

December 14, 2014

**More get connected opportunities:**

**College:**

Village Groups various days and times, Kaisa Newville, kaisa@pvwinona.com

**Affinity Groups**

**Women:**

Health and Wholeness. Are you ready to revolutionize your health once and for all? Ready to escape the vicious cycle of defeat and feel good? The Daniel Plan, Sundays 6pm. (Group will not meet on Sunday, December 14) \$20.50 for materials. Contact Cindy, cindy@pvwinona.com.

Knitting at Yarnology, 65 East 3rd St, Tuesdays, 1:30pm, Cheri Looman, calooman@gmail.com

**Men:**

God's Great Outdoors (G.G.O.) Enjoy hunting and fishing with other guys? Contact Lou George, georgelou@msn.com.



**Celebrate Recovery**

A safe place every Friday, dinner at 6pm. Participants support and encourage one another on the road to Christ centered recovery from hurts, habits or hang-ups. Evening includes worship, message, and small groups. Joe McConkey, 452.5518; joe@pvwinona.com.

**Divorce Care**

For those contemplating divorce, currently experiencing the heartache, or still struggling. Watch the Bulletin and PVC Happenings for more information.



**Learning Communities**

Learning Communities (LC) are a new way to build the foundations of your faith. Watch for a new LC opportunity in January!

**Starting Point: Being a Disciple**

A 1-on-1 study to get grounded in your relationship with Christ. Meeting times based on participants schedules. Pastor Joe McConkey, 452.5518, joe@pvwinona.com.



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 lots of time to volunteer each week or only a few hours everyone once in awhile, consider making the kind of difference that only you can make. Contact the facilitator or visit pvwinona.com/Sunday-plus-one/get-going. Current opportunities include:

- Kidz Zone (serving Preschool-Kindergarten) Nancy, nannyiglesias@gmail.com
- Kidz Zone (serving 1st-5th grade) Kirsten, kirsten@pvwinona.com
- Middle School (serving grades 6-8) James, james@pvwinona.com
- High School (serving grades 9-12) Brian, brian@pvwinona.com
- Arts (music, drama, or set design) and Tech Ministry (sound, lights, video) Pastor Chad, chad@pvwinona.com
- First Impressions: Parking - Bill Braun, bhbraun@hbc.com
- Greeting - Tina Rosenau, rosenaufam6@yahoo.com
- Ushering - Kevin Ewert, kevinjewert@gmail.com
- Building & Grounds (cleaning, projects, grounds, hospitality) - Michael, michael@pvwinona.com



## The Attic

**Christmas Eve Celebrations** - We will celebrate Christmas on Wednesday, December 24 with three identical, 1 hour celebrations at **3, 5 and 8pm**. Childcare will be provided for birth-33 months. If you are able, please park at the Middle School. The Trester Trolley will shuttle to and from the church.

**Use the tickets provided in the bulletin to invite your friends and neighbors** to The Attic...a place to put things that won't fit anywhere else in your life. Old yearbooks, photographs, toys, baby clothes, love letters, a wedding dress, and Christmas decorations, all find a dusty home in our attic. Many hold beautiful memories... others, not so much. We prefer not to dig through those - some are best left tucked away and hidden. But, what if you chose to look again? What if you found something that would change everything? This Christmas, we invite you to climb the stairs to the attic. Look into the mystery and the beauty of God's timeless story... and find treasure once again.

**We are seeking servants for the BTZ during the 5 and 8pm Christmas Eve Celebrations, please contact the office if you can serve.**

**Giving Tree** - Birthright of Winona, a crisis pregnancy center, has a "Tree of Life" located in our Fellowship Area. Gift tags, identifying items for babies, are hanging on the tree. If you choose, please take a tag, purchase the item and put the unwrapped gift under the tree. Tree will be in place until December 30. Direct questions to Joyce Rocco at 452.4126 or jrocco@charter.net.

**Winona Hims Concert** - Today at Wesley United Methodist at 1 & 3pm. Nancy Iglesias is one of their guest singers.

**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 Information Center.

**Membership** - The Governance Board will vote on church membership for Mary Anne McMillan Urell, Paul Omdal and Christy Omdal at an upcoming meeting. In accordance with our Constitution, any PVC member with reasons why their memberships should not be approved, contact Pastor Rick or Governance Board Chair, Andrew Olsen.

**Governance Board Nominations** - PVC members may suggest potential candidates for the 2015-2016 Governance Board up until January 14, 2015. Visit [www.pvwinona.com](http://www.pvwinona.com) to submit names (about us/governance board nominations). Candidates must be PVC members for three months prior to the March election.

