

# CORNERSTONE

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

November  
2023

## BRINGING IT HOME!

From the Desk of  
Reverend Joel Weible



*Oh, there's no place like Home for the holidays,  
'Cause no matter how far away you roam,  
When you pine for the sunshine of a friendly face,  
For the holidays, you can't beat Home, sweet home!*

I know, I know, I know! It's only the beginning of November. But the Spirit is blowing us out of one season and into another this month and in so doing, ***Bringing Us Home!***

The season we're leaving in the first weeks of November is one of the most important seasons in our church life. No, it's not *Lent-Easter* or *Advent-Christmas*. It's *Stewardship Season*. On the second Sunday of this month, we will *bring home our pledges for 2024* during our annual Stewardship Dedication Sunday service. Since October 8<sup>th</sup> we have considered our "***Money Story***" through Sunday morning conversations in class and liturgy and sermons in worship. You have received a pledge card and we trust that you are prayerfully discerning how you will give for the year ahead.

As this month comes to a close, we will enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, and this year our theme is "Home for Christmas." You will read much more about all that is happening, and all we hope will happen, in the pages of this month's newsletter; but one of the biggest ways for you to ***bring it home*** this year is to share one of the ways you "***Go Home for Christmas***" every year! Read about it on page 4, but here's the easiest way to that: [Click to send your story now](#)

It's another exciting month here in our PVPC home. We miss you when you're not here. But, "*no matter how far away you roam ... for the holidays you can't beat home, sweet home.*" And the best way to "bring it home" is this way ...

See you in church,  
Joel

## GRATITUDE TREE

Join us in growing a Gratitude Tree! Using the prompts on the gratitude calendar created by minister, mother, and author, Traci Smith, aim to take a moment each day this month to write down what you are grateful for on the leaves that have been provided. Once you have done that, return them to the church either by dropping them in the offering plate or in the basket in the FLC. We will take care of the rest. We are growing this tree with our CDC and campus Scouts making this truly a community practice of gratitude.

Materials for this activity were provided at worship on Sunday, October 28th. We will have more calendars and leaves available throughout the month.

# NOVEMBER 2023 GRATITUDE EVERY DAY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 A family member I am thankful for	2 A song I am thankful for	3 A memory I am thankful for	4 A food I am thankful for	5 A place I am thankful for
6 A book I am thankful for	7 A friend I am thankful for	8 An animal I am thankful for	9 A goal I am thankful for	10 A freedom I am thankful for	11 A dream I am thankful for	12 A teacher I am thankful for
13 A season I am thankful for	14 A treasure I am thankful for	15 A smell I am thankful for	16 A thing in nature I am thankful for	17 A possession I am thankful for	18 A promise I am thankful for	19 A time of day I am thankful for
20 An act of kindness I am thankful for	21 A piece of advice I am thankful for	22 A talent I am thankful for	23 A tradition I am thankful for	24 A memory from yesterday I am thankful for	25 A mystery I am thankful for	26 A word I am thankful for
27 A lesson I am thankful for	28 A game I am thankful for	29 An article of clothing I am thankful for	30 A color I am thankful for	Use the prompts each day to think about what you're thankful for. Share your answers with someone else or write them in a journal.		



# CCDA CONFERENCE

Recently, I had the honor of attending the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) Conference with Ashia Stoess and Jackie Meade. The mission of this organization is to strengthen and inspire Christian Community Development practitioners for community transformation through equipping and connecting. While at the conference, we interacted with other attendees, who shared their stories and experiences. We aimed to gain insights, ideas, and strategies to continue to strengthen our community engagement at PVPC. I would like to share the following messages that personally stood out to me during this 3-day event.

- ◇ Listening with the intent of understanding is crucial.
- ◇ We should view the world through God's lens and the Bible, not the Western government.
- ◇ God requires a committed heart.
- ◇ To change the world, we must first change the systems in which we interact.
- ◇ Our narratives and biases fuel systems that can often hold people back from being successful members of the community.
- ◇ Explore assets of the church- The goal of asset mapping is to document a community's existing resources and incorporate the strengths into community development work. Why this church? What do we offer? How can we use our talents and passions to make a change in the world?

Even when a tree is living and thriving, there is always a non-fruit-bearing season. And like the tree, our church can be doing everything right, but there is a time when our actions will flourish. Is community outreach our fruit-bearing season?

We have a lot to unpack and I am excited to explore the continued conversation and exploration of the season of community within our wonderful church!

Sincerely, Clare Grant

In early October, I got the opportunity to attend the Christian community development association conference in Cincinnati, Ohio with Clare Grant and Ashia Stoess. While attending the conference, we got to connect with people from all over the country and share different ideas and concepts. We shared stories and experiences with the goal of how to make our communities a better place. My personal goal was how to gain information on how to make our community better at PVPC. Here are some of the things I took away from the experience.

- God loves and shines in everyone!
- When love feels impossible... active imagination, elevate loves importance, and satiate your need for love.
- Accept others in faith , but don't argue about what's right or wrong.
- God is bigger than the circumstances.
- When others are seen and respected it allows for trust.
- Go where you feel uncomfortable.
- Even if the tree isn't bearing fruit it is still living.

