Messiah - At the age of 7, Jesus Bar-Joseph lives with his family in Alexandria, Egypt, where they have fled to avoid a massacre of children by King Herod of Israel. Jesus knows that his parents Joseph and Mary have secrets they are keeping from him, secrets about his birth and about traits that make him very different from other boys. His parents, however, believe him too young to grasp the truth of his miraculous birth and purpose. Learning that the murderous Herod is dead, they set out to return to their home of Nazareth in Israel, unaware that Herod's namesake son is, like his father, determined to see the boy Jesus dead. Opens March 11th. Times to be announced.

Dare to Be is here on **3/16 at 11:00 AM!** This is an event full of worship, teachings from Charlotte Gambill, music from Natalie Grant, and many special moments that will leave you empowered to follow God. This event is more than entertainment - it's an experience that will dare you to embrace all that you are. Plus, get an exclusive glimpse into this duo's life on the road. Bring your friends, sisters, and neighbors to this inspiring event! Cost is \$12.50

Miracles From Heaven - based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. When Christy (Jennifer Garner) discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna (Kylie Rogers) has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter's healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired. Opens March 16th. Times to be announced.

God's Not Dead 2 - When a high school teacher is asked a question in class about Jesus, her reasoned response lands her in deep trouble and could expel God from the public square once and for all. Opens April 1st. Times to be announced.

This Is Winter Jam is here on **4/19 @ 7:00 PM** Fathom Events and Word Entertainment are partnering to show the most attended and enduring music tour in history like never before with This is Winter Jam. Phenomenal live performances by favorite Christian artists, including Skillet, Jeremy Camp, Francesca Battistelli, For King & Country, Building 429, Family Force 5, NewSong and more, combine with documentary style behind-the-scenes interviews allowing fans a deeper immersion into the ministry heartbeat of Winter Jam and fresh backstage perspective and appreciation of their favorite tour. Don't miss an unprecedented insider's look at life on the road. Admission is \$12.50

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



Community Picnic

Our annual Community Picnic will be held Saturday, July 16. Please keep an eye out for details.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

In January, our church *family* and friends were **INVITED** to *Family* Game Night. We played a modified game of “Go Fish” that provided an opportunity to share prayer requests and **GROW** together through the support of prayer. The “entrance” fee was a donation of a snack to **GO** to “The Refuge” in Sunbury, which supports youth in our area. An unexpected mission that happened that night was finding compassion in our hearts to plan two separate dinners to benefit two church *family* members facing medical/travel expenses. This *Family* Ministry event truly **IGNITED** a fire for us to share the love of JESUS!

Valentines Day

Sunday February 14, we had a valentine display of die-cut hearts with names of 54 children in our church *family*. Everyone was encouraged to “Take a Heart” and share the love this Valentine’s day with one of God’s children through prayer, a card, a hug, or by making personal contact and letting them know they are an important part of our church *family*.

Bowling in February

It was fun encouraging each other to make a connection with the bowling ball and pins; however, some of us excelled at making a personal connection with each other instead! We enjoyed a Saturday evening of *family* fellowship and then came together on Sunday morning to fellowship with God. We collected pennies for our penny crock to support the Society of Saint Andrews Potato Project.

UPCOMING FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS:

March 13—Green “Baby Shower” Dinner—benefits Birthright of Sunbury

March 27—Easter Egg Hunt after Sunday School

April 30—Progressive Dinner—Watch for details in April bulletins, Sign up Sheets for :

- Number of *family* members attending
- If you would like to host
- If you would like to prepare a dish

“Admission” to the dinner is a piece of gently used jewelry to be given to a lady who then shares the jewelry with local Head Start programs. The children choose a piece of jewelry to gift to their mommy on Mother’s Day.

May—*Family* Dinner Out—date/place/time to be announced

June—*Family* Field Trip to Mission Central in Harrisburg—date and details to be announced.

AS ALWAYS ... ALL CHURCH *FAMILY* AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED!!

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deed, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another”
... Hebrews 10:24-25*



Come make a splash with us at Vacation Bible School this summer! We will be diving into the book of Genesis as we learn about Noah and the great flood. It will be quite the Ocean Commotion! Join us Monday June 20, through Thursday June 23 in the evening from 5:30-7:30.



SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH
10:00 a.m.

UPPER AUGUSTA FIRE COMPANY
2188 MILE HILL ROAD
SUNBURY

Impact 2016

The following youth attended Impact 2016: Jared and Christopher Stewart, Angela and Rachael Meckley, Lexie and Maddie Williard. A special thanks to Eric Light for experiencing Impact for his first time and Karen Stewart and Peggy Wallish for chaperoning as well.

Souper Bowl Sunday

This year, Mt Pleasant United Methodist Church celebrated a very special Souper Bowl Sunday. The Souper Bowl celebration involved both the youth of Mt Pleasant and Klinesgrove United Methodist Church. The following youth participated in a Souper Bowl Worship service on Sunday, February 7, 2016:

Madison Shipe, Kirsten Keller, Jayce Kimball, Christopher Stewart, Jared Stewart, Tommy Kovaschetz, Justin Keller, Kaitlin Kovaschetz, Rebekah Faust, Hannah Moyer, Caitlin Moyer, Rachael Meckley, and Angela Meckley. Following Sunday School, soup was served by the youth to all who attended the soup luncheon.

A very special thank-you to all of the soup makers: Judy Pope, Carol Hauck, Hilda Kashner, Dianne Pope, Mark Lunger, Brett Neidig, Joyce Ann Lindenmuth, and Ellyn Ross. **A total of \$461.64 was collected in the soup kettles. All proceeds were evenly split between Elijah's Bowl and Caring for Kids.**

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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Twitter	@UMC_MtPleasant

