

# CORNERSTONE

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

September  
2023

## OUR BASKET OF RIPE FRUIT: May It Not Spoil!

From the Desk of  
Reverend Joel Weible



All summer long, we have shone brightly as individual “points of light” and through “communal clusters of light” – clusters that included coffee chats, worship services, patio fellowships, community meals, and game tables! The fruits of our labors ripened all summer long and last month we lifted up four of the many fruits we have as a community, as one particular Body of Christ in its Presbyterian expression in South Oldham County. We lifted up our Joy, our Hope, our Peace, and our Love as a people of faith, and reminded ourselves that these gifts are not simply for us. They are to be given to the *whole world* so that “creation itself may be set free from the bondage of decay and experience the freedom we have as children of GOD.” <sup>Romans 8:21</sup> ***Our basket is full of ripe, summer fruit.*** What do we do now?!

This month’s newsletter, Sunday school classes, worship services, and sermon messages will all attempt to answer that question this way: ***We will take the fruit that is ours and share it with everyone.***

On Labor Day Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will read from the prophet Amos, chapter eight. We will empower ourselves to share our “basket of ripe, summer fruit” by hearing what could happen if we don’t! (*Go on and read that chapter if you want to scare yourself!*) In a wordplay with his own Hebrew language, Amos tells us that, like the fruits of our labor, the “time is ripe” for us as a community. And GOD is growing weary of waiting on us to share what is “ripe and ready” to be shared.

We have some new people who have joined us on our journey this summer, and we miss so many of you who we have not seen for too long. As we begin a new ministry cycle – not so much defined by returning classes or schedules this year, but by renewed vision and energy – we invite everyone reading this newsletter to keep coming, or to come back! You are all “fruits in the basket that is PVPC” and you all are called to share your joy, hope, peace, life and love with the world to transform it! And guess what?! ***We do all that better together.***

Read about all that is ahead this month in our September *Cornerstone*. Try as best as you can to get past your disillusionment, anger, apathy, or idleness at whatever “has been” and come together to be a part of “what is” and “what will be.” ***Our basket is full of ripe fruit.*** May it not spoil.

See you at church,

Joel



## **EMBRACING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE:**

### **Using the Market to Serve People Instead of Profits**

**September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center**

Ryan Stoess, Co-Pastor of *Church of the Promise* (and husband to Ashia) will be sharing a “social enterprise that is serving Louisville and the wider community” with us during the Sunday School hour. He will introduce us to *Promise Housing Plus*, the non-profit construction company that he leads that works collaboratively with their participants to ensure that the community assets are leveraged in the best way to serve their neighbors.

Ryan is a lifetime *Christian Community Development Association* practitioner and he will be guiding us in our consideration of the assets we have and how we may leverage those assets to serve our neighbors. We will continue the discussion of Christian Community Development through the month of September in ...

### **The Thoughtful Christian Class**

FLC Second Floor Library, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Websites: [Church of the Promise:](#) [Christian Community Development Association](#)

**CALLING ALL SINGERS: THE PVPC CHOIR IS BACK IN THE LOFT!**

**Rehearsal on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. *beginning Sep. 6<sup>th</sup>***

After another beautiful season of “drop-in” Summer Choir, we are once again beginning Choir rehearsals for our Sunday anthems! The Church Choir is one of the best ways to get involved and feel connected with a community that touches every single person that walks into our sanctuary. We would love to have some new members “join the chorus” and hope that you will consider using your musical talents to do just that.

# CDC News

## CHAPEL SERVICES FOR OUR CDC!

Another year of Chapel begins after Labor Day weekend. Director Statia Prince, Assistant Director Marissa Browning, have faithfully scheduled the semi-monthly chapel services for the 2023-2024 school year. Pastor Joel (*affectionately known by the younger children as "Chappy"*) leads the Chapel services. We will keep you informed each month of the dates the children and staff gather in our sanctuary. Please know that **ALL ARE WELCOME!!** Just drop in for the 20-minute service of prayer, music, meditations, and love that are a part of the regular school-life of our boys and girls.