These are just some of the ideas that I have gathered from the conference as well as some of the people that I met there.

Jackie Meade





## PREPARING FOR THE PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS!



### *Coming Home for Christmas: Advent 2023*

You read this right – we **know** it's only November, but we have some preparing to do! This Advent season we will be using the Reverend Doctor Cynthia M. Campbell's book Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes to visit our four Gospel homes: The homes of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. Rev. Dr. Campbell hopes that our journey to each will help us experience what Christmas means from each of their perspectives and how Christmas is celebrated in each Gospel. We are wanting to invite one another into our own homes, too – past or present.

***Please consider writing a short paragraph or two about how you ...  
“COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS”***

What decorations do you “put up?” What traditions do you “pull out?” What are the things you cherish during the four weeks *before* Christmas that prepare you *for* Christmas?

We will compile an *Advent Booklet* with all the home-stories we receive that will be available on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. As we visit the *Gospel* homes each week, each day everyone may visit another *member's* home through the description, memory, or prayer they have shared.

***All submissions need to be in the Church Office no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in our Advent 2023 Booklet.***



## WITH MS. ASHIA

### What is this?

- Tuesday night Zoom call
- 7:30-7:50pm
- Fall themed story
- Quick conversation
- Closing gratitude prayer

**Join Zoom using any of the options below:**

<https://bit.ly/PVPCbedtime>

Meeting ID: 840 8698 3591  
PW: Bedtime





## HIGHPOINT WINTER COLLECTION

November thru February

It's that time of the year again... soon fall will turn into winter, which means it is time for us to think of changing our wardrobes. In doing so, let's think of our less fortunate neighbors who don't have the proper clothing to meet the cold weather. Perhaps that coat has been sitting in your closet collecting dust because it no longer fits, or you have decided you don't like the color. Or Aunt Sally gave you a new pair of boots, so you don't need the old pair.

Once again, we will be collecting winter wear to donate to HighPoint in LaGrange (coats, jackets, mittens, gloves, scarves, boots, etc.). If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to church between **November and February**. We will have a collection box set up. We will deliver them throughout the collection time.

Last year we donated 220 items! Can we top that this year? I think we can if we all work together!!

If you have any questions, please contact **Barbara** (941-456-3415) or **Ed Staats** (502-777-4428).

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED

Dedication Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, during Worship

The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> toward the end of the 10:30 a.m. worship service to receive and vote on our Nominating Committee's slate for our Elder Class of 2024. The Session is recommending that James Bates be elected and Rick Fletcher be re-elected. As always, any active member of the church present at the meeting has the opportunity to nominate others from the floor. (Persons nominated from the floor need to have given prior permission to be nominated and declared assent to serve if elected). Be sure to come to worship on this important day in our common life.

### STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>***

Don't forget: after six weeks of discernment and discovery of ***"Our Money Story"*** during our 2023 Stewardship Season, everyone is asked to bring a completed pledge card to worship on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, to "dedicate your tithes" to the ministry and mission of PVPC in 2024! We are blessed as a congregation and faithfully seek to be a blessing to our community and to the world. Please prayerfully consider **pledging for the first time or increasing your pledge** from last year. *Cast your net on the "right" side of the boat ...* John 21:6  
Your financial contributions to the coming year will increase our church's presence in and promise to a world in need of Good News.

South Oldham Inter Church Council

# Thanksgiving Service

Crestwood United Methodist Church  
7214 Kavanaugh Rd  
Crestwood, KY  
Sunday, November 19th 6:30p

Want to sing with the Community Choir?  
Just arrive at 5:30p for practice!

A Cookie Reception  
will be held after the service.

Offering and donations will be  
collected for the Barry Stoess  
Christmas Food Baskets

### **CDC Thanksgiving Luncheon**

It's that time of the year when the CDC begins seeking volunteers for the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. This will take place on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. If you are interested in helping out, please let Statia or Marissa know by calling the CDC at 241-0177 or sending an email to [cdc@pvpres.org](mailto:cdc@pvpres.org).

***Your help is much appreciated!***

## ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> during Worship**

*We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ...* Hebrews 12:1



On this first Sunday after All Saints' Day (November 1), in addition to all the Saints in our lives, we will once again remember those church members who have died in the past year: Jim Stoess and Roy Wayne. Their pictures will be placed on the easel in the front of the Sanctuary. During the hymn *For All the Saints*, sung after the sermon, you will have the opportunity to bring forward any names you wish to write down and place them on this board.

## Bible Study Thursdays 10-11am The Parish House

**Bible Study will begin on  
Thursday, November 2nd.**

We will be starting with the letter to the Philippians and will be using the book, "Joy Even on Your Worst Days: Wisdom from Philippians" by Tom Are Jr. as a companion guide.



Bible Study will be held in person with a hybrid option in The Parish House weekly.

