

Magnifying and proclaiming Christ: sharing His love.

PLEASANT HILLS

church of the brethren



My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

When fall bathes the mountains in God's colorful glory, we often take drives and hikes to "soak it all in" before winter moves in. We were blessed with a couple days in West Virginia to see New River Gorge, just as colorful and awe inspiring as you can imagine, and Glade Creek Grist Mill, one of the most beloved scenes in photography. Since millennia ago, mankind has harnessed the power of water God placed in his creation. In the case of flour mills, flowing water turns a large wheel which is connected by gears to a grinding stone, which transforms raw grain into flour to feed humanity. It would be possible for people or animals to hitch themselves to the millstone and turn it, but the raw power of flowing water makes the process much more efficient and effective - from a human standpoint seemingly effortless.

In much the same way Christians who have a desire to serve God in evangelism, praise, and community engagement face a daily decision. Do they wake up, put their feet on the floor, and attempt to do God's work on their own power? It may be possible for a brief while, but mostly frustrating and exhausting. The other (much better!) choice is to "hitch" themselves to Christ through his Holy Spirit, and serve God in the power of God. In that way more is accomplished better, and we aren't left feeling run over by a truck at the end of each day. Christ stood up in a public forum and cried out, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Is there a yoke in praising God? Yes. Is there a burden in serving God? Yes. But if we are praising and serving God by the very power of God, it is described as "easy," and "light." The Holy Spirit lives within believers, so if we find ourselves tired or frustrated in God's work why not ask him to turn the wheel by his effortless power, rather than our very limited? Then this season, serving God wholeheartedly, we can truly "enter his gates with Thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!"

Pastor Rob

Join us every Sunday!

- 8:00 AM Contemporary Worship
- 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship

Sundays in December:

- 8:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS: December 11, January 8,
6:30 PM Commissions, 7:00 PM Board
CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING:
January 29, 7:00 PM

Sympathy

We offer our deepest condolences to the family and friends of PHILIP MILLER, who passed away on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Philip was the brother of Maureen Kasisky.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of CAROL MOSCHGAT, who passed away on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sara "Jean" Snyder, who passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2023.

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Kathleen Piper, who passed away on Friday, October 20, 2023. Kathleen was the mother of Robb Piper.

ONE CALL NOW

Pleasant Hill subscribes to a service called "One Call Now". This is how we get the word out about meetings, special services, events, etc. If you would like to have your phone number added to our call list, or if there has been a change in your information, please contact the church office.



BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Bill Owens will turn 95 on November 11. If you would like to send a card or a note to help him celebrate, please mail to 1512 Benshoff Hill Road, Johnstown, 15906.

Memorial Gifts & Donations

In lieu of flowers, and at the request of the family, a monetary gift is being made to the memorial trust fund, by our church, in memory of Linda Mullen, sister of Betty "Peanut" Fabina.

In lieu of flowers, and at the request of the family, a monetary gift is being made to our church's general fund, by the Pleasant Hill Church family, in memory of Carol Moschgat, sister of Donna Bowser, mother of John, Jana, and Jason, grandmother of Mellissa, Sophie, Jack, Noah, Baylie and Mollie.

In lieu of flowers and at the request of the family, a monetary memorial gift is being made by the church to the Memorial Trust Fund in memory of Jean Snyder, mother of Glenda Snyder and Sherri Devlin.

A donation has been made by Ferndale Area School District to Pleasant Hill in memory of Carol Moschgat.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who sent Shirley birthday cards. She enjoyed reading every one of them.

~The Cameron Family

Thanks for all your prayers to help me through my surgery and recovery. The food, cards, and calls were so appreciated. We are so blessed to have such a caring family and others. I felt the presence of the Lord on me all the time and He gave me such peace and comfort.

~Jeanie Rager

Dear Friends at Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren, Thank you for your prayers and support for CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) in Cambria County. Your gifts help make this ministry to children possible.

In Christ, Karen Sowalla

We would like to express our deepest thanks for Pleasant Hill's outpouring of love during Pastor Appreciation Month. We are blessed to serve Christ in and with this church. We pray God's richest blessings on all our members and families.