**Year-end giving** - As we approach the end of 2014, please be aware that any offerings that are to be credited to 2014 must be hand delivered or post marked by December 31, 2014. Thank you for your generous giving!

**I Love My Church video** - The sermon series in January is entitled "I Love My Church." The Lord has used Pleasant Valley Church in the lives of many people and we want to share that good news! A promotional video will be made for the series. If you'd like to share why you love Pleasant Valley Church, in just 1 or 2 sentences, please plan to join others to be video-recorded after either Worship Celebration on Sunday, December 21.

**Save the Date** - Sunday, January 11, 6:30pm. Please join the church in thanking Pastor Rick for 20 faithful years at PVC, and pray God's richest blessings for his family and their future.



Pleasant Valley Church is pursuing an initiative that will do three things that require sacrifice, commitment and financial resources: **Repurpose the facility** (classroom remodeling,

audio-visual-lighting (AVL) needs, and traffic flow), **Retire existing debt**, and **Bless local ministries**.

A Re-Purposing Update from the Building Design Team (Lonna Benson, Kris Blanchard, Chad Ellenburg, Michael Isakson, Paul Omdal, David Rosenau, Carina Semling, Dean Wendler, and Brandon Zieske):

"We have been meeting over the last few months reviewing where to start based on: 1. Recommendations and cost estimates provided by the Clark Group. 2. What the team believed were the greatest needs.

The decision was made to start with an overhaul of the AVL for the Ministry Center. In recent years, things have been declining to the point where trying to "fix" the things that needed fixing was cost prohibitive. The AVL team has done a tremendous job of trying to make the issues invisible to us. Starting Monday, December 8th, a group from Clark will be here to install a sound system, speakers, projector and stage lights. We are very excited about this and believe it will greatly enhance everyone's worship experience and make managing lights and sound much easier.

Our next step is to select an architect. We are currently in the search process and hope to have an architect selected in the first quarter of 2015. We will provide updates monthly to keep you informed about the re-purposing. We ask for your prayers for the AVL install -- safe travels for the Clark team and a smooth implementation of all equipment and systems. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. We are excited about what God is doing at Pleasant Valley and can't wait to see what is next!"

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

**The Baby/Toddler Zones (BTZ)** are located in the hallway on our lower level. The Baby Zone welcomes birth through steady walkers. The Toddler Zone is for walkers through 33 months.

**Kidz Zone** Preschooler (age range 24-33 mos) through Kindergarten meet Sundays, 9 & 10:45am. Down the hallway on the first floor.

**Kidz Zone Grades 1-5**, Sundays at 9 & 10:45am. 1st-5th grade students enjoy worship, teaching and fun team challenges, plus small groups for talking points and prayer. Meet in room 203.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

**Sunday Morning Live (SML)** - 9am in room 206. 6th-8th graders are challenged to grow in their faith, plus enjoy games and donuts!  
**No class December 21 & 28.**

**The "Oasis"** - Every Wednesday 7pm. 6th-8th grade students enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time.  
**Group will not meet on December 24 & 31.**

**MSM and HSM Mall of America (MOA) Lock-In** has been rescheduled for January 3-4. This Lock-In is in the amusement park area of the MOA. Students and leaders will leave PVC at 8:30pm and return Sunday at 5am. The cost is \$40, but the more friends they bring it the less they pay. Register on Sunday morning or Wednesday night or contact Brian or James. All participants must have a Medical Release/Permission form on file since May 1, 2014. Registration ends December 21.

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

**HSM Sunday Morning** - 9am in room 210. 9th-12th grade students are challenged to grow in their faith, plus enjoy games and donuts!  
**No class December 21 & 28.**

**HSM Wednesdays** - Every Wednesday, 7pm. 9th-12th grade students enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time.  
**Group will not meet on December 24 & 31.**

**Life Groups** (formerly known as DGroups) If you are interested in "moving forward in life together" with other HSM students, contact Pastor Brian, brian@pvwinona.com.

**HSM "Stand Out" Retreat** - February 6-8, 2015 at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls, MN. Cost is \$60 if registered by December 14, \$80 after. Registration due by January 28, 2015. Sign up on Sunday morning or Wednesday night or contact Brian, brian@pvwinona.com.

