



PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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 only an occasional few hours, 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)

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.

Registration will begin next week.

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

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

2016 is the Year of Prayer! Visit pvwinona.com/prayer/ to read about how you can participate: a prayer calendar which includes a daily devotional and a prayer events page.

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

Christmas Eve Celebrations will be held on Saturday, Dec 24 at 1, 3, 5, & 7pm. Childcare will be provided for birth-33 months. Invite your neighbors and friends by using the invitations provided and by sharing our ad on facebook!

There will be no Sunday services on Christmas Day, December 25.

Guest Service Teams for Christmas Eve - Usher, Greeter, and Parking Teams are being formed for our Christmas Eve Services at 1,3,5, and 7pm. If you are able to help, please contact Ashley@pvwinona.com.

Helpers are also needed in the Baby Toddler Zone.

If you can help, please contact Kirsten@pvwinona.com.

Consider attending one service, and serving at another!

Winona Hims Christmas Concert - Today, 1pm or 3:30pm at Wesley United Methodist Church, at Broadway & Main Street. No tickets required. A free will offering will benefit Project FINE.

No Hymn Sing in December.

New Winona Warming Shelter for homeless people is launching on January 1, 2017, in basement of Community Bible Church. If you are interested in serving or want to learn more please attend the informational meeting, Tuesday, December 13, 7pm at CBC, 69 East Third Street, Winona. For more information, contact the Center at winonawarmingcenter@gmail.com.

MN Adult and Teen Challenge assists teens and adults in gaining freedom from addictions and other life controlling problems by addressing their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. On December 18, they will lead both of our Worship Celebrations. A free will offering will be taken.

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. Registration will begin next week.

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. Registration will begin next week.

Snow Shoveling - A team of people is being developed to help clear sidewalks on Sunday morning and for special events. If you would like to join the team, contact Mark, mark@pvwinona.com.

Volunteer Opportunity - Our Building & Grounds team seeks two people to clean bathrooms on a rotating basis, serving about two-three hours, once every three weeks. Contact Mark, mark@pvwinona.com

Attention Single Moms & Widows - As a gift to you from the church, certificates for a free oil change from Gordie's Minnoco are available at the Next Steps Area.

Year-end giving - As we approach the end of 2016, please be aware that any offerings that are to be credited to 2016 must be hand delivered or post marked by December 31, 2016. Thank you for your generous giving!



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. We are in our final phase, repurposing the facility. Copies of building design plans are available on the brochure kiosk and at pvwinona.com/irresistible. Irresistible pledges will be used to make payments on the short-term loan. Thank you for your faithfulness to your Irresistible Initiative pledge!

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 a 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.

Website - Take advantage of the many features on our site, www.pvwinona.com:

- Sermons - audio and video, sermon notes, small group questions
- Prayer Calendar
- The Happenings
- Children & Youth details, schedules, events and registration
- Staff and Intern email links
- Find a church to attend if traveling (About Us/Our Denomination)

If you have questions about the site, or would like to add content to your ministry section, please contact the church office.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Baby/Toddler Zone (BTZ) is located by the coffee area. 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. No Awana on Wednesday, December 28.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Sunday Morning Youth - 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 - 7-9pm, with open gym at 6:30pm. **December 14th, the Youth will celebrate Christmas!** 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 - 7pm at PV. 9th-12th grade students are welcome to enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community building fun time. **December 14th, the Youth will celebrate Christmas** with knocker ball, archery tag, food, and fun!

HSM Winter Stand Out Retreat - January 13-15, at Camp Victory. Come learn about discipleship, build community, worship, and get away from the busyness of life. There will also be sledding, broomball, indoor rock climbing and more. Cost is \$70. Register at www.moveyouth.org/big-events. Deadline is December 14.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

Breathe (College Church) is on Christmas break until January 9.

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 Ministries' Christmas Brunch - Tuesday, December 13, 10am at PV, room 209. The program includes Christmas music and a message from Pastor Brandon. A special offering will be taken for EPIC Life Church in Seattle (make checks out to Epic Life). In lieu of tickets, a free will offering for the brunch will be taken.

Ladies' Connection - Tuesday, December 20, noon at Signature's Grill. Dine with other ladies on the 3rd Tuesday of each month! Each is responsible for her own meal. RSVP to Judy, 452.2615.



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, Glenn & Michelle Butler, 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 (1st/3rd of month), 6:45-9pm at PV, **Moms that Move**.

All middle school and high school moms are welcome.

Kathy Welch & Jino Stoner. Group will meet December 7 and 14.

*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 for the book.

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
Wednesdays, 7pm, various studies, Daniel Olson
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.

Senior Adults, on break until January, 1st Corinthians, Allen Thompson

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.