

MT. PLEASANT MENNONITE CHURCH**Our Vision:****“Making Disciples that *Make a Difference!*”**

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If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering. It is great to have you here. Please join us again next Sunday.

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Class Nina Troyer
 Sanctuary

Youth “Bible Truths” James Bergey III
 Upstairs in Back of Sanctuary

Children & Young Youth “The Gospel Project” Teresa Bradshaw
 (starting at 4yrs. of age) and the Children’s Sunday School Team
 Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader John Miller

Advent Candle Anita and Robin Miller

Praise and Worship Hosanna Team

Message “Peace on Earth” Pastor Nevin
 Luke 2:8-15, Matthew 17:1-13

Activities and Announcements

Ladies Sewing All ladies are welcome to come quilt and sew **Tuesday, December 12, at 9:30 a.m.** Even if you cannot sew, come!

Men’s Bible Study will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the fellowship hall. All men are welcome!

Friday Morning Men’s Prayer All men are invited every **Friday morning** from **6:30 - 7:15 a.m.**, to pray together at the church.

MPCS K -2nd Christmas Program Everyone is invited to the K-2nd Christmas Program at Mt. Pleasant Christian School on Thursday, **December 14, at 7:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Nursery Volunteers The nursery is in need of three volunteers to assist with childcare during the Christmas Eve service. Ideally, each volunteer would serve for a 20 minute shift, rather than the whole service. If you are able to fill this need and care for the youngest among us please see Christina Keffer.

Calling all children! If you would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Program, please attend Children’s Sunday School next Sunday. The Children’s Sunday School hour will be used to practice for the program. There will also be an evening practice prior to the program, the date and time will be announced next Sunday.

Our church provided a meal for the Bridgeman/Kurtz family after the memorial service on Thursday for Steve Bridgeman. We used money from the Food Committee Fund to purchase chicken. If you wish to help, you may see Nancy Deal or put money in the offering earmarked “Food Committee.”

Christmas Caroling at the Chesapeake City Jail is scheduled for **Thursday, December 21.** A group will be leaving the church promptly at **6:00 p.m.**, to go sing at the jail. Anyone 18 years of age or older with a valid photo ID is welcome. **The church must provide a list of names of those who plan to carol by Tuesday, December 19.** Please call the church office or Nancy Deal if you would like to be included on the list of carolers.

There will not be Sunday School on Sunday, Dec. 24; however, the Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m., as usual. Then, invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for our **Christmas Eve service with the prelude starting at 6:00 p.m., followed by the candlelight service at 6:30 p.m.**

The MPCS Christmas Project is raising funds for Academia Menonita Betania, a Christian school in Puerto Rico, which was severely damaged this fall by Hurricane Irma. This project is one that was important to Rose Bergey and her family, as they took a family mission trip there. Academia Mennonite Betania is very similar to our own school. MPCS will be accepting donations to this project through **December 19**, if you would like to contribute.

Ministry Team Sunday Schedule

This Sunday, December 10, 2017

Adult Sunday School Teaching Team

Nina Troyer

Nursery Team

Christina Mast

Ushers Team

Ricky Keffer and Thomas Castellow

Media Team

Audio: Kurt Jarchow & Video: Justin Miller

Next Sunday, December 17, 2017

Adult Sunday School Teaching Team

Inga Mast

Nursery Team

Ciara Delagrange and Morgan Delagrange

Ushers Team

Morris Deal and Ronnie Keffer

Media Team

Audio: Jason Zook & Video: Titus Morris

Worship Service Attendance Last Sunday: 110

Offering First Sunday in December: \$6,838.00

Leadership Council

Nevin Mast - Lead Pastor

Johnnie Gnanamanickam - Associate Pastor, Congregational Care

Lynn Keffer - Administrative Elder Jamie Bradshaw - Community Life Elder

Inga Mast - Missions & Evangelism Elder Tina Harrell - Worship Elder

***Leadership Council meets the second Thursday of each month. Please contact
Pastor Nevin if you have any agenda items you wish to have heard.***



Angel Tree

Let's help supply hot lunches to the 9 Roma (Gypsy) students who are currently attending Lezhe Academic Center. Take an ornament from the Angel Tree with whatever amount you feel led to give and support a student to have hot lunches and snacks. These students come from very poor homes and are not able to buy their lunch at school. Many times this is the only hot meal they have each day. Please place your check in the offering made out to MPMC and earmarked "LAC Angel Tree". Thanks for being a blessing to these students at Lezhe Academic Center!

*He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart.
He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young. Isaiah 40:11b (NLT)*

Prayer and Praise

Sandra Donahue, Jerry Wood Sr.'s sister in WV passed away on Dec. 4. Let's remember the Wood and Donahue families in prayer as they grieve the passing of Sandra, traveling mercies for family attending the funeral and immediately returning to their respective homes and protection over family relationships.

Steve Bridgeman brother-in-law of Ken and Ruth Kurtz lost his life in an auto accident. Let's lift up his wife Ruby and the family in prayer during this difficult time.

Let's pray for the teachers! As a church body we'll be focusing on one teacher/staff member at MPCS or one of our public school teachers each week. However, the Lord leads you in prayer and /or a card to offer encouragement. This week we are focusing on third grade teacher, **Bethany Domowski**.

Amanda Martin friend of Carolyn Wood has been ill without a diagnosis for at least a year, despite having gall bladder surgery. She continues to lose weight and has contracted a stomach virus. This past week alone, she has been to the ER twice and is receiving IV medication at home. Let's lift up Amanda and her family in prayer as they seek wisdom, comfort and healing from the Lord.

Mike Morris's father continues to have swelling in his legs due to fluid, and he fell several times Friday morning prior to being admitted to the ICU. He has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and may need a bilateral leg amputation. Please pray for Mike's father's spiritual and physical healing and also for wisdom for Mike and Joy as they discern how to minister to him.

Ann William's friend Donna fell and fractured her spine. Let's join Ann in praying for a swift recovery for her friend and provision for her needs.

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. (Hebrews 13:4a) We as a congregation our focusing on giving honor to marriage and wish to congratulate Mike and Joy Morris, Alan and Linda Keffer, Rick and Neady Harris, Ron and Debbie Hallstrom, Merv and Nina Troyer, Bob and Wendy Walker, Dale and Kathy Mast, and Fred and Julie Meldau as they celebrate wedding anniversaries this month.

Sandy Lehman wrote, "I would like to thank everyone for the visits, food, cards, phone calls, and wonderful words of encouragement. You are all very special to me! I also want to thank the Good Cheer Committee for the wonderful edible arrangement. It was great!"

Harold Alderfer, who is a friend to many at Mt. Pleasant, is grieving the loss of his dear wife, Elaine. She passed away on Dec. 6. Let's remember the Alderfer family in prayer.