# November



## November Birthdays

- 2 Oscar Kingsley
- 3 Pat Payne
- 4 Joshua Lenavitt
- 5 Geoffrey Clark
- 5 Shawn Phelps, Jr.
- 12 Ken Hohman
- 21 Lynn Stoess
- 24 Marlo Ago
- 24 Stephanie Willis
- 27 Holly Clark
- 27 Raymond New
- 27 Don Schlader
- 28 Natalie Pope

## November Anniversaries

- 05 David and Paula Malone

## SUNDAYS AT PVPC

Christian Formation Hour, 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee, 10:00 a.m.

Choir Practice, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

## **Ushers:**

**Nov. 5** Larry & Connie Vice, Ron & Carol Warren

**Nov. 12** Linda Heleringer, Sue Toole

**Nov. 19** LaMont Coverstone & Thom Guilford

**Nov. 26** Tom & Mary Sue Armour, Gary Torrens

*Thank you to everyone who generously donated delicious homemade cakes to the Fall Festival Cake Walk. It was a huge success. Jill MacNiven & Amy Meade*

## **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.

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

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





### **Members:**

**Mary Boone**  
**Ann Finney**  
**Dan Fisher**  
**Lee Goss**  
**Ralph & Judy Hall**  
**Paula Malone**  
**Claudette Schlader**  
**Sis Sleadd**  
**Mary Ann “Mousse” Warren**  
**Wilma Wayne**  
**Alan White**  
**Karen Wood**

### **Family and Friends:**

**Nancy Golan** (Rich Wayne)  
**Mallory Davis** (Don Whitehouse)  
**Julie Hardin** (Debbie Thompson)  
**Sandy and Nathan** (Patty Clark)  
**Kim Wallace** (Clare & Rick Fletcher)  
**Allen Corbin** (Jim Trimpe)  
**Amanda Bobzein** (Julia Hood)  
**Mardie & Stan Penn** (Karen Wood)  
**Beverly McMakin** (Jan Beaverson)  
**Barb Brunner** (Paula Malone)  
**Amy Carey & Family**  
**David Goodman** (D.D. Hendrickson)  
**David & Shannon DeBeer** (Clare & Rick Fletcher)  
**Mark Shircliff** (Virginia Baumann)  
**Alice Walser Booker** (Joan Walser-White)  
**Michelle Hendrickson** (DD Hendrickson)

**Rev. Gary Torrens** (Arlene Torrens)  
**Kacy Ripy** (Patrick Long)  
**Millie Emig** (Paul Culbertson)  
**Janet Ciresi** (Linda Heleringer)  
**Karen Galligan** (Jim Trimpe)  
**Austin Conrad** (Fred & Linda Banks)  
**Amy Hill Gibson** (Julia Hood)  
**Frank Hainer** (Don Whitehouse & many)  
**Grace Ellis** (D.D. Hendrickson)  
**Todd Vance** (Karen Wood)  
**Carol Anne Wilson** (Margaret Hill)  
**Sue Keller** (D.D. Hendrickson)  
**Robbie Mueller** (D.D. Hendrickson)  
**Flo Campbell** (Clare Grant)  
**Linda Hyatt** (Shirley Hawkes)  
**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)*

# November 2023 @ PVPC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir, 7p  SO 6:15-9p	2 Bible Study, 10a (TPH)  SO 6:15-9p	3 AS 9-10a & CG 10-11a, TPH  SO 6:15-7:30p	4 B. Puckett, 9a-9p
5 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a Hospitality Mtg Pack-a-Sack	6  Scouts	7 Chapel, 10a  SO 6:15-9p	8 Choir, 7p  SO 6:15-9p	9 Bible Study, 10a (TPH)  SO 6:15-9p	10 AS 9-10a & CG 10-11a, TPH  SO 6:15-7:30p	11 OU 9a-12p
12 DEDICATION SUNDAY CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a MSR & Finance Mtgs M. Godfry, 1:30-4:30p	13 Session, 6p  Scouts	14  SO 6:15-9p	15 Choir, 7p	16 Bible Study, 10a (TPH) Thanksgiving Luncheon SO 6:15-9p	17 AS 9-10a & CG 10-11a, TPH  SO 6:15-7:30p	18 OU 9a-12p A. York, 2-5p
19 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a Christian Life Mtg  SOICC Community T'giving Service 6:30p	20  Scouts	21 Chapel, 10a  SO 6:15-9p	22 Choir, 7p  SO 6:15-9p	23 A. Godoy, all day	24 AS 9-10a & CG 10-11a, TPH  SO 6:15-7:30p	25 OU 9a-12p SO 1-3p
26 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a Chr. Formation Mtg	27  Scouts	28  SO 6:15-9p	29 Choir, 7p  SO 6:15-9p	30 Bible Study, 10a (TPH)  SO 6:15-9p		<b>Key:</b> PVPC Events CDC Events Building Use Other

Guests: **OU** = Oldham United B'ball    **SO** = South Oldham B'ball    **CG** = Care Givers Support    **AS** = Alzheimer's Assoc.

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**Big News from the Little Valley!**

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