

## 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 lots of time to volunteer each week or only a few hours every once in awhile, consider making the kind of difference that only you can make. Contact the facilitator listed.

### Current serving opportunities include:

Kids' Church (serving Preschool-Kindergarten) [kirsten@pvwinona.com](mailto:kirsten@pvwinona.com)  
Kids' Church (serving 1st-4th grade) [kirsten@pvwinona.com](mailto:kirsten@pvwinona.com)  
Middle School (serving grades 5-8) [james@pvwinona.com](mailto:james@pvwinona.com)  
High School (serving grades 9-12) [brian@pvwinona.com](mailto:brian@pvwinona.com)  
Tech Ministry (sound, lights, video) and Arts (music, drama, or set design)  
[chad@pvwinona.com](mailto:chad@pvwinona.com)  
First Impressions:  
Ushering - [kevinjewert@gmail.com](mailto:kevinjewert@gmail.com)  
Greeting - Joyce, [jgulbrandsen@outlook.com](mailto:jgulbrandsen@outlook.com)  
Parking - Bill Braun, [bhbraun@hbci.com](mailto:bhbraun@hbci.com)  
Building & Grounds (hospitality team, cleaning, projects, grounds) -  
[michael@pvwinona.com](mailto:michael@pvwinona.com)

## OWNERSHIP

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 meet the Senior Pastor and his family. Dessert and childcare are on us! January 10 or March 13. Watch for sign up opportunities in the weeks to come.

**Engage** - We are Better Together! First step toward becoming an owner (formerly called membership) at PV. Dinner and childcare are on us! Next class will be February 7, 2016.

**Revolve** - A 3 Week Learning Community on learning how to Abide & Abound. Next series will be Tuesday, February 9, 16, & 23.

**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 1 day Learning Community discovering 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; that may be serving, volunteering, going on a mission trip, or interning. Next opportunity will be Saturday, April 23.

## WAYS TO GIVE AT PLEASANT VALLEY:

**Cash or Check:** Place your check or cash in a secure giving box during any Sunday service. Contributions may also be sent to the PV office.

**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](http://pvwinona.com) 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 future gifts. Next time you're ready to give, text the dollar amount to the number above. (To give to Irresistible, include the code "II"; Benevolence, "BV"; or Missions, "MI") 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**

*Every generation, alive in Jesus.*

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

December 27, 2015



**The Church office will be closed** Friday, January 1, 2016.

**Join us as we celebrate Communion** next Sunday. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. If your diet requires no gluten, we welcome you to celebrate communion by selecting an individually wrapped gluten-free wafer when the tray passes.

**Vikings vs Packers** - Sunday, January 3, noon. Come watch the game on the big screen in the Ministry Center! Bring a friend and a dish to share.

**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, take a tag, purchase the item and put the unwrapped gift under the tree. Tree will be in place until January 3. Direct questions to Joyce Rocco at 452.4126 or [jrocco@charter.net](mailto:jrocco@charter.net).

**Small Group Leaders' Breakfast** - Saturday, January 9, 9am-12pm. If you are a current, new, or considering small group leadership, you're invited to join Pastor Joe for breakfast. The small group vision will be shared as well as helpful insights on how to effectively lead a group. Register on your bulletin response card or contact the office, 452.5518.

**Hymn Sing** - Sunday, January 10, 6pm, room 209. All are welcome!

**Meet the Zieskes** - Sunday, January 10, 6:30-8pm, PV. Enjoy dessert and a time to get to know Pastor Brandon and his family. Childcare will be available. Sign up begins next week.

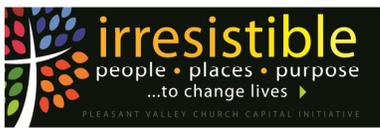
**Year-end giving** - As we approach the end of 2015, please be aware that any offerings that are to be credited to 2015 must be hand delivered or post marked by December 31, 2015. Thank you for your generous giving!