### Chapel dates for September:

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

***We'd love to see you there!***

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER'S OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

The CDC's annual Open House formally welcomes the children and their families to a new year of learning and growing at PVPC. Our *Mission and Social Responsibility Team* will have a table set up to share more about the church community and to help welcome everyone who will be a part of the PVPC/CDC family this year. We'd love to have you stop by, too!

New Curriculum for our CDC after 13 years!

### EXPERIENCE PRESCHOOL: EXPERIENCE GOD

*Experience God* Preschool Curriculum is a Christian-based curriculum that teaches children about the character of God, how God cares for them, and how God asks us to live and show our light to the world! *Experience God* offers daily activities, art projects, and music as it empowers teachers and parents to build deeper and more meaningful relationships with their children.

In addition to providing our teachers with a more structured classroom experience, we will be incorporating the themes of this curriculum into the bi-monthly Chapel services and revamping the CDC Library to enhance it all. Thanks to our Director Statia Prince for her hard work in researching and identifying *Experience God* for the years ahead and to our CDC Advisory Board Chair, Debbie Thompson for all her love and support!

# BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Congregational Life Team Event:

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER BOOK SORTING!

Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Last month, members of the Congregational Life Team sorted through the CDC Library and discarded old, torn, and otherwise unserviceable books. The CDC has purchased a new curriculum to begin using this Fall that is “thematic.” So, this month we are going through all the books in the Library that remain and sorting them into “themes” for use in the classrooms this year. When we have that done, we’ll share the CDC’s “wish list” of new books that can be ordered for the updated Library!

We would love to have some volunteers to help us sort on the dates and at the times listed above. Many hands make lighter work. Hope to see you soon!

*Continued by popular demand...*

## PVPC BOOK GROUP IN THE PARISH HOUSE

One of the *highlights* of this past summer were the monthly Book Groups that met in the Parish House one evening a month – so, we’ll keep doing it! Once a month this fall, we will host an in-person Book Club from 6:30p-8:00p in the Parish House on our campus.

- September 17<sup>th</sup>**    The Gifts of Imperfection: Your Guide to a Wholehearted Life, (continued)  
by Brene Brown  
*In her book, Brown provides guides to a way of engaging with the world from a place of worthiness. Joshua Lenavitt will conclude the discussion that began last month!*
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>**    Praying with Jane Eyre: Reflections on Reading as a Sacred Practice,  
by Vanessa Zoltan  
*Atheist chaplain Vanessa Zoltan explores topics ranging from the trauma she has inherited as the grand-daughter of four Holocaust survivors to finding hope, meaning, and even magic in our deeply fractured times through the lens of her favorite novel, Jane Eyre. Led by Pastor Joel Weible*
- December 3rd**    TBA

Enjoy a Fall full of reading and an evening full of sharing through November!

**WE "WHEELY" LOVE DONUTS AND COFFEE**  
**Come One, Come All and Bring Your "Wheels":**  
**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 11:00 a.m.**

Your *Hospitality Team* invites you to get on, or in, anything that has some wheels on it (bikes, scooters, strollers, walkers, or drive your car) and come to the **Back Lot** of the church parking lot for donuts, coffee, juice, and fellowship on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 11:00 a.m. You can use whatever wheels you bring to head out with others "on a ride", or bring a chair with you and enjoy time together with other non-movers right where you are. But in any case, ***use your wheels to get you here!***

**SUNDAYS AT PVPC**

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.\*\*

Fellowship & Coffee, 10:00 a.m. \*\*

Choir Practice, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

*\*\* Returns September 10th*

**July 2023 Financials**

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Current Month Budget</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Budget</b>
<b>Pledges &amp; Contributions</b>	\$26,329	\$23,571	\$201,814	\$164,998
<b>Loose Plate Offerings</b>	\$322	\$125	\$948	\$875
<b>CDC Contributions</b>	\$9,250	\$9,250	\$64,750	\$64,750
<b>All Other Income</b>	\$18,000	\$1,250	\$43,049	\$8,750
<b>Expenses</b>	\$30,741	\$32,235	\$239,186	\$236,743