Love, Rob and Theresa

NEW ADDRESS

SARA RODKEY (SWICK)
312 Elmwood Drive
Dover, PA 17315
717-881-7632

PRAYER MEETINGS

PHCoB Prayer meeting are held Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Chapel. Join us during this precious time with the Lord and each other. We pray about what is on our hearts and minds. You can pray out loud or silently. Prayer is the engine of the church. When we come together as a family of faith, we grow in relationship to Jesus and to each other. Please talk with Pastor Rob if you have any questions.



MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY NOVEMBER 5 & DECEMBER 3

We meet the first Sunday of every month (second Sunday in October) from 6-8 PM. Topical focus each month is gleaned from a yearly Bible-reading schedule.



2 CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION

The 2 Cents a Meal program is designed to help with the ongoing problem of world hunger. Families are encouraged to take a soup can and keep it in a handy place. As you sit down to eat, have each member of your family put 2 cents into the can and pray for people who don't have enough to eat around the world. The bucket is available the first two Sundays of the month for you to deposit the contents of your can. All money collected will go to our local food pantries.



FIRST MONDAY FAST NOVEMBER 6 & DECEMBER 4

Please join us on the first Monday of every month for a day of prayer and fasting. We encourage you to participate by doing some sort of fast (food, social media, etc.) throughout the day and/or joining us in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM for a time of prayer.

Spring



SUMMER

SEASONAL PARTY/SILENT AUCTION



Inviting men and women to come out for a night of fun and fellowship to experience all 12 months of the year in one party



Dinner and dessert starting at 5PM
Bidding on silent auction items
Door Prizes



NOVEMBER 11, 2023 5PM-7PM
TICKETS \$10.00



SEATS LIMITED, FEW TICKETS LEFT

Childcare provided for ages 7 and under



Fundraiser benefits Dominican Republic Mission Team and also a memorial for Scott Fingerhoot who was a member of the team



MENU: chicken, meatballs w/sauce, pasta and veggies with alfredo sauce, cheeseburger soup, chicken noodle soup

Contact Person: **Shelley Yurkovich 814-421-6101**

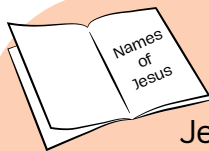
FALL



WINTER

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Please consider filling a shoebox with Christmas gifts for a child in need. Flat unfolded boxes and labels are available in the church office. Filled boxes should be placed in the chapel no later than Sunday, November 12. We are also accepting donations to cover the cost of shipping (\$10 per box); please place donations in the shoebox under the clock in the church office (checks made out to Pleasant Hill Church of the Brethren). See the bulletin board for tips on filling your box. Thank you!



DECEMBER DEVOTIONAL

This year's December devotional will explore the many names and titles of Jesus. Please sign up on the clipboard if you would like to write a devotional. Your writing should be about 250 words and should be submitted to Jessie Rager no later than November 12. We prefer typed submissions sent via email to pleasanthillcoboffice@gmail.com, but we will certainly accept your hand-written or typed submissions.

CAMP HARMONY

Ladies' Tea

1-3 PM

SUN 12 NOV

2023

Join us for a Sunday afternoon filled with tea, snacks, a guest speaker, and good conversation!

CHILD (UP TO GRADE 12): \$10
ADULT (AGE 19 & UP): \$25

SIGN UP TODAY!

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RECENT WEDDING

Congratulations to Adam and Denise Barr, who were married at Pleasant Hill on October 7, 2023.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study begins Tuesday night, November 14th @ 7pm (continuing on Tuesdays through December 12th) in the PHCOB Chapel. We will be using "The Case for Christmas" by Lee Strobel. Together, we'll dig into the true Christmas story to sort out the fact from the fiction and the hype from the holiness. Please call/text/email Theresa Wolf @theresajwolf@gmail.com/ 732-690-8768 if you'd like to join or have any questions.

FCA SUPPORT NEEDED

Ferndale FCA students will be going to Teen Quest, a youth sports complex in Somerset, Friday November 17. If you would like to bless FCA with a donation to help offset the cost of attendance, please contact Rob or Theresa. Thanks and God bless!

2 CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION NOVEMBER 5, 12

The 2 Cents a Meal program is designed to help with the ongoing problem of world hunger. Families are encouraged to take a soup can and keep it in a handy place. As you sit down to eat, have each member of your family put 2 cents into the can and pray for people who don't have enough to eat around the world. The bucket is available the first 2 Sundays a month for you to deposit the contents of your can. All money collected will go to our local food pantries.