**2016 Offering Envelopes** - If you are currently using envelopes, please find your 2016 envelopes in your PV mailbox or on the shelf below the mailboxes. Use of envelopes is not necessary for accurate year-end reports. See the ways to give on the back of the Happenings.

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

**New Owners** - The Governance Board has announced that Jo and Susan Koo have become owners of PV. Please welcome them to our church family!

**Governance Board Nominations** - PV members may suggest potential candidates for the 2016-2017 Governance Board up until January 13, 2016. 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 owner of PV, must complete required leadership training, and fulfill qualifications as outlined in the Scriptures. Please email potential candidate names to Ace Olsen, [aceolsen@hbci.com](mailto:aceolsen@hbci.com).



In April of 2014, the PV family was invited to partner in a 3-year initiative called Irresistible.

The goal remains the same: to connect more people to Jesus and align more Christ followers

to His purpose. We set out to accomplish three things that would require sacrifice, commitment, and financial resources: eliminate the \$1,000,000 debt, re-purpose the facility, and bless local ministries.

To date, \$2,158,395 of the \$3.6 million goal has been pledged.

We have already accomplished much. In Phase 1, we installed a new Audio/Video/Lighting system in the Ministry Center. In Phase 2, we have, to date, decreased the debt to \$124,251, and have begun updating the children's areas. We are now excited to reveal plans for Phase 3, the re-purposing of the facility. New 3-D design plans are on display in the Fellowship area. If you have not partnered with PV in this way, please consider understanding the need and stepping out in faith to be part of something great. Pick up a pledge card from the back of the Ministry Center or from the brochure kiosk in the Next Steps Area and drop it in one of the black giving boxes.

**Ownership** - The Governance Board will vote on church ownership for Kerri Laue and Kenneth Wienke at an upcoming meeting. In accordance with our Constitution, any PV owner with reasons why their ownerships should not be approved, contact Pastor Brandon or Governance Board Chair, Andrew Olsen.

## 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.

**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.

**PV Play Day** - Tuesday, January 5, 8:30-11:30am. We are opening up the Ministry Center to parents that have young children in need of running around, and a new place to play or sit, chat, and connect with other parents.

**Awana** - Wednesdays, 6pm at the Peterson Middle School. A ministry for kids, grades K-6. For more information email [jprinsen99@gmail.com](mailto:jprinsen99@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/RushfordPetersonAWANA](https://www.facebook.com/RushfordPetersonAWANA). **Awana will meet Dec 30.**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

**No Sunday Morning Youth** today and January 3. 5th-8th grade students are welcome. Adult leaders challenge them to grow deeper in their faith; plus they enjoy games and donuts!

**No Wednesday Night Youth Group** on December 30. Group will resume January 6 with open gym at 6:30pm, start time at 7pm, new end time of 9pm. 5th-8th grade students enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time. Our hope is that the students will be refreshed in Jesus.

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

**No Wednesday Night Youth Group** on December 30. 9th-12th grade students are welcome to enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time.

**HSM Sunday Night Life Groups** - If you are interested in "moving forward in life together" with other HSM students, contact Pastor Brian, [brian@pvwinona.com](mailto:brian@pvwinona.com).

**HSM Winter Retreat** - January 22-24, 2016 at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls, MN. Cost is \$60. Register now at [pvwinona.com](http://pvwinona.com), go to Ministries, High School. Deadline is January 17, 2016.

**Dare2Share Live it Up Conference** - February 5-6 at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. Cost \$80. Registration deadline is January 20, 2016. Watch for registration details at [pvwinona.com/Ministries/High School](http://pvwinona.com/Ministries/High School).

