Mt Pleasant United Methodist Church  
89 Canyon Rd  
Carrollton, OH 44615  
330 627-2219

The original survey of the church property was made January 30, 1835 by Van Brown, first county surveyor. It was a log building called the Morrison Meeting House.

In 1854, a number of members built a church on Scio Rd. now Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. Those who wished to remain at the site of the Morrison Meeting House, formed a Methodist Protestant Church in 1856 under the pastorate of Rev. John Hazelett, receiving preaching on week days from ministers in the Leesburg Circuit, Muskingum District. This arrangement was ultimately vetoed by the Presiding Elder.

As near as can be ascertained, the following were Charter Members:

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After a revival meeting 1870-71, a subscription was taken up to build a new church on the old site.

The work was begun under the pastorate of Rev. Walter Moore and completed under the second pastorate of Rev. W. J. Holland. The new church was 36’ x 48’ and neatly and tastefully finished at a cost of $3,051.75.

Dedication Service was conducted by Rev W. J. Holland and Rev. J. H. Hamilton, and the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Protestant Church was open for the service of God, December 9, 1872. The membership at this time was 99.

On June 2, 1888, singers convened at this place to practice on the new organ received June 1, 1888.

This church was on the Dellroy Circuit until October 1949. In 1949 the four churches, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Hill, Palermo and Perrysville, were all put on the Perrysville Charge.

Salaries of ministers ranged from $80.00 plus riding horse and lodging to $6,225.00 plus a parsonage(1970).

On August 26, 1953 a committee of three, Lawrence Capper, Olan Brooks and Harvey Groves, was appointed to investigate expansion(classroom space). The basement was “dug out” beginning in November 1953 and completed March 1954 at a cost of $3,692.44. Dynamite had to be used to “crack” the rocks. A tractor and “slip” scraper
was used to excavate the soil out the back end of the church to make space for a coal furnace and Sunday school rooms.

The first official scrapbook of Mt. Pleasant Church and Women’s Society activities was made in 1962 by Carol Walter and pictorial records have continued to the present time.

In the summer of 1966 a new Educational Unit was built at a cost of $14,739.80 under the leadership of Ralph Brumbaugh, Building Committee chairman. Others on the committee included Robert Walter, Gary Wagner, Jack Cole, William Peterson and Rev. Donald McCoun. The new addition provided space for four new Sunday School rooms and made additional space in the basement. The 24’ x 38’ split level structure was constructed onto the north side of the church. The exterior was white frame to match the church. The contractor was Huff Construction from Dellroy and completed in March 1967.

In March 1967 the original church building was completely remodeled at a cost of $3,288.23 under the leadership of William Warner, chairman of the Remodeling Committee. A sanctuary piano was purchased December 1969 for $759.00. On Jan. 11, 1970, under the leadership of Rev. Raymond E. Swinehart, the congregation dedicated the new addition and the remodeled church.

In the summer of 1971 the 1st Annual Church Picnic was held at FFA Camp Muskingum at the invitation of the John & Ruth Davis family. The picnic concluded with an informal evening vesper service around the campfire. New Year’s Eve parties for Sunday School class members and their children were enjoyed in later years.

“The Juniorettes” began in April of 1973 when the group ang (Magic Penny” as part of a prelude prior to the choir’s presentation of the cantata, “The Good Life.”

In May of 1977 the administrative board appointed a building planning committee to consider an expansion plan. The committee consisted of John Weyand, chairman, Robert Walter, Willis Walker, Jerry Rinehart, William Stoneman, William Peterson, Gerry Marteney, Helen Bixler and Erma Jane Baughman, Treasurer. In November, 1.298 A were purchased from Mark & Rosemary Turkson ($3,894) for additional parking space.

