

January 1, 2017

MERGE

Will you MERGE (to become combined, united, swallowed up, or absorbed; lose identity by uniting or blending) with us at PV to join us as we glorify God by becoming alive in order to make disciples? We believe that as you MERGE with us, you will begin to understand the Gospel better, PV's DNA better, and how you can join us in achieving the vision that God has given to PV. Because the reality is, when we do this together, WE are BETTER because of it.

Meet the Zieskes - Informal time to get to know Pastor Brandon and his family and enjoy dessert. Childcare is available. January 8, 6:30pm. Register on your bulletin response card or at pvwinona.com

Engage - We are Better Together! Considering membership at PV? Join us for this first step! Dinner is included and childcare is available. A free will donation will be accepted for childcare. Next opportunity is February, 5, 2017, 5-8pm.

Revolve - A 2 week Learning Community on how to Abide & Abound. Next opportunity is February 21 & 28, 6:30-8pm.

Grow - 7 week series based on PV's values. Series is available online for groups or individuals to participate in anytime. Visit pvwinona.com/merge/grow.

Empower - A 2 week Learning Community to discover your spiritual gifts, and how your life experiences have uniquely shaped you for Kingdom influence. At the end of this session, participants will be asked to discover what's next for them; serving, volunteering, going on a mission trip, or interning. Next opportunity is January 24 & 31, 6:30-8pm.

WAYS TO GIVE AT PLEASANT VALLEY:

Cash or Check: Place your check or cash in a secure giving box on any Sunday morning. Contributions may also be sent to PV.

Automatic Giving: Fill out a green form from the brochure kiosk to consistently give weekly/monthly via checking or savings account. This is the most cost-effective method of automatic giving for the church.



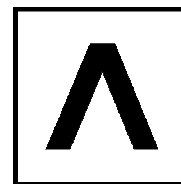
Online Giving: Scan this QR code or visit pvwinona.com/give to set up an online account to give one-time or consistent weekly/monthly via credit card*, debit card, checking or savings account.

Text Giving: With your smartphone or device, text a dollar amount to 507.697.1988. You'll receive a text with a link. Tap the link, enter your information, and the credit* or debit card you'd like to use for all gifts. Next time you're ready to give, text the dollar amount to the number above. (To give to Irresistible, include the code "II") Example: text "\$50 II" if you want to give \$50 to Irresistible.

Stock Transfer: Please call the office for details, 507.452.5518.

**Why do we accept credit cards? When used responsibly, credit and debit cards are an efficient tool for payments and purchases. Many people utilize them in place of checks or cash and then pay the balance off in full. We strongly discourage those who have credit card debt from exercising this option.*

Pleasant Valley Church is a qualified section 501(c)(3) organization. All tithes, offerings, or donations of any kind are tax-deductible under section 170(c)(2). Giving constitutes your agreement to relinquish control in accordance with IRS regulations.



PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Elder Prayer - Today and on the first Sunday of each month, after each service, the Elders will be available to pray with you in rooms 109 & 110.

The Dollar Club - What can you do with a dollar? A lot when the entire PV family participates! You can bring hope to people in our community by chipping in just \$1. Look for the new special giving box outside the Ministry Center today.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 2.

Small Group Leaders' Training - Saturday, January 7, 9am-noon at PV. All current small group leaders, and those interested in leading a small group, are invited to join Pastor Joe for breakfast. Childcare is available. Register on your bulletin response card or contact the Office, 452.5518.

Meet the Zieskes - Sunday, January 8, 6:30-8pm, PV. Enjoy dessert and a time to get to know Pastor Brandon and his family. Childcare will be available. Register on your bulletin response card or at pvwinona.com.

Hymn Sing - Sunday, January 8, 6pm at the Terpstra's home, 266 Oak Leaf Drive, Winona. All are welcome!

