



The United Methodist Church of Mt. Pleasant

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Please Join Us

Small Groups	8:45 AM
Fellowship Time	9:30 AM
Worship Service	10:00 AM

Our Mission

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Mt. Pleasant is
making and nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ.



Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

Welcome to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

In the Bulletin

Prelude "Drummer Boy/Pat-a-pan" Bish

****Call to Worship**

Leader: God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.

People: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who fills our lives with joy.

Leader: God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers of thanksgiving.

People: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who hears our words and silence.

Leader: God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.

People: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand. Alleluia!

****Hymn of Praise** "Joy to the Lord" No. 246

****Affirmation of Faith**

God of our Highest Joy, we come to you this day as your servants, gathered to worship you and you alone.

As we continue this Advent journey, we would ask that your Holy Spirit invigorate us that we may provide for others first before expecting them to provide for us. Come to this place and encourage us to do the work to which we were baptized. Help us to proclaim the Good News in word and in deed.

Gracious God, may the joy we find not be a commodity to be hoarded but a gift to be shared with one another. We thank you for your presence among us, your creation around us, and your providence within us, as we continue this blessed journey. Amen.

****Congregational Response** No. 70

"Glory Be to the Father"

Stewardship Moments:

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" Young

****Congregational Response** "Doxology" No. 809

Touched By a Child, Touched By a King

by John Purifoy

Text by Geoff and Niel Lorenz

Sue Ann Herd, Conductor

Sue Ann Booher, Accompanist

Linda Morgan, Narrator

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Congregation Participation)

Touched by a Child, Touched by a King

Rejoice, Rejoice, All People

Run, Run Shepherds

I Was Touched, and I Believe

The Truth and the Light

Light of the World

Angel's Song

SOPRANOS

Charlene Borowiec

Ellie Evans

Ellen Hockenberry

Colleen Kalp

Barbara McMillen

ALTOS

Donna Bulebush

Dawn Ellson

Georgene Hallam

Donna Jackson

Jane Layman

Debbie Piper

TENORS

Pastor Bob Ellson

George Hockenberry

Roger Rhodes

BASSES

Jerry Ellson

Bryon Jackson

Steve Shaw

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

****Closing Hymn** "There's A Song in the Air" No. 249

****Benediction**

Postlude "O Blessed Emmanuel" Bach

****Congregation Stands**

Schedules and Events

Scheduled meetings or events for the week of December 16:

Mon	7:00 PM	Women's Ministry
Tues	Food Delivery	
Wed	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs	9:00 AM	Men's Fellowship

Counters: Don & Joyce Jackson, Bryon & Donna Jackson

Next Sunday: Sue Ann Herd & Beth Shaw

Greeters: Rodger & Joanne Shupe

Next Sunday: Jane Lauffer & Carole Malone

+Ushers for December: *Linda Morgan, Greg Harbaugh, Debbie Fritzley,
Jim Ohler, Jerry Copeland

+Includes Christmas Eve

We are committed to full financial transparency: Church financial statements are available to all members of Mt. Pleasant UMC. If you would like to receive a copy of the most current financial statements please call the church office and one will be provided.

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Meetings and Events

- * Women's Ministry—December 17 at 7 PM
- * Food Delivery—December 18
- * Men's Fellowship—December 20 at 9 AM
- * Christmas Eve Service—December 24 at 7:00 PM

Year end contributions must be received by December 31 or postmarked December 31 in order for them to be included in the tax year of 2018. Otherwise, they will be included in 2019.

Mt. Pleasant Library December Events:

- ♦ **The Book Club** is reading John Grisham's Skipping Christmas to discuss on December 17 at 6:30 PM. Copies of the book are available at the desk to borrow.
- ♦ **School's Out Movie** on December 27 at 1:30 PM. A Facebook poll is collecting votes for which movie to show.

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Leader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Remembering the promises of God.

We light this candle in hope.

We light this candle for peace.

We light this candle in joy!