On June 23, 1978, the congregation decided to add a 20’x42’ addition across the back of the sanctuary. Joe Sekely of Carrollton was hired as the architect and a plan was approved October 17, 1978. Harsh Construction of Carrollton was awarded the construction contract at $38,000. Others were hired to install a new heating system, insulate the old part of the church, carpet new addition and the install partitions in the basement for Sunday School rooms. In addition, John Weyand coordinated volunteer workers that worked once a week for over a year to install new electric service (underground), remove two existing furnaces, build walls for new furnace room (bi-level), classroom and hall in the basement, convert former coal bin into men’s restroom, install new ceiling in basement, build front steps to new addition, landscape front yard,
expand parking lot and relocate drive, install wiring and lights in new addition, install new lights in old basement, install exhaust fans in both restrooms, paint interior of new addition, install new door at base of new steps, varnish new woodwork, paint heater covers in sanctuary, and tile the new hall and women’s rest room. Although small jobs remained to be finished, Thursday, Feb. 14, 1979 was declared “final work night” until further notice. A special thanks was shared with our janitors Lawrence and Florence Capper during this “labor of love” project.

In the **Spring of 1991** the 1st Annual “Walk to Church” Observance was held. The congregation lead worship service emphasized stewardship.

In **July 2000** the congregation decided to become a single station church. Assets of the Perrysville charge (parsonage) were appraised and equally shared. The Perrysville charge continued as a two station charge (Perrysville and Pleasant Hill). A parsonage was established at 540 N. Lisbon St. in Carrollton for the Mt Pleasant pastor.

In **2001** the administrative board appointed a facility improvement committee. Members included Linda Davis, chairperson, Alan Walter, Rick Truman, John H Davis, Carl Baughman, Mindy Domer, Randy & Barb Gifford, Nathan & Janice Lane, Jerry Rinehart and Wayne Scott, Pastor.

In **2002** the congregation approved moving forward with a two phased plan to improve restrooms, handicapped accessibility, additional Sunday School rooms and a multi purpose sanctuary/fellowship hall.

In **2003** a building finance committee was organized. Members included John H Davis, chairman, Janice Lane, secretary, Dan Kirk, treasurer, Bob Eshler, Alan Walter, Robert Walter, Jerry Rinehart and Bruce Barker. A three year “**Building To SERVE**” campaign was launched on a special “Commitment Sunday”, May 23, 2004. The goal was to collect $200,000 before a building project could begin.

With the resignation of Linda Davis as the building committee chairperson, Alan Walter agreed to accept the new responsibility Feb. 15, 2005.

Two acres of land were purchased from Rosemary Turkson in August 2005 as the site for a planned septic leach field for $5,000.

In **May of 2005** the 1st Annual Wheel Show was conducted as a fundraiser for the “Building To SERVE” campaign.

In the **summer of 2005**, a parsonage committee was formed to explore options for updating our parsonage and moving our parsonage to a “safer” environment. On November of 2005, the committee recommended to the trustees the purchase of lot #108 in the Courtview allotment, and the building of a new parsonage (plans submitted), with Hamilton Construction as the contractor. The congregation approved this project 12/11/05. Upon the completion of the parsonage at 834 Sunnyview Dr. in November and the sale of the parsonage in December 2006 our actual financial obligation was as follows:

- $154,000 lot and building of parsonage
- $25,000 grant from Conference
- $13,000 from the General Fund
- $88,000 net sale of “old” parsonage (540 N. Lisbon St)
- $25,000 mortgage from East Ohio United Methodist Credit Union


In 2005 the congregation saw the beginning of an outdoor morning worship service at FFA Camp Muskingum Amphitheatre prior to the annual summer picnic. Todd Davis has been the host of the annual picnic since 1995.

In February 2006 the Annual Candlelight Banquet and Program for the congregation was re initiated. A similar annual event was held from 1979-1984

A “church friendly” architect, Frank Brainard of Architecture by Brainard from Warren, OH, was selected to redesign the new vision for improved facilities on January 4, 2007. After many months of planning and visiting other church facilities a congregational decision was made to plan for a traditional sanctuary at this time instead of a combined sanctuary/fellowship hall.

