

Magnifying and proclaiming Christ: sharing His love.

PLEASANT HILLS CHURCH



You may have attended a Thanksgiving meal and felt like a deer in the headlights when the host said, "Let's go around the table and all share something we're thankful for." And wouldn't you know it, the person just before you steals your idea and you're left to awkwardly agree with what they said, or scrambling to come up with a new idea. I want to encourage us all to keep a 365-day Thanksgiving Journal. At a specific time each day, write down or record at least one blessing you're thankful to God for. It could be a kind thing someone did/said for you, the sunshine, or something new learned in your Bible reading. Whatever you are particularly thankful for that day, log it and later look back in amazement as it is added to hundreds of other blessings. In this way we can remember the goodness of God in times of difficulty, have the opportunity to be thankful for God's blessings multiple times, and not be totally taken off guard when someone asks, "What are you thankful for today?" May God increase our gratitude in Christ this Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

~ Pastor Rob



Pictured: Cabbage Carnival, Ferndale Good News Club, Odyssey Glow for Jesus Party, Youth camping trip, FCA Volleyball Team Dinner, Odyssey Pumpkin Painting, Trunk or Treat, Lights on the Lake Launch at Hinckston Run, Love Feast

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 AM Combined Worship

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS: December 9, January 13
6:30 PM Commissions, 7:00 PM Board
CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING:
Monday, January 27, 7:00 PM
NEXT DEACON MEETING:
Tuesday, December 3, 6:00 PM

Thank You

Kim Waddell has been on our prayer list for many months. Her liver and kidney numbers are good. She has rather severe lymphedema in her feet and legs as a result of the cancer treatments and is getting treatment for that now. It makes it extremely hard for her to get around. She will continue to take the cancer chemo medicine for 10 years but thankfully it doesn't have the side effects that chemo does. She and her family are so thankful for her progress and for everyone's prayers.

Dear Friends of the Help Center:
Thank you so much for the donation of backpacks filled with school supplies that you made recently to the Help Center. We are very thankful for members of the community such as you, who support our mission to meet the needs of the clients we serve. Thank you for thinking of us. You are truly appreciated!
~ Women's Help Center, Inc.

We want to thank everyone who donated, prepared, and served the food for the funeral luncheon at the Fire Hall for us. We thank the Fire Company for the use of the hall. We feel very blessed to have friends who fellowshiped with us in many ways. God bless you all.
~ Jean Rager and Family

We are deeply grateful to be at Pleasant Hill serving Christ with our church family. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, and encouraging words this month.
~ Rob and Theresa

Thank you so much to Pleasant Hill's Witness Commission for the card they sent me when I was sick.
~ Kate Lantzy



RECENT BAPTISMS

Congratulations to those who were baptized on Sunday, October 6.

Kieran Hyland (joined Pleasant Hill)
Evan Mardis (joined Pleasant Hill)
Wyatt Leverknight (baptized into the Church Universal)

If you would like to start thinking about membership at Pleasant Hill, please contact Pastor Rob about joining his next session of Pastor's classes.

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of LAIRD RAGER, who passed away on Saturday, September 28.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of MILDRED WHITE, who passed away on Wednesday, October 16.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Living/Memorial Trust Fund by The Beech, Anderson, and Baleno families in memory of LAIRD RAGER. "You will be missed!"

In lieu of flowers and at the request of the family, a monetary donation is being made by Pleasant Hill Church to our Memorial Trust Fund in memory of Laird Rager, husband of Jean, father of Keith, Randy, Martin, Pam and Shelly.

New Baby

EVERLY MELANIE FABINA was born on Monday, October 14, 2024. The proud parents are Nick and Lisa Fabina. Grandparents are Nick and Peanut Fabina.

The bassinet will be out through November 10 if you would like to give any baby items to the family.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

FCA Ferndale has been blessed with many more students this fall. Please prayerfully consider donating money or any of the following ingredients for breakfasts for the huddle:

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| ground sausage | butter |
| bacon | eggs |
| water bottles | chocolate chips |
| flour | brown sugar |
| sugar | individual juice bottles (any flavor) |

Donations may be placed in the kitchen or the refrigerator (freezer for meat, please); be sure to mark items for FCA. Thanks to all our sponsors and prayer warriors!

CAMP HARMONY BAKING NEEDS

In preparation for the Christmas baking season, Camp is asking for donations of the following cookie ingredients:

- white, chocolate, or peanut butter chips
- tubs of icing in vanilla or chocolate
- sugar, flour, sticks of butter (any brand, any size)
- Hershey's kisses and m&ms

Please leave donations in the box in the church kitchen and Ginny will get it to Camp. Thank you!



TRIVIA

Join us in the fellowship hall for trivia and potluck on Sun., Dec. 1, following the combined worship service. Bring a covered dish if you're able and enjoy time with church family and friends.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE RESULTS

On October 20, Pleasant Hill members voted to become an independent, unaffiliated congregation. With 96 members voting, the final result was 82% independent and 18% Covenant Brethren Church. Completed ballots were separated into 4 categories with the results listed below.

