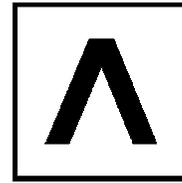


December 4, 2016



# 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](http://www.pvwinona.com), or contact the leader listed.

**Children's Ministry** (1 service every or every-other Sun) [kirsten@pvwinona.com](mailto: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](mailto:james@pvwinona.com)

**Worship Arts** (serve on a rotation) [chad@pvwinona.com](mailto: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](mailto:kevinjewert@gmail.com)

\*Coffee - [lisa.ewert@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.ewert@gmail.com)

**Building & Grounds** (behind the scenes once per week or month)

[mark@pvwinona.com](mailto: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. Please watch for the next opportunity.

**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. Today, 5-8pm. Please come even if you didn't register.

**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](http://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](http://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.



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

**2016 is the Year of Prayer!** Visit [pvwinona.com/prayer/](http://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** - 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.

**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.*

**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!

**Toys for Kids (formerly Toys for Tots)** - Today is the last day toys will be accepted for this annual Christmas drive. Look for the barrel in the entryway.

**Engage** - Today, 5-8pm. Have you been attending PV for a while and would like to better understand the church, possibly considering membership? Join us for this informative class that answers the basics of who we are, what we are called to do, and if you choose, how you can become a participating member. Dinner will be served and childcare is available (free will donation accepted). Please come even if you didn't register.

**Hymn Sing** - There is no Hymn sing in December.

**Surviving the Holidays GriefShare Seminar** - Choose from 3 dates: Tuesday, December 6, 6:30-8:30pm, Wednesday, December 7, 1-3pm or Saturday, December 10, 9:30-11:30am at First Presbyterian Church, 233 West Ave, La Crosse, WI. A 2 hour seminar that provides practical holiday coping strategies and hope for brighter days ahead. Cost is \$10. Space is limited to 12 per seminar. Register by emailing: [expandinghopecs@gmail.com](mailto:expandinghopecs@gmail.com) or call 608.790.9481.

**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!

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

**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](mailto:bekern@acegroup.cc).



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](http://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!

**New Winona Warming Shelter** for homeless people is launching on January 1, 2017, in basement of Community Bible Church. Informational meeting will be held on December 13, 7PM at CBC, 69 East Third Street, Winona.

**Volunteer Opportunity** - Our Building & Grounds team seeks 3 people to clean bathrooms on a rotating basis, serving about 2 hours, once every 3 weeks. Contact Mark, [mark@pvwinona.com](mailto:mark@pvwinona.com).

#### Prayer Ministry -

- **Sunday Morning Prayer** Every Sunday, 7:30am in Lakeside Room, #204. Pray for the Pastor, the service and the people.
- **Prayerworks** meets Tuesdays, 6:30pm, in the Lakeside room. All are welcome to this time of prayer. To submit requests, fill out the bulletin response card and place it in the offering on Sunday.
- **Prayer requests** may be emailed to [prayechain@pvwinona.com](mailto:prayechain@pvwinona.com). The Prayer Chain group will receive and pray for your request. All requests are confidential.

#### 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](http://www.awana.org) or email [rushfordpetersonawana@gmail.com](mailto:rushfordpetersonawana@gmail.com).

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

**Sunday Morning Youth today!** 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. 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](http://www.moveyouth.org/big-events) or talk to Pastor Brian.

#### COLLEGE MINISTRIES

**Breathe (College Church)** - Every Monday, 7pm at PV. Rides available at 6:40pm from Kryzsko and Lourdes.

**Want to join a small group?** Email [molly@pvwinona.com](mailto: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. Register and pay a non-refundable down payment of \$40 by December 9 to receive the early bird price of \$135. Cost is \$155 after that. Find more information and register at [h2ocollegeministries.com](http://h2ocollegeministries.com).

#### ADULT MINISTRIES

**Ladies' Christmas Event** - Monday, December 5, 7 pm at Pleasant Valley Church. All women are invited to an evening of music, dessert, and a special message from Coy Herr. Exchange the hustle and bustle of the season for laughter, friendship, peace and a look at *God's Faithfulness to All Generations*. Feel free to bring or wear something old-fashioned, like long dresses, hats, broaches etc.

**Please bring an unwrapped gift** item to support Hope Harbor's new home. Hope Harbor is registered on Target, Walmart and Shopko's Gift registry. Learn more about Hope Harbor at [hopeharbormn.org](http://hopeharbormn.org).

**Table hostesses wanted.** The hostesses will only be responsible for encouraging conversation and making everyone feel welcome. Childcare will be available. **Register to attend or host a table on your bulletin response card or at [pvwinona.com](http://pvwinona.com).** With questions, contact Brenda Terpstra, [brenda@theterpstras.com](mailto:brenda@theterpstras.com).

**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/](http://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](mailto:molly@pvwinona.com) for more information.

#### WOMEN

Wednesdays (1st/3rd of month), 6:45-8:30pm at PV, **Moms that Move**, Kathy Welch & Jino Stoner. Group will meet December 7 and 14.

#### 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.