The “Building To SERVE” campaign adjusted its goal to $390,000 before construction could begin on the new church addition.

When the Building to SERVE Committee began meeting on a regular basis, it merged with the finance committee with regular attendees being Alan Walter, chairman, Carl “Buck’ Baughman, Jim Butler, Barb and Randy Gifford, John H Davis, Bob Eshler, Janice Lane, David Marteney, Jerry Rinehart, Pastor Carl Orphanides, Dan Kirk, treasurer and Rick Truman, secretary. Rick Truman faithfully served as secretary since the beginning in 1999.

In the winter of 2008, after many months of reviewing preliminary and final plans, bids were solicited from three contractors to build a 10,700 sq ft facility. Benchmark, New Philadelphia, Sidoti Construction, Carrollton and Brian Hamilton Construction, Carrollton submitted bids on Feb. 15, 2008. A second “Building To SERVE” campaign was conducted in Feb. 2008 to guarantee service on an anticipated $600,000 loan. On March 2, 2008 a charge conference was held and approved the recommendation of the building committee to accept the lowest bid of Bryan Hamilton Construction at a cost of $874,000. Subcontractors were to be Henry Heating & Air Conditioning, New Philadelphia; Smith Piping, Carrollton; Eick Electric, Carrollton; Art Shingleton-Drywall, Oneida and Scott Richmond-Concrete, Carrollton. Anticipated cost for the completed project was set at $1,010,300.

A ceremonial ground breaking service was held on March 9, 2009 with Rev. Kim Anderson, District Superintendent in attendance. Rev. Dr. Gary George, former District Superintendent and Frank Brainard, architect could not attend due to bad weather conditions. Construction began when weather permitted later in the month and continued at a steady pace throughout the year. Hundreds of hours of volunteer labor helped keep the construction cost down allowing numerous additional items to be added including a steeple, deluxe sound system, a stained glass window, kitchen tile and
numerous furniture items.

The first worship service in the new building was Sunrise Service on Easter morning April 12, 2009. The cost of the entire project was $____. A 20-year mortgage for $600,000 was acquired to begin the project but generous donations throughout construction and the first 9 months after completion reduced the mortgage to $489,597.

On March 1, 2009 Pleasant Memories Preschool, LLC, a non-denominational Christian preschool for children ages 3-5, owned and operated by Kaci Eddy, signed an agreement to operate a preschool in three state approved rooms of the church. An outdoor playground area was developed from donated funds in memory of Ernie Hamilton, grandfather of Kaci Hamilton Eddy. The preschool held its first day of school on September 8, 2009 with Kathy Hamilton as classroom assistant. During the first school year, the preschool served 19 students and their families. On May 20, 2010 the 1st graduation was held in the sanctuary with 159 in attendance. All 19 students were recognized and the 7 graduates honored.

On March 7, 2010 a Church Conference was called to determine the use of the old sanctuary. Two proposals were offered. Norma Brumbaugh spoke in support of #1 which was to utilize the entire space as a fellowship hall. Judy Capper spoke in support of #2 which was a permanent wall being installed 16' back from the front wall to be used as a chapel/meeting space with the remaining space being used as a fellowship hall. Proposal #1 received a 62.5% majority vote.