Each year, we place poinsettias in our sanctuary at Christmastime to honor or remember a loved one. If you wish to add to this display, please fill out this order form and place it in the offering plate on or before November 26. Please include payment at the time of order. Make checks payable to PLEASANT HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN.



DONOR: _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____ TOTAL \$ _____

CHOOSE A PLANT:

6-inch 3-5 bloom Poinsettia (\$8.75) _____

8-inch Double Poinsettia (\$17.00) _____

10-inch Triple Poinsettia (\$22.00) _____



CHOOSE A COLOR:

red _____ white _____ pink _____

burgundy _____ red/white splash _____

marble _____

multicolor red/white/pink (triple poinsettias only) _____

OTHER PLANT CHOICES (NO COLOR SELECTION):

Christmas Cactus (\$9.50) _____

Cyclamen (\$9.50) _____

Topiary Poinsettia (\$55.00) _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

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PLEASANT HILL MEAL MINISTRY

The Women's Bible Study group leads our Meal Ministry by providing opportunities for Meal Trains (signing up to take a meal or providing a gift card) when families are facing difficult times, celebrating, or otherwise in need. They also provide support to grieving families by helping to set-up and serve funeral meals, prepare desserts, and coordinate with the Pastoral leadership and families for whatever needs families have in times of grief. If you would like to join the Meal Ministry, please contact Theresa at theresajwolf@gmail.com or 732-690-8768.

USED SHOES NEEDED

We are continuing to collect gently used shoes to benefit the Orphanage in Honduras (Hogar de Ninos Emmanuel). You may bring your extra shoes to the chapel, or leave them at Lou and April Mackell's back door. Thank you for being a part of this project!



THANKFUL BOARD

Throughout the month of November, you will find poster boards hanging on the walls in the vestibule. The Gold Team invites you to post pictures or cards, write, or draw what you are thankful for on these boards. Our youth will be standing by with markers for you to use.



HARMONY

LIGHT FEST

New for 2023-walk thru on Fridays!

Sat. & Sun. drive-thru 6-8:30 pm

Dec. 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-23

DRIVE UP CONCESSIONS INCLUDING:

HOT CHOCOLATE COOKIES HOT APPLE CIDER

The Sweet Life!

WAVE TO SANTA JUDGE THE LIGHTS!



1414 PLANK ROAD HOOVERVILLE, PA 15936

814.798.5885

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THIS FUNDRAISER BENEFITS THE MINISTRY OF CAMP HARMONY!

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SHUT-INS



Please consider sending a card to one or more of our shut-ins this Christmas. If you need cards, some will be available in the vestibule. You may mail them yourself, or drop completed cards off in the bin by December 10 and we will mail them for you. Thank you!



Allison, Jim
7380 Province Way #5204
Naples, Fl. 34104

Harrison, Jack
Richland Woods, Rm. 122
3324 Elton Rd.
Johnstown, Pa. 15904

Rhodes, Forrest
Winfield Veterans Home
Rm. 412
1110 WWII Memorial Drive
Winfield, Ks. 67156

Bassett, Doris
216 Westminster Rd
Sarver, Pa. 16055

Hay, Bob
241 Sherwood Dr
Johnstown, Pa. 15905

Rhodes, Jerry and Judy
Cambridge Senior Living
4848 Admiral Peary Hwy
Ebensburg, Pa. 15931

Burkett, Estelle
Cambridge Senior Living
4848 Admiral Peary Hwy
Ebensburg, Pa. 15931

Kehl, Deloris
Richland Woods Rm. 213
3324 Elton Rd
Johnstown, Pa. 15904

Rhodes, Rich and Donna
1517 Benschhoff Hill Rd
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

Cameron, Shirley
Richland Woods Rm 204
3324 Elton Rd
Johnstown, Pa. 15904

Lonsinger, Deloris
120 Bassett Lane,
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

Rummel, Virgil
805 Benschhoff Hill Rd
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

Carney, Emerson
1611 Bentwood Dr
Sun City, Fl. 33573

Lonsinger, Roberta
489 Storey Ave
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