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| Independent "only" - 32 | CBC/"or" - 22 |
| Independent/"or" - 25 | CBC "only" - 17 |

Other scenarios were examined and failed to produce a 75% super majority.



Painting Party

led by
Lori Shutz

Saturday, November 23
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Pleasant Hill Church Fellowship Hall

We will be painting a Christmas scene similar to the one pictured. Refreshments will be served. Please contact the church office to sign up.

PRAYER MEETINGS
PHCoB Prayer meetings are held Wednesdays at 5:00 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.

DECEMBER DEVOTIONAL

Light is important any time but it is especially appreciated deep in December, the darkest time of the year. In Genesis, God created the sun to light the earth. In the New Testament, God sent His Son to be the Light of the World. The Bible has much to say on the subject of light. There are many verses about light. There are many accounts of people who were in a dark place but God ushered them into a place of light. We, also, sometimes have experienced darkness and can testify that God brought us through: that He was a light to our path. The Gold Team has chosen the theme of Light in Dark Places for the devotional this year. We invite you to share a story of the Lord's presence in a hard time - it may be your own story or one you are aware of. You may also also choose to write a devotional based on a scripture verse or a story in the Bible, which are listed on the clipboard that is circulating this morning. Please email your writing (approximately 250 words, please) to pleasanthillcoboffice@gmail.com by Sunday, November 17.



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 22 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. Please place donations in the offering plate in an envelope marked with your name and the words "Christmas Card Project" by Sunday, December 15.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Please consider filling a shoebox with Christmas gifts for a child in need. Boxes and labels are available in the church office. Filled boxes should be placed in the vestibule no later than Sunday, November 17. We are also accepting donations to cover the cost of shipping (\$10 per box); please place donations in the offering plate in a marked envelope. See today's bulletin for tips on filling your box. Thank you!



WORKOUT-YOUR-FAITH WEDNESDAYS

Seven Wednesdays:
Nov. 6 - Dec. 18
5:00 pm Prayer
5:45-6:45 pm Worshipful Workout
Join us in the Pleasant Hill Church Fellowship Hall

GOD CREATED OUR BODIES-- THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN THEM-- THE MORE WE TAKE CARE OF OUR BODIES-- THE BETTER WE CAN SERVE THE LORD WITH THEM.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Gold Team invites you for a service day helping to process, sort, and pray over the Operation Christmas Child gift boxes before they are sent to children all over the globe. All of the gifts coming from the Northeast region of the USA will be compiled at a warehouse in Elkridge, MD (outside of Baltimore). We are seeking 10 participants to serve. Everyone 13 years and older is eligible to serve for this day trip. We will depart from Pleasant Hill at 10:30am in the church van on Saturday, December 14th and return at 10:30pm that same evening. We will stop for a meal en-route or you are welcome to pack one. Please reach out to Theresa Wolf in-person or @ theresajwolf@gmail.com to sign up.

2025 PLEASANT HILL CHURCH BOARD

Our church board oversees all the ministries of Pleasant Hill Church. God has assembled an amazing team, and perhaps He is calling you to join one of the board commissions in 2025. Each member is asked to serve a 3-year term, with the possibility of renewing your term for an additional 3 years. If you are interested in serving in any of the following positions, please contact the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Nurture Commission, one member needed. Nurture oversees the adult, youth, and children's Christian Education and discipleship programs of the church family. They also oversee Christian fellowship opportunities for Pleasant Hill.

Stewards Commission, one member needed. Stewards oversee maintenance of the physical buildings and property owned by the Pleasant Hill family. The Stewards also oversee offering deposits and monitor the church's financial health.

Witness Commission, two members needed. Witness oversees Pleasant Hill's Christian witness in the community and across the world. The Witness Commission manages support requests from local families in need, ministers to church family members who are unable to leave home or live in care facilities, and oversees financial contributions to Christian ministries and missionaries around the globe.

Church Clerk and Assistant Clerk, two volunteers needed. The clerk records the minutes at each board and congregational meeting and types them up in time for subsequent meetings. This is a one-year term.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Pleasant Hill subscribes to a video Bible study library called Right Now Media. These streaming videos are available to everyone in our church. With our subscription, each family in our congregation can have access to Bible studies, children's Christian videos, ministry trainings and conferences, and more. To subscribe, please visit <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/pleasanthillcob>



Give Thanks
TO THE Lord for
He is Good.
His Love Endures
Forever. psalm 136:1

PULL-TOP TAB COLLECTION

We are collecting pull top tabs from beverage and soup cans. These will be given to Hindman Funeral Home for their collection. The funds generated from recycling the aluminum tabs helps St. Jude's patients. Please deposit tabs in the container in the vestibule. Thank you!




Women's Recharge

Join us for a time of art-based worship, crafting, and fellowship led by local artist, Jen Fultz. You can't make it through the holiday season on 5% battery--come recharge!

Tuesday, December 10
6:00-8:00pm
Pleasant Hill Church Fellowship Hall
856 Benshoff Hill Road, Johnstown 15906
Contact Jessie (814-536-0080) to sign up.

Household Information Update

Please place this completed form in the offering plate to help us update our records.