Activities from bygone days to the present year (2010), too numerous to report in depth, include: Several heritage day observances and ice cream socials; "Special Numbers" by individual Sunday School classes during the years when there were only preaching services every other week; parties in individual homes; "progressive dinners" in homes; mother-daughter and father-son banquets; an annual Christmas supper and program each December; numerous covered-dish meals; Sunday School class-hosted lunches which serve as Building to Serve fundraisers; the receiving of special collections to support a variety of requests including food for the Loaves & Fishes Center on "Souper Bowl Sunday." Services have included "singspirations," special acknowledgments on Veterans Day, the observance of UMW Sunday, observance of All Saints Day, participation in CROP Walks and Cancer Relay for Life Walks and donating to community and Urban Mission Christmas collections. For many years the church was a member of the Aldersgate Cooperating Churches and supported the parish nurse program as well as many co-op worship services and projects. (Since the co-op disbanded there are a few men representing several United Methodist Churches who meet regularly for book studies and also host two community pancake breakfasts per year to support needy causes.) Groups of church members meet regularly in homes for Bible and book studies and prayer. The Pastor conducts classes prior to administering the sacrament of baptism and before accepting people into church membership. Individual Sunday School classes regularly support a variety of projects including sending cards and gifts to the college students of the church. The congregation also supports the "Families in Need" fund to aid people of the community who are in crisis.

Picture Directories have been published in these years: 1979, 1984, 1992, 2001
and 2009.

A Men's Breakfast is hosted the last Saturday of each month for all interested men and boys of the congregation and their guests.

Men of the congregation have attended several Promise Keepers events.

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The roster of ministers who have served this congregation through the years:

- 1856-1858 ......................... Rev. John Hazelett
- 1858-1861 ......................... Rev. W. J. Holland
- 1861-1865 ....... Rev. S. Lancaster, Rev. W. L. Baldwin, Rev. J. P. King
- 1865-1867 ........................ Rev N. J. Brown
- 1867-1868 ......................... Rev. A. Harrison
- 1868-1871 ......................... Rev. Walter Moore
- 1871-1874 ............Beginning of present church..... Rev. W. J. Holland
- 1874-1876 ......................... Rev. James Meek
- 1876-1879 ......................... Rev. H. A. Hobbs
- 1879-1880 ......................... Rev. W. J. Holland
- 1880-1883 ......................... Rev. J. B. McCormick
- 1884-1886 ......................... Rev. J. D. Murphy
- 1887-1891 ......................... Rev. Lafette Bowman
- 1891-1892 ......................... Rev. W. S. Cairns
- 1892-1897 ......................... Rev. M. V. Shuman
- 1898-1904 ......................... Rev C. McGrath
- 1904-1905 ......................... Rev. G. L. Diehl
- 1905-1909 ......................... Rev. J. W. Teter
- 1909-1913 ......................... Rev. O. V. Sharrock
- 1913-1914 ......................... Rev. M. V. Shuman
- 1914-1917 ......................... Rev. W. S. Murphy
- 1917 ......1st Qtr Only......... Rev. Myers
- 1917-1919 ......................... Rev. James McCord
- 1919-1921 ......................... Rev. S. R. Martin
- 1921-1922 ......................... Rev. Isaac Miller
- 1922-1923 ......................... Rev. George W Sees
1925 ........................................ Rev. F. H. Hunter
1926-1947 .................................... Rev. J. H. Longsworth
1947-1949 .................................... Rev. R. A. Marty
1949-1951 Mount Union Student ....... Rev. James Brown
1951-1952 Mount Union Student ....... Rev. Richard McIntarfer
1952-1953 .................................... Rev. D. Scott George
1953-1956 .................................... Rev. Forrest G. Nees
1956-1958 .................................... Rev. D. Scott George
1960-1964 .................................... Rev. Charles A. Tulga
1964-1966 .................................... Rev. Don McCoun
1966-1969 .................................... Rev. Howard G Williams
1971-1972 .................................... Warren Hays (Certified Lay Speaker)
1976-1978 .................................... Rev. Millicent Moore
1978-1980 .................................... Jack Lumley (Certified Lay Speaker)
1981-1985 .................................... Rev. James Thobaben
1985-1991 .................................... Rev. Andrew Angel
1995-2000 .................................... Rev. Dale Thomas
2000-2004 .................................... Rev. Wayne Scott
2004-20 ..................................... Rev. Carl Orphanides

* Died in Service

Source: Carol Walter/John H Davis/Mindy Domer Last Update: 2010

Appendix A

Record of Cantatas Presented
(† indicates cantata was performed more than one season)

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With a Song
Adapted from Psalm 69
Ethel F. Martin

I will praise the name of God with a song.
I will sing, let praises ring,
I will praise the name of God with a song.
I will offer thanks to God with a song.
   I will sing, let praises ring,
I will offer thanks to God with a song.

