



Brethren Visitor

A CHRISTIAN HOME

I credit my wife, Judy, with the fact that our home is a distinctly Christian home. Through the years, she has made sure that our home is filled with influences that are Christian. Christian music and Bible teaching is constantly heard in our home since she always has a Christian radio station or a Christian CD playing during the day. Christian items are hanging on our walls; things such as pictures of Christ and plaques with Bible verses printed on them. Judy and I pray together each evening before retiring for the night and if I forget she patiently reminds me. At meal times, Judy reaches for my hand so that we will offer a prayer of thanks before every meal. Worship attendance and Sunday School participation have both been an important part of making our home a Christian home and Judy has always expected this to be part of our life. When Judy and I were married, she insisted that tithing be an element of our financial life. When Karen was small, I read to her from the Bible Story book each evening at bedtime and if I could not, Judy did. Christmas and all the other holidays had a distinctly Christian flavor in our home. Thank you, Judy, for making our home a Christian home.

Yours for Christian Home,

Pastor Phil

Every Sunday:

- 8:00 AM: Contemporary Worship
- 9:15 AM: Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 AM: Traditional Worship

Ministry Team:

Pastor: Phillip King

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Sundays in January

- January 2 "Seeking His Star" Matthew 2:1-12
Hymn Sing, 7PM, Resurrection Catholic Church
- January 9 "Our Father Which Art in Heaven"
- January 16 "Hallowed Be Thy Name"
- January 23 "Thy Kingdom Come"
- January 30 "Thy Will Be Done in Earth, As It Is in Heaven?"

Pleasant Hill's Mission Statement

"Exalting Christ as a Bible-believing church for all people, sharing God's love through worship, study, evangelism, and service."

OUR SHUT-INS

AT HOME: June Berg, Pauline Caton, Galen & Ethel Carney, "Toots" Covalt, Bob & Anna Craft, Judy King, Elsie Matula, Janet Roberts, Mabel Rose, Jean Snyder, Norma McDowell, Jerry & Judy Rhodes

AUTUMNS VIEW: Mildred Rager

COB HOME: Gladys Kovach

HARMONY HOUSE: Agnes Mae Harrison

LAUREL VIEW: Margie Cameron, Virginia Rummel

LAUREL WOOD: Sara Oaks

MASONIC HOME: Lee Moore

HOSPITALIZED SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER:

Judy King, Aggie Mae Harrison, Betty Lou Blaschak, Bob Craft Sr., Joe Metzgar, Dolly Poehner, Jack Harrison, Jim Cameron, Sally Houghton, Tim Plunkard, Bonnie Plunkard

NEXT COMMISSION & BOARD MEETING(S):

Monday, January 10, 2010

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, January 31

NEXT DEACON MEETING: Tuesday, March 1

DEACON(S) FOR THE WEEK

January 02: Terry and Bonnie Bouch

January 09: Jim and Shirley Cameron

January 16: Jeff and Cindy Day

January 23: Jim and Cindy Gossard

January 30: Jack and Carol Harrison

8:00 AM NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

January 02:

January 09: Erin Carr

January 16: Jessie Rager

January 23: Judy Bowser

January 30: Ginny Babal

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

January 02:

January 09: Janet Wallace

January 16:

January 23:

January 30: Jessie Rager

10:30 AM NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

January 02:

January 09: Sandy Tiffany

January 16:

January 23: Tammi Brown

January 30: Lisa Crynock

8:00 AM FRONT DOOR GREETERS

January 02: Brian, Jennifer, Bailey & Noah Smith

January 09: Greg and Patty Blue

January 16: Jim and Cherie Kinsey

January 23: Judy Bowser

January 30: Trent and Vicki Roberts

10:30 AM FRONT DOOR GREETERS

January 02: Mike Shaulis and Jessica Gardner

January 09: John, Misty, and Taylor Plunkard

January 16: Charlie and Marsha Smith

January 23: Rick and Marlene Cameron

January 30: Mary Lou Antolik and Debbie Paul

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

January 02: Paige Hunter and Shiloh Peruso

January 09: Chad Cameron and Jordan Schroll

January 16: Avery Cummings and Cassie Cummings

January 23: Wendelyn Bintrim and Hannah Davis

January 30: Chase Davis and Austin Pudliner

The Acolytes begin serving their church when they are willing and able. This is a very special way to represent Jesus, The Light of the World! If you are unable to make your scheduled day, please call April Mackell at 536-1589, so the change can be made in the bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

