



*The United Methodist Church of Mt. Pleasant*

*645 W. Main St.*

*Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666*

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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.*



**In-gathering Service**  
**November 18, 2018**

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**Welcome to Worship**

**Dedication of our In-Gathering Offering:**

**O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received. Accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it, and those for whom it is given. And so follow it with your blessing, that it may restore hope to those who receive it, and, by doing so, advance the Kingdom of God and the ministry of this church into our community.**

**Bell Choir**                      *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*                      Anna Laura Page

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** In the midst of turmoil, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

**People:** **Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet we will praise God!**

**Leader:** Our lives should be witnesses to God's goodness and power.

**People:** **Our hearts should encompass compassion and service to God's people.**

**Leader:** Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today's world, O Lord.

**People:** **Enable us to be faithful and strong for you.**

**All:** **Let us all enter His gates with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

**\*\*Hymn of Praise**                      *"Now Thank We All Our God"*                      **No. 102**

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in a creative God who does not wait for us to come to Him but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

**I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's creative plan of redemption. Christ gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.**

**I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

**I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.**

**Because Christ has called me, in this I truly believe. Amen.**

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**\*\*Congregational Response**                      **No. 70**

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

**Stewardship Moments:**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Music**

*"Worship and Praise Our Lord and King"*  
by Michael Helman

**Bell Choir**

**\*Congregational Response**                      *"Praise God"*                      **No. 95**

**Prayer Hymn**                      *"Thank You, Lord"*                      **In Bulletin**

**The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Choral Anthem**                      *"Our Song of Thankful Praise"*                      Shackley

**Scripture Reading**                      *Acts 17*                      Pew Bible Page  
(1722)

**Sermon:** "First Century Principles for Reaching the Twenty-First Century"

**\*\*Closing Hymn**                      *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*                      **No. 694**

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *"Now Thank We All Our God"*                      Cruger

**\*\*Congregation Stands**

*For the courtesy of those in attendance please silence all cell phones.  
During the worship service the Narthex area is available for the care  
of infants and children as needed.*

## Schedules and Events

### Scheduled meetings or events for the week of November 18:

<b>Today</b>	7:00 PM	Community Thanksgiving Service at the Middle Presbyterian Church
<b>Mon</b>	7:00 PM	Women's Ministry
<b>Wed</b>	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Healing Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Blessings to you and your loved ones</b>	
<b>Next Sun</b>	10:00 AM	Hanging of the Greens Service

**Counters:** Don & Joyce Jackson, Bryon & Donna Jackson

**Next Sunday:** Sue Ann Herd, Beth Shaw

**Greeters:** Karen Hudec & Cheryl Kubasky

**Next Sunday:** Greg & Tina Harbaugh

**Ushers for November:** \*Heath Wadsworth, Bill LaMantia, Denise LaMantia, Jodi Evans, Ellie Evans

**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

- \* Hanging of the Greens—Sunday, November 25
- \* UMW Christmas Dinner—December 8 at 12:00 Noon
- \* Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Walmart—Saturday, December 8
- \* December 9
  - Cards due for Card Shower
  - Gifts due for the Salvation Army Angel Tree
- \* Ignite Ministries on Ice—December 14
- \* Set-up for Salvation Army Angel Tree—December 14 at 6 PM
- \* Salvation Army Angel Tree Distribution—December 15 from 10 AM to 12 Noon
- \* December 16
  - Christmas Cantata during the morning worship
  - Congregation Christmas Dinner following the Cantata
  - Birthday Celebration for those having birthdays in October, November or December
- \* Food Delivery—December 18
- \* Christmas Eve Service—December 24 at 7:00 PM

**Today's Quote:** *There should be a parallel between our supplications and our thanksgivings. We ought not to leap in prayer, and limp in praise.*