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**9/1** Andre Faul, Jr.  
**9/4** Christiaan Faul  
**9/4** Riley Warren  
**9/6** Rick Fletcher  
**9/6** Jay Poole  
**9/7** Laura Fisher  
**9/10** Jerry Beaverson  
**9/10** Lucas McCarson  
**9/12** Don Whitehouse  
**9/15** Andrew Warren  
**9/16** Emma MacNiven  
**9/18** Debbie Thompson  
**9/20** Lynne Anderson  
**9/20** Katie Clark  
**9/28** Karen Wood  
**9/30** Paula Malone  
**9/30** Mike Yelton



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Sept. 5** David & Mary Jo Ellis  
**5** Dan & Laura Volk  
**7** Howard & Patty Weeks  
**18** John & Kathy Bott  
**20** Andre & Anna Faul  
**20** Keaton & Madri Hall-Faul  
**23** Shawn & Candler Phelps  
**30** Earl & Shirley Orr

### **Ushers this Month**

**We are finalizing the Fall usher list;  
updates will be in the bulletin insert.**

**The Church Office and Child Development  
Center are closed on Monday, September  
4th in observance of Labor Day.**

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

August 6	69
August 13	48
August 20	68
August 27	63





**Members:**

**Mary Boone**

**Ann Finney**

**Lee Goss**

**Ralph & Judy Hall**

**Claudette Schlader**

**Sis Sleadd**

**Ron Warren**

**Wilma Wayne**

**Alan White**

**Karen Wood**

**Family and Friends:**

**Janet Ciresi** (Linda Heleringer)

**Karen Galligan** (Jim Trimpe)

**Austin Conrad** (Fred & Linda Banks)

**Amy Hill Gibson** (Julia Hood)

**Frank Hainer** (Don Whitehouse & many)

**Tim Torrens and Family** (Gary & Arlene Torrens)

**Barb Brunner** (Paula Malone)

**Amy Carey & her family– Joel, Madelyn, Maria**

**David & Shannon DeBeer** (Clare & Rick Fletcher)

**David Goodman** (D.D. Hendrickson)

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

**Mark Shircliff** (Virginia Baumann)

**Alice Walser Booker** (Joan Walser-White)

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

**Kim Wallace** (Clare & Rick Fletcher)

**Allen Corbin** (Jim Trimpe)

**Amanda Bobzein** (Julia Hood)

**Mardie & Stan Penn** (Karen Wood)

**Beverly McMakin** (Jan Beaverson)

**Grace Ellis** (D.D. Hendrickson)

**Todd Vance** (Karen Wood)

**Gary Hartman** (Tom Deibel)

**Carol Anne Wilson** (Margaret Hill)

**Sue Keller** (D.D. Hendrickson)

**Flo Campbell** (Clare Grant)

**Linda Hyatt** (Shirley Hawkes)

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

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

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

# September 2023 @ PVPC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Key:</b> PVPC Events CDC Events Gym Usage Holidays					1	2 OU 9a-12p
3 Coffee Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a Patio Fellowship, 11:30a  SO 6-7:30p	4 Labor Day  Scouts 6:30-8:30p	5 CDC Book Sorting 5-6:30p	6	7 SL 7:30-9:30p	8	9 OU 9a-12p  A.Whittaker 1-5p
10 Sunday School, 9a Coffee Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a MSR Meeting  SO 5-7:30p	11 Session 6-9p  Scouts 6:30-8:30p	12 Chapel, 10a  SO 6:30-8p	13 CDC Open House, 5:30-6:30p	14 CDC Book Sort- ing 6:30-8p  SO 6:15-7:30p SL 7:30-9:30p	15	16 OU 9a-12p  We "Wheely" Love Donuts 9- 11a
17 Sunday School, 9a Coffee Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a CL & Finance Meetings  SO 6:30-7:30p	18  Scouts 6:30-8:30p	19  SO 6:30-8p	20	21  SO 6:15 -7:30p SL 7:30-9:30p	22  A.Cannon 6-8p	23 OU 9a-12p
24 Coffee Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a CF Meeting SO 5-7:30p Book Club 6:30-8p	25  Scouts 6:30-8:30p	26 Chapel, 10a  SO 6:30-8p	27	28  SO 6:15-7:30p SL 7:30-9:30p	29	30 OU 9a-12p

Evening/Weekend Gym Guests: OU = Oldham United B'ball SO = South Oldham B'ball SL = Salt&Light B'ball



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**Big News from the Little Valley!**

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