Date	8:00 AM	Sunday School	10:30 AM	Offering
12-5	82	91	113	\$4,300
12-12	102	111	118	\$6,146
12-19	103	110	192	\$6,296
12-24	6:00 PM - 260		8:00 PM - 209	
12-26	70	72	136	\$6,260

THANK YOU

A big thank you for the many kind deeds and thoughts that have been extended to me. The food was delicious. The beautiful cards, the kind words and concerns were encouraging, and the prayers were and continue to be valued. Thank you.

Deloris Lewis

Thank you for all your kindnesses, the visits, cards, and calls. We appreciate the church and our church friends. Sincerely, Dee Lonsinger and Family

I would just like to thank the congregation for thinking of me while I'm away at college. I truly appreciated the gifts I received. The tissues and chapstick are really coming in handy right about now and the Disney picture frame is the perfect matching asset to my dorm room. Thank you all again. You're the best. You are all in my thoughts and prayers continuously. God Bless. Love, Jocelyn Lonsinger

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your prayers and cards. I appreciated your kindness very much. I still need surgery and treatment. Please keep me in your prayers. God bless all of you.

Sincerely, Kay Hochstein

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Church of the Brethren Home membership drive. You can be assured that every dollar will be put to good use in helping the residents!

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits, meals, and good wishes during this time in our lives. My health continues to be fragile and I thank you all for your friendship.

Judy King

For all who worked so hard to make the "Children's Christmas Program" a success, we say thank you. Our children are a precious treasure and the spiritual truths they learn here at church are so valuable.

Thank you to the Pleasant Hill Church for the special money gifts at Christmas time. Your prayers, encouragement, cards, and gifts are a blessing. May God bless all of you this New Year.

Pastors Phil and Russ

We would like to thank our wonderful church family for your kind words and prayers. Your thoughtfulness has helped us through a very difficult time.

Patty and Gloria and the Family of Lorena Reed

GOD'S BLESSING

Waylan Edward Barron was born on Saturday, December 4, 2010. The proud parents are Patrick and Jennifer Barron. Grandparents are Len and Kathy Ferenchik.

SYMPATHY

Pleasant Hill Church offers its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of LORENA REED, who went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 21, 2010. Lorena was the mother of Gloria Rager and Patty Toth.

Pleasant Hill Church offers its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of CAROL HNATKOVICH, who went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 28, 2010. Carol was the mother of Josh Solnosky.

LIVING/MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Three donations have been made in memory of Don Lonsinger.

Given by William and Marilyn Locher

Given by Russ and Paulette Lonsinger

Given by Joseph and Janine Wilson

A donation has been made in memory of Edward P. Saintz Sr. and Ethel R. (Allison) Saintz. Given by Edward P. Saintz Jr.

NEW FLOWER CHART

A new flower chart has been posted on the door that leads back the hallway to the Sunday School wing. If you wish to place flowers on the table in the front of the church at any time during the year, simply sign your name on the blank by the appropriate date and take an envelope clipped to the chart. Follow the directions on the envelope and place your money for the cost of the flowers (\$20 for one arrangement, \$30 for two) inside. You will need to let the office secretary know what you want written in the bulletin for the day your flowers are placed on the table.

SERMON SERIES

Pastor Phil will begin a series of messages on the Lord's Prayer from the sixth chapter of Matthew starting on Sunday, January 9. Our Rotation Model Sunday School students will study this prayer during their Sunday School time and the Lord's Prayer will be part of our morning worship experiences each Sunday. Please look for your Spiritual Disciplines Folder in the narthex.