—Charles Spurgeon

**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
Adrien	Sandy	Linda	Beverly
Unspoken	Family	Marsha	Diane
Mom & Dad	Mandy	Mary Beth	Brenda
Aunts Marie & Elizabeth		Haylee	Barb B.
Family Lanny Ulery	Wayne	Travelers	Sarah
Greenwood Apt.	Friends	Gary	Chet-Molly
Pastor Bob	Julie	Mary	Fern
Chase	Drew	Our Country	Sandy
Karen	Bob	Frank	Cheryl
Frank	Charlie	Bob	Brandi
Kelly	Jenne	Jennifer	Carole
Vera & Jane	Don	Joe	Tom
Renee	Isaac	Reta	Lance
Gary	Harley	Lexy	Joanne
Jack	Chuck	Carol	
Family of Dan Escareno			

## Announcements

**Thinking of you:** This week's shut-in is Ken Firmstone, 119 Braddock Ave., Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666. Ken celebrates his birthday on November 23. Please keep Ken in your prayers and send a card if you like.

**Our heartfelt sympathies** are extended to Maxine and Bruce Blystone, Mandy Blystone, Haylee Williams, Amy Rea and other loved ones on the passing of Maxine's father, Max Tinti, on November 12, 2018. Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Max. (There will be a private, grave-side service for family members only at a later date.)

**Poinsettia orders** are now being taken. Order forms are in your newsletters as well as on the table in the Visitor Area. Please give your poinsettia order to Ellen Hockenberry no later than December 4.

**The Care Committee** wants to bless our shut-ins with a Christmas Card Shower. Bags with their names on them are in the Visitor Area. Cards and goodies should be to the church by December 9 when the bags will be blessed before the visiting teams deliver our greetings. A list with the names of the shut-ins is in the Visitor Area.

**A birthday celebration** for those with birthdays in the months of October, November, or December will be at the Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 16 following the Choral Christmas Cantata.

**December newsletter deadline** is today. Please submit information to the church office asap as next week is a short week due to the holiday.

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



It is that time of year when our church is once again reaching out to the community by helping the Salvation Army "Ring the Bell". Our scheduled day is Saturday, December 8, from 9 AM to 9 PM, at Walmart in Mt. Pleasant. Please take a moment and sign-up to "Ring the Bell" on the sheet in the back of the church. Thank you!

**Sanctuary flowers:** If you would like to arrange to have flowers for a church service in the month of November or December, please call Diane in the church office to place an order. An altar arrangement is \$25 and the two vases are \$50.

**The UMW Christmas Dinner** is being held on Saturday, December 8 at 12:00 Noon. Reservation forms for this wonderful, catered dinner are in your newsletters as well as in the Visitor Area. Please make plans to join in this very special time of fellowship. Cost of the dinner is \$12. Please give your reservations to Jodi Evans by December 2.

## Thanksgiving Eve Healing Service

Join us this Thanksgiving Eve (November 21st) for a special Thanksgiving Eve healing service at 7:00 PM. The Bible clearly calls disciples to pray with and for one another for healing. In this service we seek to be faithful to continue Christ's threefold ministry of teaching, preaching and healing. United Methodist healing services use a simple sacramental approach to healing that expresses compassion, hope, grace, and a quiet confidence in God.

*"Are any among you sick? They should call the elders of the church and have them pray for them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."* (James 5:14)



Let us come together to give thanks for all that the Lord has done...and all that He will do...for his beloved children.

**You can purchase Gourmet Nuts** through the United Methodist Women. Please see Ellen Hockenberry to purchase. All nuts are sold in 1 pound bags and the selections this year are as follows: *Deluxe Mixed Nuts, Giant Whole Cashews, Milk Chocolate Coated Cashews, Praline Pecans*—each priced at \$13.00/lb. *Milk Chocolate Coated Peanuts* at \$8.00/lb. *Sweet & Salty Trail Mix* at \$7.00/lb.



## Community Thanksgiving Day Meal Dine-in Only

November 22—11:00 AM—3:00 PM

**Free to Everyone**

Individuals, Couples and Families

Good Shepard Lutheran Church  
822 West Main Street  
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666-1783