Name: _____

Same Information as Last Year

Additional Household Members: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please list all household birthdays and anniversaries below:

COMBINED SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Throughout the month of December, we will have Sunday School for all ages at 8:45, followed by combined worship at 10:00 AM.

CAMBRIA CITY MISSION DONATIONS

The Cambria City Mission is asking for donations of blankets, coats, gloves, and hygiene items for Christmas this year. Please place items on or under the tree in the vestibule by Sunday, December 15.

2 CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION

The 2 Cents a Meal program helps with the ongoing problem of world hunger. Families may keep a soup can 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 those who don't have enough to eat. The bucket is available the first 2 Sundays a month for you to deposit the contents of your can for local food pantries.



USED SHOES NEEDED

We are continuing to collect gently used shoes to benefit the Orphanage in Honduras (Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel). 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!



Christmas Flower Order Form

Place forms and payment in the offering plate by December 1. Make checks payable to PLEASANT HILL CHURCH.



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: _____
 In honor of: _____

The Christmas Road
My One Million Miles May Be Reached In Your City!
 Compared by audiences to **The Voice of Robert Goulet**
Michael Facciani

Pleasant Hill Church
 Nurture Commission
 invites you to a
Christmas Luncheon
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024
12:00 PM
856 BENSHOFF HILL ROAD
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please RSVP by December 11th by calling the church office @ 814-536-3685.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES



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



BREAD AND CUP COMMUNION

A bread and cup communion service will be held during our 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, December 29. 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please consider sending a card to one or more of our homebound parishioners 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 8 and we will mail them for you. Thank you!



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

Bassett, Doris
216 Westminster Rd
Sarver, Pa. 16055

Browning, Cheryl
128 Maple St
Carrolltown, Pa. 15722

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

Craft, Anna
c/o Robert Craft
1033 Pike Rd
Mineral Point, Pa. 15942

Glazier, Ken
Richland Woods Rm. 220
3324 Elton Rd
Johnstown, Pa. 15904



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

Hay, Bob
1408 Hay St, Apt A
Berlin, Pa. 15530

Kehl, Deloris
Windber Woods
277 Hoffman Ave, Rm 212
Windber, Pa. 15963

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

Lonsinger, Roberta
489 Storey Ave
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

Oaks, Darren
251 Strayer St
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

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

Plunkard, Bonnie
95 Home St
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

Rhodes, Jerry and Judy
c/o Hilltop Heights
100 Woodmont Rd
Johnstown, Pa. 15905

Rhodes, Donna
1517 Benshoff Hill Rd
Johnstown, Pa. 15906

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

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



Holidays on the Hill

2024



Pleasant Hill Church Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1:

8:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 AM Youth (grades 6-12) lead worship:
Hanging of the Greens
11:15 AM Trivia

NO EVENING MEETINGS FOR YOUTH, ODYSSEY, PIONEER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8:

8:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 AM Traditional Worship (Choir)
6:00-8:00 PM Youth, Odyssey, Pioneer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10:

6:00-8:00 PM Women's Recharge

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15:

8:00 AM Breakfast
8:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages/Christmas
Program practice
10:00 AM Contemporary Worship (Praise Team)
and Children's Christmas Program
6:00-8:00 PM Youth, Odyssey, Pioneer (Christmas Party)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20:

12:00 PM Christmas Luncheon with Michael Facciani

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22:

8:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 AM Traditional Worship (Choir) and Cantata
6:00-8:00 PM Youth, Odyssey, Pioneer (Christmas Caroling)

CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

6:00 PM Candlelight Service
7:00 PM Refreshments in vestibule
8:00 PM Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29:

8:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 AM Contemporary Worship (Praise Team)
and Communion
NO EVENING MEETINGS FOR YOUTH, ODYSSEY, PIONEER



November Birthdays

2 Trevor Anderson
2 Brynn Kiser
3 Emery Blue
4 Melinda Anderson
6 Richard Brehm
6 Eileen Nicholson
6 Riley Roberts
7 Katelyn Charles
8 Sandy Natta
8 Cindy Gossard
8 Garrett Harrison
9 Loretta Brilhart
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 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 Holly Hunt
24 Quasir Quinn
24 Bob Thomas
25 Travis Rudge
29 Jared Piper
30 Cathy Bouch



November Anniversaries

7 Rob and Theresa Wolf
25 David and Virginia Babal
26 Gene and Debbie Paul



December Anniversaries

9 Gary and Joyce Selders
10 Nick and Betty Fabina
11 James & Angela McKendree
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
6 Marianne Roberts
6 Marsha Smith
8 John MacEwan
10 Josh Illig
11 Paige Kinder
11 Ethel Williams
12 Liam Hobor
14 Janet Wallace
15 Bob Hay
15 Callum Sehgal
16 Aberdeen Rudge
17 Linda Oaks
18 Elisa Blue
18 Daniel Ryan
19 Dave Ciner
20 Jim Allison
20 Brian Rager
20 Spencer Rager
21 Shelley Yurkovich
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.
30 Ken Gibson
30 Virgil Rummel
30 Aaron Miller

