

# CORNERSTONE

PEWEE VALLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH  
2022



## *Standing in a Doorway*

*From the Desk of  
Reverend Joel Weible*

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We are standing in a doorway as a new season of Lent begins this year. This is the perfect time to consider more deeply who we are as individual members of this Christian Community called Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church. Standing in this doorway, we look back at two years of unprecedented “change” for us – mostly change that was thrust upon us by all we had to do because of the COVID pandemic – and we look forward to the year, and years, ahead.

Our numbers are half what they were in Sunday morning worship, the largest of our gatherings. They are less than half in our Sunday School classes, Small Group gatherings, Mission engagements and more. True, we’re still wary of coming back “in full,” planning fellowship events and calling large groups together. But even if everything returned to pre-pandemic conditions tomorrow, including a fear-free willingness to “come back fully”, our Community would be radically different. We stand in a doorway, looking back and looking ahead, stepping forward into a season of discernment that leads us to a season of Resurrection. And Resurrection life is always different than the life that came before it.

I believe with all my heart that this Community will survive *and* thrive. But how? What will our new life look like? Who will be a part of it? How will we participate in it? Where will we gather for it?

We have forty days, not counting Sundays, ahead of us to find responses to these questions and more. And I know the best way to start ...

See you in church,

*Pastor Joel*



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## KEEPING ALERT AND STAYING STRONG ... MASKING UP

We know that all around us mask mandates are being lifted and requirements changed, but your Session and Pastor ask for a bit more patience and care as we ask that masks continue to be worn during our worship services. While numbers everywhere are dropping rapidly, Jefferson and Oldham Counties are both still in the red/orange zone. Until the numbers drop into the yellow or green zones, we are asking everyone who comes to worship to continue masking.

Our choir is returning to the loft and our numbers in attendance are creeping up – these are things to celebrate! And we want to be sure that everyone is as safe *and comfortable* as possible in our beautiful, but small worship space. Thank you PVPC for your continued sacrifice. As Paul writes: *Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.* 1 Cor. 16:13-14

## 2022 ANNUAL ELDER RETREAT REPORT

On Saturday morning, February 19<sup>th</sup>, your Elders gathered together for our Annual Elder Retreat. This year, for practical and pandemic reasons, we didn't go to Camp Cedar Ridge for an overnight. We met in the Parish house all morning and into the early afternoon.

After a brief devotion, we began talking about *who and how PVPC "is"* and then wondered *who and how PVPC "should be"*. Using material from our denomination's Vital Congregations: Revitalization Initiative we identified where we are as a community of faith in the basic life cycle of a congregation. **We are a congregation that is in "decline."** But that's not something that should panic us! All congregations begin to decline after a period of **thriving**. The questions we began asking centered on "how do we engage our current reality" to best ensure "a better future?" How do we "redefine and redevelop" what "is" into "what can be" to better ensure a future in which we can once again thrive?

As with every year for the past thirteen, we didn't answer all of the questions. But we asked most of them. And we started to respond, speaking of new ideas for us like *Christian Community Development*, and engaging the *Seven Marks of a Vital Congregation*. We have once again set out the work of the months ahead for our Elder leaders. We hope that all of you will engage as you feel called and help us in the Spirit led conversation that has begun once again.

As always, pull an Elder aside and thank them for the extra time and discernment they give to all of us in their service on Session. And, pull Ashia aside and thank her for the passion and innovation she

## Practice Spiritual Disciplines: Our Lenten Conversation

Continuing our use of the PCUSA's *Follow Me: Biblical Practices of Faithful Living* curriculum and Worship Guides, this Lent will find us exploring more deeply our **Practice of Spiritual Disciplines**. Lynne M. Baab, the author of this Lenten unit, notes that "spiritual disciplines train us in faithfulness. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are changed by the habits we engage in." Here are the weekly conversations topics:

- March 6: Fast
- March 13: Pray
- March 20: Listen to God
- March 27: Embrace Simplicity
- April 3: Unplug
- April 10: Finding Something New

If you haven't considered it before, consider for Lent 2022:

### JOIN US IN THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Second Floor Library in the Family Life Center

or online via Zoom— 9:00-10:00 a.m.



Children's Chapel

### CHAPEL SERVICES WITH OUR CDC

**All are welcome!!** Drop in for the prayers, music, meditations, and love that are a part of the regular school-life of our boys and girls.