**AWANA** - Wednesdays 6-7:30pm, at the Peterson Middle School. Awana is a ministry for kids, grades K-6, that takes them through the Bible and shows them how it applies to everyday life. Kids are welcome to join at any time and are not required to attend every week. For more info visit [awana.org/](http://awana.org/) or [facebook.com/RushfordPetersonAWANA](https://www.facebook.com/RushfordPetersonAWANA); or email [jprinsen99@gmail.com](mailto:jprinsen99@gmail.com) or [bekern@acegroup.cc](mailto:bekern@acegroup.cc). **No Awana December 24 and 31.**

## COLLEGE MINISTRIES

**No H2o Café** over Christmas break. H2O will resume on Sunday, January 18. College students will gather each Sunday at 9:15am in the Student Ministry Center (rm 209). Need a ride? Cars will be waiting at Krysko Commons, Sheehan Hall and the West Campus at 9am.

**No Breathe (College Church)** over break. Breathe will resume On Monday, January 12.

**H2o Winter Conference: Refocus** - February 6-8 at Camp Forest Springs. Register by January 14: \$135; January 15 - February 6: \$150. A non-refundable down payment of \$40 is due during the specified dates to receive that price.

**Want to join a small group?** Email [h2o@pvwinona.com](mailto:h2o@pvwinona.com) and let us know you are interested in joining a Village Group!

## ADULT MINISTRIES

**Ladies' Christmas by Candlelight** - Monday, December 15, 7 pm, Pleasant Valley Church. All women are invited to an evening of music, dessert, and a great message from Rose Sires. Exchange the hustle and bustle of the season for laughter, friendship and peace. Each year, the women offer a gift to the community. This year, they would like every resident in area nursing homes to receive a Christmas card. The team asks that all who attend write and bring a Christmas card addressed to "Dear friend." Feel free to include a note of encouragement inside. Please RSVP via the bulletin response card, or to [calooman@gmail.com](mailto:calooman@gmail.com) by Sunday, December 14.

**Ladies' Connection** - Tuesday, December 16, noon at Signatures Grill. Dine with other ladies on the 3rd Tuesday of each month! Each is responsible for her own meal. RSVP to Judy, 452.2615.



Whether you're new or a long-time attendee, we want PVC to be a place where you grow spiritually. Attending Sunday morning Worship Celebrations is a great place to start, but it simply is not enough. You can:



All groups meet in Winona unless otherwise listed. Contact the facilitator of the group, or visit [pvwinona.com/sunday-plus-one/get-connected](http://pvwinona.com/sunday-plus-one/get-connected).

### Mixed Adult:

Sundays (every other), 5:30pm, Tim & Cheryl Verbeke, 507.452.3012  
Sundays (every other), 6:30pm, Chuck & Stephanie Orr, [stephanie\\_jorr@hotmail.com](mailto:stephanie_jorr@hotmail.com)  
Mondays, 7:30pm, Paul & Nancy Winey, 608.323.7924, [wineyfam@gmail.com](mailto:wineyfam@gmail.com), Arcadia, WI  
Tuesdays, 7pm, Owen Warneke & Todd Erickson, 507.454.7524, [owenowa@hbci.com](mailto:owenowa@hbci.com)  
Tuesdays (every other), 7pm, Dave & Tammy Eastep, 507.689.0553, [dteastep@gmail.com](mailto:dteastep@gmail.com)  
Tuesdays, 7:30pm, Gabe & Erica Ericksen, 262.424.7605, [erica.ericksen@gmail.com](mailto:erica.ericksen@gmail.com) (young adults)  
Wednesdays, 4pm, Coy Herr, 507.452.9252, [jacoherr@hbci.com](mailto:jacoherr@hbci.com)  
Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Matt Bollinger, 507.273.0701, [mrb4686@aol.com](mailto:mrb4686@aol.com) (young families) Lewiston  
Thursdays, 9:30am, Allen Thompson 454.0363 (senior adults)

### Men:

Mondays, 6:15am, Burdey's in Peterson, Ben Ekern, 507.864.3742, [bekern@acegroup.cc](mailto:bekern@acegroup.cc)  
Tuesdays, 7pm, Phil Huerta, 507.458.4381, [huerta.phillip@gmail.com](mailto:huerta.phillip@gmail.com) (young adult men)  
Tuesdays, 7pm, Wayne Dosier, 507.313.5338, [wcdosier@hbci.com](mailto:wcdosier@hbci.com)  
Wednesdays, 6:45am, Jeff Peterson, 507.454.7688, [jgpeterson03@hotmail.com](mailto:jgpeterson03@hotmail.com)  
Saturdays, 7am, Owen Warneke, 507.454.7524, [owenowa@hbci.com](mailto:owenowa@hbci.com)

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