Stevens, Gary and Paulette
2755 Benschhoff Hill Rd
Johnstown, Pa. 15909

Carney, Rosalie
134 Walts Lane
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

Oaks, Darren
251 Strayer St
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

Thomas, Mary Lou
477 Grange Hill Rd
Seward, Pa. 15954

Craft, Anna
1039 Pike Rd
Mineral Point, Pa. 15942

Owens, Bill
1512 Benschhoff Hill Rd
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

White, Mildred
Harmony House
601 Lamber Ave
Johnstown, Pa. 15904

Harrison, Arlene and Allan
1121 Benschhoff Hill Rd
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

Plunkard, Bonnie
95 Home St
Johnstown, Pa. 15906



Christmas Craft Night

A Evening for Women
Friday, December 1st
6-8pm

Pleasant Hill Church Fellowship Hall
856 Benshoff Hill Road
Johnstown 15906

PLEASANT HILL MEMBER, TRACEY THOMAS (PERRINE), WILL LEAD US IN A SNOWMAN/ANGEL CRAFT. WE ARE ASKING FOR A \$5 DONATION PER PERSON TO COVER THE COST OF SUPPLIES.

RSVP: Theresa Wolf 732-690-8768 or Jessie Rager 814-536-0080



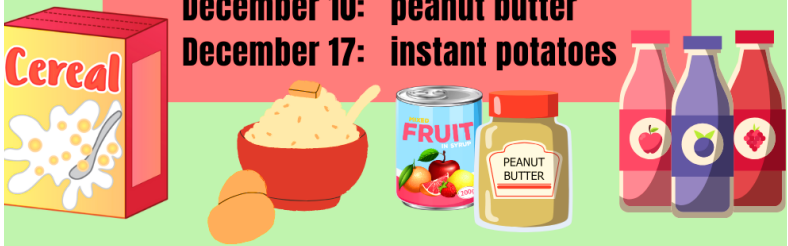
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

for local food pantries



Pleasant Hill's Nurture Commission and the Gold Team would like to encourage Sunday School classes and individuals to consider contributing to a special month-long collection for St. Andrew's and Walnut Grove Food Pantries. Please bring donations to the vestibule on the designated Sundays. Items will be distributed to the food pantries in time for Christmas.

- November 26:** cereal
- December 3:** juice, canned fruit
- December 10:** peanut butter
- December 17:** instant potatoes



BREAD AND CUP COMMUNION

A bread and cup communion service will be held during our 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, December 31. Please prepare your hearts and lives for this special time of remembering our Lord's sufferings by making sure you are in a right relationship with God and with one another through repentance and reconciliation.



Holidays on the Hill 2023



Pleasant Hill Church
Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1:
6:00 PM Christmas Craft Night

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3:
8:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 AM Youth (grades 6-12) lead worship:
Hanging of the Greens
11:45 AM Soup and Sandwich hosted by Youth
6:00-8:00 PM Youth, Odyssey, Pioneer
6:00-8:00 PM Monthly Bible Study

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4:
First Monday Fast
7:00 PM Prayer in the Sanctuary

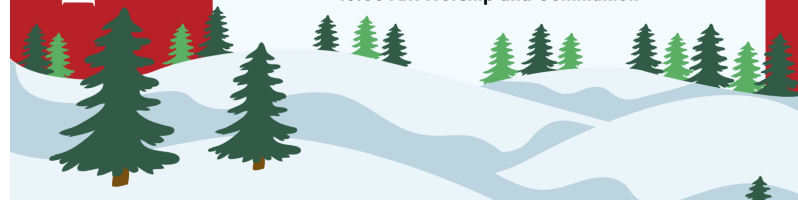
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10:
8:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 AM Worship
6:00-8:00 PM Youth, Odyssey, Pioneer (Christmas Party)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11:
6:30 PM Commission Meetings
7:00 PM Board Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17:
8:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 AM Worship and Children's Christmas Program
6:00-8:00 PM Youth, Odyssey, Pioneer (Christmas Caroling)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24:
Christmas Eve
8:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 AM Worship and Cantata
6:00 PM Candlelight Service
8:00 PM Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31:
New Year's Eve
8:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 AM Worship and Communion