*We'd love to see you there!*

#### **Chapel for March:**

**Tuesday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, March 22nd at 10:00 a.m.**

# SMALL GROUP

## March 2022 Calendar

**Sunday, March 6 — SGMT Mtg / Small Group**

**Sunday, March 20 — Small Group**

**Sunday, March 27 — FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 4th Sundays at 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in The Parish House
  - \* 2022 Dates: February 27 / March 27 / April 24 / May 22
- Family Sunday School is a Christian Education and Fellowship Event for all ages.
- One Sunday a month, we will be meeting in The Parish House to share a simple breakfast provided by the Christian Education Team. After breakfast, we will split into groups. Our Youth Director, Ashia, will teach a Sunday School lesson with our k-12 members, while the adults engage in a self guided discussion time.
- All are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

Reach out to Ashia for more information: [youth@pvpres.org](mailto:youth@pvpres.org)

### January 2022 Financials

	Current Month	Current Month Budget	Year To Date	Year To Date Budget
<b>Member Contributions</b>	\$42,935	\$21,503	\$42,935	\$21,503
<b>Loose Plate Offerings</b>	\$20	\$83	\$20	\$83
<b>CDC Contributions</b>	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$8,250
<b>All Other Income</b>	\$2,903	\$1,108	\$2,903	\$1,108
<b>Expenses</b>	\$29,492	\$30,000	\$29,492	\$30,000

# MARCH

## March Birthdays

**07** Billy Meade  
**08** Vivien Reinhardt  
**09** Thom Guilford  
**10** Sue Hohman  
**10** Jay Willetts  
**12** Carol Warren  
**15** Regan Moore  
**19** Peggy Wood  
**20** Regina Bates  
**24** Julia Age  
**25** Gabe Weible  
**28** Hailey Age  
**28** Jordan Bates  
**28** Lily Gardiner  
**30** Alex Pappas  
**31** Bill Chaudoin  
**31** Julia Hood

## Wedding Anniversaries

**March 14** Zack and Carole Logan  
**March 17** Rod and Carol Culver  
**March 17** Larry and Sandy McCarson  
**March 17** Jay and Karen Poole

## Ushers

**March 6** Larry & Connie Vice, Ron & Carol Warren  
**March 13** LaMont Coverstone & Thom Guilford  
**March 20** Laura & Sarah Volk  
**March 27** Linda Heleringer & Jill MacNiven

## Worship Attendance

**February 06** — virtual  
**February 13** — 35  
**February 20** — 38  
**February 27** — 46



**Members:**

**Jan Beaverson**

**Mary Boone**

**Anna Faul**

**Ann Finney**

**Jim Stoess**

**Jim Trimpe**

**Roy Wayne**

**Family and Friends:**

**Mike Coyle, Sr.**

**Patty Clark & Family**

**Vivian Smith & Family** (Regina Bates)

**Todd & Deloris Vance** (Karen Wood)

**Alicia Lechleiter** (Mark Lane)

**Joshua Roh** (Gary & Arlene Torrens)

**Robbie Mueller** (D.D. Hendrickson)

**Bill Vance** (Karen Wood)

**Ursula Brooks** (Barbara Staats)

**Flo Campbell** (Clare Grant)

**Aunt Geneva** (Larry Vice)

**Linda Hyatt** (Shirley Hawkes)

**Gavin Elder** (Mark Lane)

**Michelle Hendrickson** (D.D. Hendrickson)

**Elizabeth Blackerby** (Katie Weible)

**Family of Laikin Shrader & her CDC Family**

**Betty Kessinger** (D.D. Hendrickson)

**Eric Hawkes** (Shirley Hawkes)

**Brick Presbyterian Church** (Ashia Stoess)

**Beth Adams** (Clare Grant)

**Violet Sears** (Debbie Thompson)

**Bob Bruns** (Karen Wood)

**Debbie Chadwick** (Virginia Baumann)

**Mark Shircliff** (Virginia Baumann)

**Tommy Boone** (Mary Boone)

**Scott Hood** (Shirley Hawkes)

**Alice Walser Booker** (Joan Walser)

**Rev. James Byford** (Rebecca Byford)

*To add or remove a name, complete a Prayer Request Card*

*or email us at: [office@pvpres.org](mailto:office@pvpres.org)*

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**Big News from the Little Valley!**

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