Rejoice! For our Lord is coming into the darkness to lead us home. The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom. Rejoice with joy and singing. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

People: O Lord, our redeemer, you lead us from sorrow's shadows into laughter's joy. You restore our peace and our hope. With great expectation we rejoice in the coming of our Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O come, ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

(Congregation Participation)

Announcements

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of George Rath by Ron and Georgene Hallam.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jane and Joe Siska and family on the recent passing of Jane's father, Lewis Cole, on December 13, 2018. Lewis was a resident of Millwood, PA and was 89 years old. Please remember Jane and Joe and other loved ones in your prayers.

If you would like to send a Christmas card to Frank and Doris Bowman, please sent it to: 700 Iris Drive 150/10, Venice FL 34293.

The Men's Fellowship will meet this Thursday, December 20. The fellowship will start at 9AM with a light breakfast followed by a short devotion and a time of prayer. Afterwards, for those who wish to stay, we will break up into teams to perform some light maintenance around the church.

A "Thinking of You/Christmas Greetings" Card Shower is under way for Emily Peters and Brady Hunker. We ask that you please have your cards to the church by December 23 when Pastor Bob will bless the two bags for Denise to deliver. Thank you!

If you don't have a church mailbox but would like one, please contact Diane in the church office.

The 3rd Sunday Special Offering going towards our annual apportionment is being received this morning.

Food Delivery is on Tuesday, December 18. Extra hands are always needed this time of year, so please see George Hockenberry if you would like to help.

January Newsletter deadline is December today. Please submit information to the church office or call Diane at 724-547-2288.

January/February Upper Rooms are available in the back of the church.

A price reduction on the Gourmet Nuts is just in time for parties and gift giving. Please see Ellen Hockenberry for your purchase.

Reduced price: \$9/lb: Milk Chocolate Coated Cashews, Praline Pecans

**Reduced price: \$5/lb: Milk Chocolate Coated Peanuts,
Sweet & Salty Trail Mix**

Prayer Cards are in the pew racks. Please take a moment and fill out a card with your concerns. Pass them to the center aisle and the Ushers will gather them during the Hymn of Praise.

Please remember these families and other concerns in your prayer time this week:

Jo	Randy	Joyce	Mary Lou
Nancy	Dorothy	Alice	Myrtle
Chet	Carl	Marie	Irene
Anna Mae	Ken	Mom	Diana
Darlene B.	Darlene F.	Adrien	Dean
Sandy	Don & Vicki	Emily	Brady
Dom	Unspoken	Rachel	Gary
Bill	Chuck	Larry	Gloria
Alicia	Bev	Brady	Wayne
Don G.	Dave & Patty	Dom & Brady	Drew
Mike	Scott	Nash	Bob C. & Bob S.
Brother Bill	Norman H.	Barry G.	Shirley
Judy & Tom	Kathy	Ethan	Marshall
Chet/Molly	Russell	Drew	Julie
Chase	Pat	Fern	Peace & Love
Karen	Bob	Frank	Eileen
Cheryl	Sandy	Emily	Jessica
Brady	Linda	Sue	Randy
Sally	Beth	Mary Jane	Sandy
Frank	Chet	Molly	Lance
Pastor Bob	Emily	Kelley	Jenne
Jennifer	Carole	Isaac	Reta
Renee	Jane & Vera	Artie	Don
Joe	Jesse	Bringing others to Christ	
Our Country & President		The Rhodes Family	
Bob for preparation for Stem Cell Replacement			



Candlelight Service December 24—7:00 PM

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is always a special time away from the hustle and bustle of holiday busyness to gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that you will make plans to join us on this special Christmas Eve.

Angel Ornaments: UMW members are selling Angel Ornaments from the Angel Tree decorated in the sanctuary. The cost of each angel is \$5. The angels order forms are included in your newsletter as well as on the table in the Visitor Area. Please give your order to Ellen Hockenberry or any UMW member.

2019 Giving Envelopes are in your mailboxes. If you currently don't have envelopes but would like a box, please contact Diane in the church office at 724-547-2288. Also, if you have moved within the last year and/or changed phone numbers, please let Diane know so that your records can be updated.