

**Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church**  
**3003 Scio Rd**  
**Carrollton, OH 44615**  
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Pleasant Hill had its beginning at the Morrison Meeting House that stood where Mt Pleasant Church now stands. Samuel Buchanan's father helped build the original log church in 1835. Due to the mode of travel and the fact that parts of the congregation lived on opposite sides of the township, the congregation was formed into two classes. Each met regularly, having prayer and class meetings each alternate Sabbath and on Thursday evening, and every two weeks the two classes met together for their preaching service. The one class met regularly in the new John Buchanan home after its erection in 1841, in which one room was especially fitted for religious services. Seats were made of broad boards, neither planed nor painted, with each having six legs.

These meetings continued until the congregation felt the need for a church. Alexander Long made a proposition that he would donate land on the west side of the township on which to build a church if the majority of the congregation were willing. The congregation did not wish two churches and thought it best to build on Carrollton Rd (Scio Rd) to better divide the territory. Henry and Dorinda Brooks offered a plot of ground, which was accepted and the church was built on the spot where it now stands. The deed bears the date of 1854, between Henry and Dorinda Brooks and the following trustees of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Episcopal Church: Henry Brooks, John Buchanan, Richard Brackin, Charles Fawcett, John Fawcett, James McCort, John McCort, Robert Rutledge and Alexander Long.

Pleasant Hill Church was built under the leadership of Rev. D. P. Mitchell. It became a part of the Carrollton Circuit until 1911 when the congregation was able to support its own minister. In 1929 Pleasant Hill Church was placed on the Harlem Springs Charge and remained there until October, 1949 when the District Superintendent, Rev. Robinson formed a new parish. The new Perrysville Charge included four churches, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Hill, Palermo and Perrysville.

Salaries of ministers ranged from \$80 plus riding horse and lodging to \$6,225 plus a parsonage (1970).

Our centennial celebration was held May 2, 1954. Rev. Forrest Nees conducted the morning worship service, followed by a dinner held at the Petersburg Grange Hall. Dr. Hazen G. Werner gave the afternoon address. Former ministers and decedents of the original trustees were recognized.

The interior of the church was paneled during the 1940's due to deteriorating plaster. A basement addition was constructed in 1957 with William H. Riley as contractor and Rev Scott George as minister. In 1987 the basement level addition roof was replaced making space for a minister's office. The church roof was damaged by high winds in 1988 and was replaced by Keith Henry Construction. Rev Andrew Angel was the minister during this remodeling.

## The roster of ministers who have served this congregation through the years: (Starting date)

1854-1937

S Baker	S Kennedy	H M Radic
R Cartwright	Howard Lewis	J R Roller
W L Dixon	S Marmount	Ronald Smith
Charles Edgar	James McMahan	John Stavett
J Gladhill	T I McRea	C Stephens
John Grant	John Minor	John Vail
A W Gruber	D P Mitchell	Benjamin Wilson
Charles Harshman	Homer Moore	John Wilson
T Higgins	J W Moore	Harry Wycoff
Paul Hollingshead	Henry Rader	

1937	Rev A Lee Whiteman	1981	Rev James Thobaben
1943	Rev G A Voorhies	1985	Rev Andrew Angel
1945	Rev Paul A Bradt	1988	Rev Gail Angel(1/2 time)
1948	Rev Walter Stanley	1991	Rev Lee Fetters
1949	Mack Smith---Mt Union Student	1995	Rev Dale Thomas
1949	Jack Spence---Mt Union Student	2000	Rev Tom Dawson
1950	Robert Irwin	2006	Rev Stephen Browning
1951	Leon Linard	2010	Invited Lay Leaders
1952	Rev D. Scott George		
1953	Rev Forrest G. Nees		
1956	Rev D. Scott George		
1958	Rev Paul Haering(Pearing)		
1960	Rev Charles A. Tulga		
1964	Rev Don McCoun		
1966	Rev Howard G Williams		
1969	Rev Raymond E. Swinehart*		
1971	Warren Hays**		
1972	Rev Robert Randolph		
1976	Rev Milly Moore		
1978	Jack Lumley**		* Died in Service
1980	Rev Kenneth Birney		** Certified Lay Leader

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