## COLLEGE MINISTRIES

**No Breathe (College Church) in December, resumes January 11, 2016.**

**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!

**H2o College Winter Conference** - February 5-7 at Camp Forest Springs. Register and pay a non-refundable down payment of \$40 by January 18, 2016 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

### Financial Peace University (FPU)

This 9-week class will be offered at PV on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm beginning January 28. We all need a plan for our money. FPU is that plan! Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Broke is normal. Be weird! \$100 per kit (couples can share a kit). Scholarships are available. Childcare is also available. You can sign up online at [www.pvwinona.com](http://www.pvwinona.com).

Not sure if this is for you?

A free, 15 minute preview is being offered Sunday, January 3 & 10, at 10am & 12pm.

For one-on-one financial coaching, contact Phil Huerta, [huerta.phillip@gmail.com](mailto:huerta.phillip@gmail.com).

**Tea and Good News (TAG)** - A monthly, multi-generational women's gathering at Blooming Grounds. The second Tuesday of each month, January 12 at 7pm. 1 Thess. 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up just as in fact you are doing."

**Ladies! IF: Gathering** at PV, Friday, February 5, 7-10pm and Saturday, February 6, 9am-7pm. This simulcast is designed to answer the question: *If God is real, what does that mean for us, our families, and our community?* Cost: donation of \$1 or more to IF. Complete details and registration: [ifgathering.com/localgatherings/ifwinona/](http://ifgathering.com/localgatherings/ifwinona/). Deadline is January 31. Space is limited. Nursing babies under 12 months welcome. No on-site childcare will be provided, but a limited amount of scholarships for childcare are available for those with that need. Apply by January 15. Follow the link on the registration page.

# GROUPS @PV

It is our goal to have every person at PV involved in a Small Group, to develop a meaningful relationship with God and His Word, and meaningful relationships with other Christ-followers. To show interest or inquire about a group, contact the group leader listed, or stop by the Next Steps area.

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

Sundays, 4pm, Jake & Molly Dahl, [jakedahl@hotmail.com](mailto:jakedahl@hotmail.com), Rushford  
Tuesdays, 7pm, Gabe & Erika Ericksen, [gtericksen@gmail.com](mailto:gtericksen@gmail.com)  
Tuesdays, 7pm, Todd Ericksen & Owen Warneke, [toddehs@q.com](mailto:toddehs@q.com)  
Wednesdays, 7pm, Glenn & Michelle Butler, [michelerbutler@gmail.com](mailto:michelerbutler@gmail.com), Arcadia

## WOMEN

Tuesdays, 6pm, Mary Miller-Hyland, [mary.mh0624@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mh0624@gmail.com)  
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, at PV, single women, MacKenzie Haugen, [mjhaugen4135@winona.edu](mailto:mjhaugen4135@winona.edu)

## MEN

Mondays, 6:15am, Ben Ekern, [bekern@acegroup.cc](mailto:bekern@acegroup.cc), Burdy's Cafe in Peterson  
Wednesdays, 6:45am, Jeff Peterson, [jgpeterston03@hotmail.com](mailto:jgpeterston03@hotmail.com), PV  
Tuesdays, 7pm, young adult men, Marc-Henry Wakim, [mwakim89@gmail.com](mailto:mwakim89@gmail.com)  
Saturdays, 7am, Owen Warneke, 454.7524, [owenowa@hbc.com](mailto:owenowa@hbc.com)

## SPECIFIC

**Starting Point**, one-on-one study for adults who want to get grounded in their relationship with Christ. Meeting times based on participants' schedules. Pastor Joe, [joe@pvwinona.com](mailto:joe@pvwinona.com)

Thursdays, 9:30am, group for **senior adults**, Allen Thompson, 454.0363

**Celebrate Recovery** - CR 60, Friday nights, 6:30-7:30pm. Women's and Men's Open Share Groups. Life's Healing Choices will begin Friday, January 8, at 6:30-8:30pm. Visit [pvwinona.com](http://pvwinona.com) for more information or contact Pastor Joe, [joe@pvwinona.com](mailto:joe@pvwinona.com).