My prayer in song is unto thee O Lord!

Tonight's presentation, "A.D.--A Musical for Easter and Beyond," marks the 90th cantata the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Choir has presented since instituting the tradition of singing two choral works per year beginning in December 1964. The choir members express thanks to everyone of the congregation and to all the guests who have supported them in their efforts throughout the years. The following information is given as a means of celebrating this special anniversary of praising God through song.

The choir was organized in 1958 under the direction of the late Walter Brumbaugh, Carol (Brumbaugh) Walter, Lynn Capper and Joanne (Campbell) Eshler. Music was provided for Sunday morning services by Junior and Senior members. Eventually the groups were combined as one choir in which the only membership requirement was to be nine years of age.

In 1964 the following high school students voluntarily prepared a short cantata in observance of Good Friday and presented it at the church March 27th for the W.S.C.S. (Woman's Society of Christian Service) meeting: Nancy Brumbaugh, June Brooks, Joanne Campbell, Judy and Bill Peterson, Ray Bixler, and Lynn Capper. It served as inspiration for the choir to attempt its first cantata.

Lynn Capper served as director of each cantata beginning with #1, "Christ Is Born," 1964 through #82, "Save In the Cross," 2005 (except for the 1985 Easter presentation and the 2003 Christmas cantata) for a total of 80 cantatas. (Lynn had missed rehearsals of "The Last Week" because of serving on a short-term mission trip to Haiti in 1985 so John Weyand served as his substitute. And Mindy Domer was Lynn's substitute for the cantata "Fear Not" in 2003 due to illness.) Lynn retired as director in December 2005 but serves as a choir member and soloist. He passed the leadership "torch" to Mindy who has directed each cantata beginning with the Christmas presentation in 2005 through tonight's program.

Persons who have served as cantata piano accompanists are Carol Walter, Alice Jacobs and Judy Capper. The organists have been Jeannie White, Elaine White, Joanne Eshler and Judy Capper.

Words are inadequate to express appreciation to each singer and the members of the congregation who have made each presentation possible. Special thanks is due Lucy Koehler who served as narrator for at least 36 cantatas and to Kendle and Gladys Capper who tastefully decorated the sanctuary with flowers, wreathes and candles beginning in 1967 through Easter 1983. Linda Rees began helping her parents in 1968. Linda Groves joined them in 1969 and Gerry Marteney began serving in 1984. (Linda Groves and Gerry Marteney have continued serving to the present time.) Thanks also to Alan
Walter who has videotaped each cantata beginning December 1988. Thanks, too, to persons who have served as accompanists' page turners, narrators, greeters, ushers, sound technicians, parking lot attendants, babysitters and janitors. Thanks also to people who provided props and costumes for cantatas which included drama. Deep appreciation is expressed to all those who have contributed flowers for beautifying the sanctuary and to those who have offered prayers on behalf of the choir.

ROSTER OF SINGERS

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30

45 years of cantata singing! 1964-2009

Every effort has been made to name each person who has been a cantata singer in the choir’s history of 90 presentations. However, since there was no bulletin listing of the first 15 programs there is the possibility that someone may have been missed. An apology is offered for any omissions.

