

Announcements

IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE? A True U video series, will be offered by The Way beginning on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 pm and will continue for 10 weeks. The series, led by Amy Herbster, will examine historical and archaeological evidence so that you may determine for yourself the veracity and accuracy of the Bible.

CHOICES BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN Once again we are participating in Choices Pregnancy Services' "Baby Bottle Campaign." If God has laid it on your heart to support this incredible ministry, please take a baby bottle when you leave, fill it with coins/bills and return the bottle to the Church by February 28. Thank you.

HYMN SING Join us tonight at 6 pm for a Hymn Sing.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, February 25 between the services. There will be no Sunday School so that teachers and voting youth can attend. In addition to receiving reports, the nominating committee will present a Deacon nomination. All ministry leaders can submit their annual reports to info@mpchurchpa.org or turn in a hard copy to the church office by **February 10**.

Sabbatical Corner

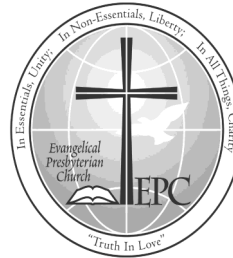
Sabbaticals originate from the biblical concept of Sabbath; therefore the Bible holds the key to understanding the concept of Sabbath rest for both God and humanity. In Genesis 2:2-3, it is stated that God rested from His labors on the seventh day. Although it is not called a Sabbath here, the concept is strikingly clear. God rested! Even the Creator took time to reflect on His work and rest from it. And, since He certainly did not require such rest, we must assume this was intended to model the value of rest for us.

Contact us

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February Care Elder and Deacon available
if you have a need and can't reach the Pastor.
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Jamie Ashcroft 412-551-1367, Deacon

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youtube.com "Mt. Pleasant Church Sunday Service"



Elders

Ken Davis
Beth Ann Enders
Craig Lahtinen
Kathleen Mihalow
Sara Beth Miller
Nina Parrish
Rich Pierce
Mark Stefanini
Larry Zahn

Deacons

Jamie Ashcroft
Nadine Duncan
Marie Hyre
Dan McHattie
Lennie Miller
Brownie Statler
June Statler
Dave Symanowicz

February 11, 2018 Worship Service



Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: John 5:24-29

Prayer of Invocation

*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Minute for Mission-Hymn Sing

Minute for Mission-The Way, True U

Baptism-11 am Service-
Davon, Aziah and Kaiden Bradford

*Doxology #623

Special Music "If You're Happy And You Know It"
Kids Choir

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #274 "Morning Has Broken"

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

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-29, 36-43, 47-52

Sermon "Taking the Long Way"

Pastor Rich Herbster

*Hymn #294 "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

*Benediction and Recessional

*Congregation will stand

**Children from ages 3 to 2nd grade are welcome to
Attend Children & Worship.
There is nursery available for children
Under the age of 3.

Welcome to Mt. Pleasant!

We are glad that you have chosen to join with 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 in the back of the pews) 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.

Ministries for Everyone

Worship Service #1—Sunday—8:30 am

Worship Service #2—Sunday—11 am

Sunday School (Adult & Children)—10:00 to 10:45 am

Women's Fellowship—Tuesday—6:30 to 8 pm
(September to May)

Women's Prayer, Fellowship—Friday—10:00 am to 12 pm

Grief Support Group—1st and 3rd Wed. of Month—1 pm

Kids Choir—Wednesday—6:30 to 7:30 pm

Bible Study & Prayer Group—Wednesday—6:30 to 7:30 pm

Men of Faith—Every 3rd Saturday—8:00 to 10:00 am

Junior High Youth Group—Tuesday—6:30 to 8:00 pm

Senior High Youth Group—Tuesday—6:30 to 8:00 pm

Ask A Nurse—1st Wed. of Month—10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Christian Child Care—Mon. to Friday—6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Prayer List Illness

Steve Aurin	Sue Gourley	LaVern Pence
Joe Bishop	Dorothy Homenick	Tim Ramsey
Candy Heck Blair	Shirley Hysong	Joyce Reed
Derek Brennan	Joyceann Jumper	Don Schweikart
Ronda Burke	Linda	Fred Simunick
Carla	Glenna Loudermilk	Pat Sloan
Pam Chandler	Elizabeth Luciano	Bud Smeltz Sr.
David Clark	Matt Luther	Martin Sosa
Sue Conn	Amy Marshall	Lou Staigvil
Bill Coon	Michael Martinez Sr.	Ron Stillwagon
Vic D'Amico	Kathy McBee	Wayne Taormina
Greg Dalton	Missy McConn	Carol Thomas
Nicole Dishaw	Melissa	Herman Thomas
Sean Douglas	A.J. Mihalik	Vince Tomei
Nancy Farley	Michelle Morrow	Karen Winland
Robert Fike		Andy Zelazny

Praise: Junior Mills, Kiersten Bruce,
Hoss Hoskinson, Jeannette Mallick
Bereavement: The Darrell Jones Family, The Franklin Rice Family,
The Eddie Cox Family, The Janet Luketic Family
Missions: Wycliffe Bible Translators (Beth Knapp)

Catechism Corner

WSC Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

The wages of sin is death. We've all sinned and we all are rightly condemned before a holy God. But God has made a way of escape! He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we can be saved! How can we be saved? The catechism tells us about three things – faith in Christ, repentance unto life (saving faith is faith that is necessarily accompanied by repentance of sin), and “diligent use of...the...means” (this means that we'll live in light of Christ's redemptive work. More on each of these three in the next three questions.

Assisting in This Morning's Worship

Acolyte	8:30	Charlise Jesko
	11:00	Sammy Milligan
Ushers	8:30	Tom Allison, Jim Gray, Billy Yoho
	11:00	Jim Enders, Jason Michel, Sam Milligan
Greeters	8:30	Dalton Lander & Jannel Martinez
	11:00	Ed & Diane Luther
Music Director	Both	Pat Lampe
Liturgist	Both	Craig Lahtinen
Children & Worship	8:30	Jennifer DeLong & Billy Yoho
	11:00	Lexa Taylor & Amber Rogers

Assisting in Next Week's Worship February 18, 2018

Acolyte	8:30	Reece Jesko
	11:00	Nate Ashcroft
Ushers	8:30	Tom Allison, Jim Gray, Billy Yoho
	11:00	Jim Enders, Jason Michel, Sam Milligan
Greeters	8:30	Dalton Lander & Virginia Mihalik
	11:00	Joan Lyons & Barb Petrovic
Music Director	Both	Pat Lampe
Liturgist	Both	Craig Lahtinen
Children & Worship	8:30	Beth Ann Enders & Colleen Jesko
	11:00	Sharon Ashcroft & Holly Garland

<u>TITHING REPORT</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$19,934	\$7,501	\$12,433
Year to Date	\$51,396	\$45,006	\$6,390

<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>
Total as of Last Week	\$1,135	\$592,335	\$710,359