MULTI-SPORT INDOOR LEAGUES

Camp Harmony invites you to join an indoor sports league this winter. They are currently accepting registrations for teams of 5 or more for soccer, dodge ball, floor hockey, and volleyball. Teams will play for one hour Monday evenings between 5:00 and 9:00, beginning January 10. See bulletin board for information, or call camp at 888-745-2267.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Maple Spring CoB will sponsor a Men's Prayer Breakfast on January 15, at 7:30 AM. The featured speaker will be Timotheus Pope, the current director of CitiKidz, a part of Summer's Best Two Weeks. Please RSVP to maplespringcob@atlanticbb.net or 814-479-7062 or by January 12.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Bible study materials will be placed on a table in the vestibule next week. If you wish to be part of a small group, please sign the clipboard placed below each study booklet. Feel free to spend some time looking over the materials on the table. We hope to start the small groups this month. Watch for the table and for more announcements in the next week or two.

THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF GUIDANCE

We stand at the gate of a new year. None of us know the future, but we know there will be decisions to be made. Some choices will be easy, some very difficult. We will make them as individuals, as families, as a church, as a community and as a nation. We want to make right decisions and sometimes need guidance to make the best choice.

Where do we look for this guidance? How do we know we are heading in the right direction? There are those who would point us to the wrong path so we need discernment to avoid their counsel.

The Bible tells us that we can know God's will. It relates many accounts of people receiving His direction. Studying those events will help us understand both what God told them to do and how He communicated the message. Seeing how the Lord has worked in the past to guide others can help us be more aware of His voice speaking to us. God sometimes speaks as we pray or meditate. He may use other people or circumstances to make His way known.

In a larger sense, however, the real goal of seeking God's will is not to find out what to do in a given situation but to learn how to walk with Him day by day. As our relationship with Him grows, we will know His mind and heart better and will have a clearer answer to the question, "What would Jesus do?". Our purpose should focus more on what God wants us to be rather than what He wants us to do.

Take 5

This month, read 5 scriptures that show how God communicated with someone. Some examples are listed below or you may choose others to consider.

Timothy – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gideon – Judges 6:12-40

David – 2 Samuel 12:1-14

Peter – Acts 10:11-35

Balaam – Numbers 22:20-31

Early Christians – Galatians 5:22-25, John 16:12-13

Ananias – Acts 9:10-18

Moses – Numbers 12:1-9

REVISION COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

Our Constitution and Bylaws are in need of some updates and editorial corrections. Amendments, passed in the last few years, need to be added. Ed Jones has agreed to chair this committee. Our Congregational Business meeting called for this task to be completed soon and we are seeking volunteers. Please contact Ed Jones or Pastor Phil.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

- Thank you to all those who came and supported our young children at the Christmas plays on December 19. They worked extremely hard and put on a wonderful program. Thank you children for your hard work and enthusiasm to share an important message during this season. Thanks to the volunteers who worked with our children also.
- The next Sunday School unit will begin January 9, 2011. This unit focuses on prayer and uses the Lord's Prayer as the basis for its teaching. The acronym P.I.T.A. will be used to teach students the four items that should be included with each prayer. Rotations for this unit include Story, Cooking, Music, Science, Movie, Game, and Art. All Kindergarten through Grade 3 students are encouraged to attend.
- Youth helpers for Children's Church at both 8:00 and 10:30 need to check the schedule posted on the wall in the computer lab. If you have any problems with a particular week, or if you would like to be included on the list, please let Mike Rager know.

ANYWAY

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered. Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

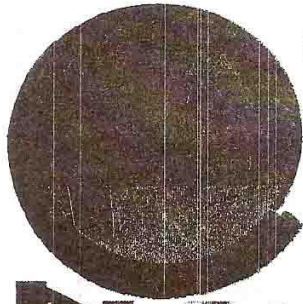
Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you help them. Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you've got ANYWAY.



MULTI-SPORT INDOOR LEAGUES

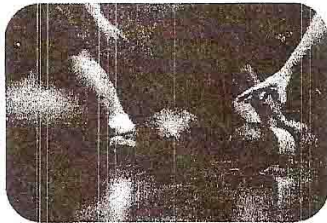
CAMP HARMONY



SOCCKER

January

Play 5 Vs. 5 in our 70x100 indoor soccer arena.



DODGE BALL

February

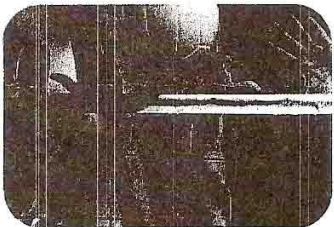
Play 5 Vs. 5 elimination on our fast paced dodge ball court.