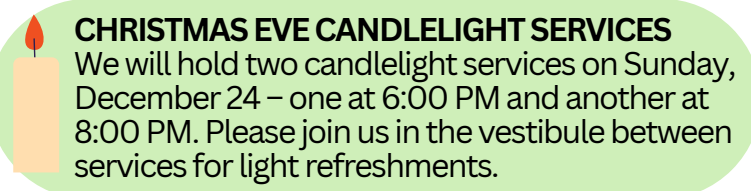
CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

If you would like to donate the money you would have spent on Christmas cards, we will place your name on our Christmas greeting list to be published in our December 24 morning worship bulletin. All donations will benefit the Cambria City Mission. In lieu of personal messages, we will simply list the names of those sending Christmas greetings to our community.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

We will hold two candlelight services on Sunday, December 24 – one at 6:00 PM and another at 8:00 PM. Please join us in the vestibule between services for light refreshments.



MISSIONARY TO SPEAK

Missionary Tyler Prescott will be coming to speak at Pleasant Hill Wednesday November 15, 6:00pm. He is a team member at Time Missions and has worked with Pleasant Hill mission team members to build two churches in the Dominican Republic. His family is in Pennsylvania sharing what God is doing through their ministry and how we may be praying for them, come and be greatly encouraged!

MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor: Robert Wolf
Youth Directors: Josh and Liz Fabina
Christian Education Director: Liz Fabina
Secretary: Jessie Rager



November Birthdays

2 Brynn Kiser
3 Emery Blue
4 Melinda Anderson
5 Jen Warrick
6 Brian Betts
6 Richard Brehm
6 Eileen Nicholson
6 Riley Roberts
7 Katelyn Charles
8 Sandy Natta
8 Cindy Gossard
8 Garrett Harrison
9 Loretta Brillhart
11 Bill Owens
12 Dale Harrison
13 Debra Burkey
13 Autumn Gossard
14 Kim Reighard
14 Heather Smith
14 Terry Swick
15 Viona Blue
15 Emma Charles
16 Gene Burkett, Jr.
16 Trudi Blue
16 Marty Rager
17 Robert Kasisky
17 Tiffany Lizardi
17 Taylor Miller
17 Nikki Williams
18 Robert Piper, Jr.
19 David Lambert
19 Lillian Marshall
19 Arianna Miller
19 Debbie Sojak
19 Benson Toth
20 Ben Murray
20 Bensen Solnosky
21 Kathy Covalt
22 Tom Burkey
22 Aleah Dishong
22 Jeff McKendree
22 Shawna Kosakowski
23 Hannah Berg
23 Holly Hunt
24 Bob Thomas
25 Travis Rudge
27 Brady Tomechak
29 Jared Piper
30 Cathy Bouch



November Anniversaries

7 Rob and Theresa Wolf
9 Bob and Carla Berg
9 Laird and Jean Rager
25 Virginia and David Babal
26 Gene and Debbie Paul

December Anniversaries

9 Gary and Joyce Selders
10 Nick and Betty Fabina
11 James & Angela
McKendree
15 David and Amy Yingling
20 Eric and Elisa Blue
20 Dan and Jamie Kiser
31 Chris & Shelley Yurkovich



December Birthdays

2 Rick Berg
2 Briancé Betts
3 Roger Swick
4 Darlene Lambert
6 Marianne Roberts
6 Marsha Smith
8 John MacEwan
10 Josh Illig
11 Paige Kinder
11 Ethel Williams
12 Liam Hobor
12 Courtney Shaulis
14 Beth Bintrim
14 Janet Wallace
14 Nicole Berg
15 Bob Hay
15 Callum Sehgal
15 Margaret Weinzierl
16 Aberdeen Rudge
17 Linda Oaks
18 Elisa Blue
18 Jack Moschgat
18 Daniel Ryan
19 Hailey Berg
19 Dave Ciner
20 Jim Allison
20 Les Brillhart, Sr.
20 Brian Rager
20 Spencer Rager
21 Shelley Yurkovich
22 Lydia Berg
22 Leo Metzgar
24 Donna Swick
25 Jeff Day
25 Morgan Gossard
26 Shelly Craft
26 Tim Swick
26 Patty Toth
28 Bob Lonsinger, Sr.
29 Tyler Tomechak
30 Ken Gibson
30 Virgil Rummel
30 Aaron Miller