PV Play Day - Wednesday, January 4, 8:30-11:30am. Every first and third Wednesday, the indoor play area will be open to parents with young children in need of running around, while parents chat and connect with other parents in our new café. All are welcome! No registration needed.

Volunteer Opportunities - Our Building & Grounds team seeks:
- 2 people to clean bathrooms on a rotating basis, serving about two-three hours, once every three weeks.
- 1 or 2 people to inspect and spot clean carpets, about 1 hour every 1 to 2 weeks
- 3-4 people to help shovel sidewalks for Sunday morning and special events, as needed.
Contact Mark, mark@pvwinona.com.

New Members - The Governance Board has announced that Mike and Kristen Piechowski have become members of PV. Please welcome them to our church family!

Cancellations - During this season of unpredictable weather, PV related cancellations will be broadcast on all Winona radio stations, KFSD 88.5, and will be posted on our website, www.pvwinona.com.

Governance Board Nominations - PV members may suggest potential candidates for the 2017-2018 Governance Board up until January 11, 2017. The Board seeks candidates who have a desire for leadership, and to be a part of the team focused on assisting the Senior Pastor and Staff with the strategic leadership of the Church. Board Mandate: The board will govern biblically with an emphasis on (a) an outward focus rather than on an internal preoccupation; (b) collective rather than individual decisions, while permitting the expression of individual viewpoints; (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail; (d) clear distinction of Board and staff roles; (e) perpetuating a culture of moving forward; (f) being proactive rather than reactive. Requirements: must be an member of Pleasant Valley Church, must go through elder training, and fulfill qualifications as outlined in the Scriptures. Please email potential candidate names to Ben Ekern, bekern@acegroup.cc.



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Worship Celebrations: Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30am

In April of 2014, the PV family was invited to partner in an initiative called Irresistible. The goal remains the same: to connect more people to Jesus and align more Christ followers to His

purpose. The final phase of repurposing the facility is almost completed! Irresistible pledges will be used to make payments on the short-term loan. Thank you for your faithfulness to your Irresistible Initiative pledge!

Giving Reminder - Thank you for your generosity to the Lord's work at Pleasant Valley Church. The 2016-17 budget reflected a policy change. Since Benevolence and Missions are such a high priority, we are now including support for them in the General Budget. This means Benevolence and Missions expenditures are no longer dependent upon designated giving. Therefore, please continue to support benevolence and missions through generosity to the general fund. All gifts designated to Missions and/or Benevolence, will be directed to the general fund.

Please do continue to support any particular intern and or the Irresistible Initiative by specific designation.

The Missions and Benevolence policy change allows Pleasant Valley Church:

1. To increase expenditures on Missions and Benevolence, when desired, without depending on designated giving.
2. To increase flexibility regarding the use of funds, so funds can be targeted to needs as the Spirit leads.
3. To fully comply with IRS regulations: if a person wants to give a contribution to a church and get a tax deduction, the donor must relinquish control and allow the church to use the contribution however the church best decides.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Baby/Toddler Zone (BTZ) The Baby Zone welcomes birth through steady walkers. The Toddler Zone is for walkers through 33 months.

Kids' Church Pre & K - Preschoolers (age 24-33 mos) through Kindergarten, meet Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30am in room 206.

Kids' Church Grades 1-4 - Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30am, room 209 (SMC). Students enjoy worship, teaching and fun team challenges, plus small groups for talking points and prayer.

Awana, a ministry for kids in grades K-6, teaches kids how the Bible applies to everyday life. Awana meets weekly on Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm at the Peterson Middle School. For more information go to www.awana.org or email rushfordpetersonawana@gmail.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

No Sunday Morning Youth today. Class will resume next Sunday, January 8 at 8:30 & 10:30am in room 203. 5th-8th grade students welcome. Adult leaders challenge them to grow deeper in their faith; plus they enjoy games and donuts!