A
Bill Alexander
Andy Angel
Gail Angel
Julia (Wagner) Arbogast
Sara Aston

B
Brad Barker
Bruce Barker
Erma Jane Baughman
Fay (Bellville) Baughman
Wayne Baughman
Flora Beagle
Linda Beagle
Aletis Bellville
Naomi Bellville
Jake Beun
Mike Beun
Barbara Bixler
Helen Bixler
Marla Bixler
Becky (Roach) Blanc

Bruce Blanc
Gail Blanc
Rayna (Roach) Blanc
Amy (White) Borland
Tully Borland
Jessi (Hartong) Bower
Peggy (Baughman) Brannon
Jane Brown
Jim Brown
Paul Brown
Ruth Brown
Lynn Brumbaugh
Shaun Brumbaugh
Walter Brumbaugh
Matt Butler

C
David Campbell
Ellen Campbell
Gary Campbell
John Campbell
Debbie (Sekely)

Capper
Lynn Capper
Roman Capper
Travis Capper
Anna (Brumbaugh) Cass
Susan (Brown) Chase
Marty (Cole) Colaprete
Larry Cole
Barbara Crim
Mike Curry

D
Julia Darling
Garett Davis
Jeremy Davis
John Davis
June (Brooks) Davis
Kady Davis
Kim Davis
Linda Davis
Nancy Davis
Ruth Davis
Todd Davis
Peggy (Peterson) Deibel
Valerie DiLoreto
Brian Domer
Elizabeth Domer
Mindy (Davis) Domer
Shelley (Marteney) Draime
Pam (Wells) Duff

Karen Eckley
Roberta Eckley
Rick Eddy
Taylor Eddy
Debbie (Koehler) Engle
Bob Eshler
Joanne (Campbell) Eshler

Dianna Fairclough
Robyn Fairclough
Cory Fierbaugh
Nancy (Brumbaugh) Fierbaugh
Fierbaugh
Tom Fierbaugh
Ashley (McCorkle) Fleetwood
Valerie (Sekely) Flemming
Elise (Walter) Foltz
Ruth (Rutledge) Ford
Robin (Koehler) Fraser

Barbara Gifford
Pam Gifford
Tylynda Glenn
Alex Gotschall
Amber (Hartong) Gotschall
Don Grimes
Linda Groves
Nancy (Harper) Grubb
Christen (Marteney) Gruber

Tammy Haas
Tina Haas
Kip Hamilton
Sue Hamilton
Becky (Peterson) Hartong
Caleb Hartong
Josh Hartong
Kenne Hartong
Micah Hartong
Shaun Hartong
Tim Hartong
Donelle Hauenstein
Teresea Hauenstein
Bill Hawkins
Bilynda Hawkins
Carol Hawkins
David Hawkins
Cindy Henderson
David Householder
Sarah Husted

Alice Jacobs
Kelley Jacobs

Betty Keyser
Rick Keyser
Rose Kienzle
Austin Kirk
Dan Kirk
Hannah Kirk
Liza Kirk
Valorie Kirk
Mike Koehler
Robert Koehler
Cole Kutcher
Teresa Kutcher

Janice (Van Horne) Lane
Dee Linard
Tammy (Warner) Long

Lydia (Kirkpatrick) Lucas

Alberta Marshall
Dave Marteney
Jason Marteney
Jeff Marteney
Loretta Marteney
Marcella Marteney
Mike Marteney
Heather (Baughman) Matoszkia
Nena (Brumbaugh) Meinke
Amy Miller
Angie Miller
Cheryl (Wagner) Miller
Diane Miller
Quinn Miller
Bev Mills
Keith Mohn
Alana Moncman
Dawn Montgomery
Jon Montgomery
Mary Montgomery
Jennie Moore
Mandie Moore
Michael Moore
Randal Moore

Kevin McClelland
Beverly (Campbell) McClure
Rob McClure
Stacey (Lumley) McClure
Blink McCorkle
Susie (Peterson) McCorkle
McCorkle
Laura (Parks) McNutt