FLOOR HOCKEY

March

Want to play Hockey without the ice? Then join our 5 Vs. 5 floor hockey league.



VOLLEYBALL.

April

Bump, Set, and Spike your way to victory with our final winter sports league.

JOIN US FOR OUR INDOOR SPORTS LEAGUE THIS WINTER.

WHEN: Monday Evenings (5:00 - 9:00) Jan. 10 - Apr. 25. Each team will play for 1 hour / evening

WHO: Ages 12 and Up Co-ed. You must register with a team of 5 or more.

COST: \$350 per Team for all 4 Leagues OR only play the Leagues that you want for \$100 per team per League

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Pleasant Hill
Church of the Brethren



JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year!
2 8:00 AM Service 8:15 Children's Church 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:45 Children's Church 4-6 PM Jr. High C.B.Y.F. 7-9 PM Sr. High C.B.Y.F. 7 PM Hymn Sing at Resurrection Catholic	3	4 Volunteers to Camp Harmony 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	5 Volunteers to CoB Home 6-8 PM Youth Small Group 7:00 PM Choir Practice	6 Volunteers to West End Food Pantry	7	8
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23 8:00 AM Service 8:15 Children's Church 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:45 Children's Church 4-6 PM Jr. High C.B.Y.F. 7-9 PM Sr. High C.B.Y.F.	24	25 Volunteers to Camp Harmony 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	26 6-8 PM Youth Small Group 7:00 PM Choir Practice	27 Volunteers to West End Food Pantry	28	29
30 8:00 AM Service 8:15 Children's Church 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service 10:45 Children's Church 4-6 PM Jr. High C.B.Y.F. 7-9 PM Sr. High C.B.Y.F.	31 7:00 PM Congregational Business Meeting					

January Birthdays

1 Carol Harrison	10 Michael Shaulis	23 James Covalt
1 Zachary Lambie	11 Annie Cekada	23 Marcella Huet
2 Galen Carney	11 Mike Saintz	24 Karen Miller
2 Daniel Natta, Jr.	12 Matthew Demchak	25 Jamie Robertson
3 Ed Saintz, Jr.	12 Mike McIntire	25 Dolores Saintz
3 Erica McCombie	13 Sara Rhodes	25 Nathan Saylor
3 Amy Weinzierl	13 Marcia Lewis	25 Marilyn Stiffler
3 Lilly May Mort	14 Faith Murray	26 Cindy Cummings
5 Thomas Browning	14 Alicia (Delso) Miske	26 Stacy Rhodes
5 Emerson Carney	14 Corinne Abrams	26 Tracy Rhodes
5 Sandy Harrison	14 Becky Swick	27 Kristin MacEwan
5 Nicole Pello	15 Nick Graham	27 Uriah Peruso
5 Alex Pudliner	15 Elaine Tarbay	27 Corrine Kornprobst
5 Seth Thomas	15 Tom Leventry	27 Caleb Foshee
6 Mary Jane Harrison	16 Carter Kozielec	28 Sue Graham
6 Kathryn Diamond	17 Michael Blue	28 Baylee Pudliner
7 Alexander Malek	17 Kody Scott Miller	28 Denise Shaulis
7 Brian Kovach	18 Sophie Moschgat	29 Angela Cameron
8 Betty Allison	19 Carrie Metzgar	30 Fred Bouch
8 Braden Heider	20 Kary Roberts	30 Ron Covalt
8 Starr Selders	20 Connor Serenko	30 Janet Pudliner
9 Scott Carver	21 Jamie Mackell	30 Kim Robertson
9 Cathy Jo Clawson	21 Bob Plunkard	31 Marcee Finch
9 Jeff Tarbay	21 Alison Rhodes	31 Diane Myers
9 Gail Miller	22 Katelynn Horner	31 Melanie Maher
10 Tannasue Bush		31 David Schroeder III

Happy Anniversary!

12 Lee and Rosalie Carney
12 Lloyd and April Mackell
21 Ray and Joyce Oaks
27 Larry and Viona Blue
28 Tim and Cathy Sherer