Wednesday Night Youth Group resumes January 4, 7-9pm, with open gym at 6:30pm. 5th - 8th grade students are welcome to enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Wednesday Night Youth Group resumes January 4, at 7pm at PV. 9th-12th grade students are welcome to enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community building fun time.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Breathe (College Church) will resume Monday, January 9, 7pm at PV. Rides available at 6:40pm from Kryzsko and Lourdes.

Want to join a small group? Email molly@pvwinona.com and let us know you are interested in joining a Village Group!

H2o Winter Conference - February 3-5 at Camp Forest Springs. Cost is \$155. Find more information and register at h2ocollegeministries.com.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Senior Lights Breakfast (Senior Ministry) - Tuesday, January 10, 9am at Perkins. Lisa Douglas will share about Equine Psychotherapy and her involvement with helping others. All are welcome!



We believe spiritual growth flows out of meaningful relationships with God, His Word, and with other Christ-followers. It is our goal to have every person at Pleasant Valley Church involved in a Small Group to develop these significant relationships.

*Groups with no start date listed are ongoing.

*Groups meet in Winona unless otherwise noted.

To register for a group, go to www.pvwinona.com/next-steps/groups/

GENERAL (any age, gender, and marital status welcome)

Every other Sunday, 4pm, sermon-based, Jake & Molly Dahl, Rushford
Wednesdays, 6:30pm, sermon-based, Matt & Tanya Bollinger, Lewiston
Wednesdays, 7pm, sermon-based, Paul & Sandy Sobotta, Arcadia
Thursdays, 6:30pm, sermon-based, Eric and Ashley Christie

Tuesday Evenings at PV

Parents of Young Children, 5:30-7:30pm, Darrel & Liz Nelson

Young Adults: Know What You Believe and Why You Believe It, 7-8:30pm, Bernie McGuire and Ronnie Hawley

VILLAGE GROUPS (College)

Various times and places, email molly@pvwinona.com for more information.

WOMEN

Wednesdays, 6:45-9pm at PV, **Moms that Move**. All middle school and high school moms are welcome. Kathy Welch & Jino Stoner. Beginning January 11, Moms that Move will meet weekly to study **Crash the Chatterbox** by Steven Furtick. A 6-week study that teaches you how to drown out the chatterbox and hear God's voice above all others. Cost is \$10.

MEN

Mondays, 6:15am at Burdy's Café in Peterson, **Matthew**, Ben Ekern
Tuesdays, 7pm, Young Adult Men, various studies, Marc-Henry Wakim
Wednesdays, 6:45-8am at PV, **Romans**, Jeff Peterson
Saturdays, 7am at Perkins, **Revelation**, Owen Warneke

SPECIFIC

Starting Point, one-on-one study for adults who want to grow in their relationship with Christ. Meeting times based on participants' schedules.

New! Precepts: Ezekiel Part 2 - Future Prophecy, Thursdays, 1-3pm & 5:30-7:30pm beginning January 12 at PV. Kathy Dickinson

Celebrate Recovery, Fridays, 6pm at PV. CR offers Biblical teaching on experiencing healing and wholeness, as well as relational support needed to work through personal issues.

VOLUNTEERING

Imagine the transformation that would happen in our families, church, and community if we all took the time to do what God uniquely designed each of us to do to serve others. Whether you have a lot of time or an occasional few hours, please consider making the kind of difference that only you can make. Visit www.pvwinona.com, or contact the leader listed.

Children's Ministry (1 service every or every-other Sun) kirsten@pvwinona.com

*Babies and Toddlers

*Kids' Church (Pre-K, 1st-4th grade) (many roles available)

Middle School (serving grades 5-8) james@pvwinona.com

Worship Arts (serve on a rotation) chad@pvwinona.com

*Arts (music, drama, or set design)

*Tech Ministry (sound, lights, video)

Guest Services (1 service, 1 or 2 times per month)

*Ushers - kevinjewert@gmail.com

*Coffee - lisa.ewert@gmail.com

Building & Grounds (behind the scenes once per week or month) mark@pvwinona.com (many roles available)