Audrey Oberlin
Keith Oberlin
Carl Orphanides
Debbie Orphanides
Mike Perdue
Sandy (Booth) Perdue
Nathan Perry
Bill Peterson
Kaitlin Peterson
Kendra Peterson
Lanny Peterson
Abby Podratz
Kim Podratz
Kelli (Hamilton) Pridemore
Judy (Harper) Pruiett

Randy Randolph
Brian Rees
Jeff Rees
Kristen Richards
Jackie Riley
Carla (Coffy) Rinehart
Courtney Rinehart
Dean Rinehart
Donna Rinehart
Ed Rinehart
Jerry Rinehart
Leona Rinehart
Steven Rinehart
Rachel (Capper) Rinkes

Noelle (Fierbaugh) Schaum
Tricia Scott
Wayne Scott
Mary Jane Senften
Chris Shepherd
Janet Shepherd
Laurie Shepherd
Linda (Harper) Shotwell
Anna Small
Terry Small
Richard Smeltz
Debbie (Wells) Smith
Carly Spears
Cathy Spears
Sarah (Weyand) Stoffer
Bill Stoneman
Kathy Stoneman
Katie Stoneman
Kelly Stoneman
Ken Stoneman
Lori (Eshler) Stoneman
Neil Stoneman
Barb Street
Nicole Street
Steve Street
Amy (Curry) Sturm
Jim Swinehart
Nicole (Fierbaugh) Taggart
Jim Thobaben
Marcy Thobaben
Dale Thomas
Denise Thomas
Jared Thomas
Krista Thomas
Valerie (White) Thomas
Anna Truman
Lisa Truman
Sara Truman
Joy (Weyand) Untch
Mike Untch
Amanda Van Horne
Bob Wagner
Rick Wagner
Terry Wagner
John Walker
Carol Walter

Share (Warner) Walters
Bill Warner
Janet (Brooks) Warner
Justine (Davis) Warner
Larry Warner
Marlyn Warner
Todd Warner
Tyler Warner
Lisa (Rees) Wells
Andy Weyand
Cathy Weyand
Heather (Anstadt) Weyand
John Weyand
Nancy Weyand
Travis Weyand
Barbara (Marteney) Williams
Aaron Wilson
Ann Wilson
Linda (Lamielle) Wilson
Luke Wilson
Elaine White
Foster White
Jeannie (Bixler) White
Tom White
Becky (Oberlin) Woodruff
Dick Zaychek
Alex Zurcher
Flora (Brown) Zurcher
Tim Zurcher

Last Update-Easter 2009
Song may not be listed as one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but it is certainly one of His mightiest means of ministry. There is a "life-begetting" power in music that's born of His anointing. It's found in its dual potential for "life"--both in respect to life's birthing power and its breakthrough qualities. Millions have been born again as God's Word has come to them through music! And how many millions more have experienced the broken chains of bondage to doubt or fear as they lifted their voices in praiseful song? The Church thrills and thrives, multiplies and advances on a Holy Spirit breeze of blessing that we simply call song.

From the Foreword to The Celebration Hymnal by Jack
Appendix B

Children’s Musicals


Appendix C

Vacation Bible School

The summer of 1957 was the official start of Vacation Bible School at Mt. Pleasant with Clara Mae George, wife of Rev. Scott George, serving as director. The previous summer an informal Bible School was conducted by students of Mt. Union College for all children of the area. The other churches of the Charge (Pleasant Hill, Palermo and Perrysville) were included in the annual sessions for several years. After the Pastor and Mrs. George were appointed to another church the following people have served as directors:

1958-1979  Maxine Brooks
1980-1984  Donna Rinehart
1985-1995  Nancy Weyand
1996-1999  Valorie Kirk
2000       Carla Rinehart and Mary Ann Erwin
2001-2006  Janice Lane
2007-       Nancy Weyand

At one time the sessions were conducted for 10 days. Later it was held for 8 days and eventually was changed to the current schedule of 2 1/2 hour classes for 5 days. The year 2010 will mark the 54th annual Vacation Bible School.