

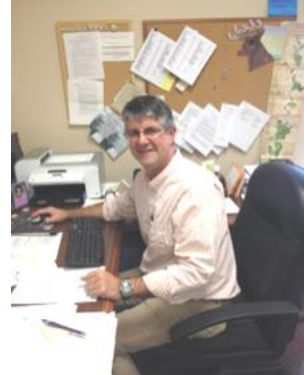
CORNERSTONE

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

December
2023

WELCOME 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!*

That was the “lead” for my letter last month entitled “Bringing it Home.” This month, we “Welcome You Home!” I can only hope that by the time you finish reading this month’s *Cornerstone* newsletter you are not too tired of “being welcomed home”. This welcome is all over everything we are doing this month.

We cannot, in fact we dare not, forget everything that’s happening in the wider world, but this month of Advent and Christmas are being spent *inviting everyone in, opening our doors wide, and welcoming everyone back* to the one home we all have in common: **Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church**. So many have come before us and, we pray, so many will come after us, but right now – Christmastime 2023 – this is *our* home, and each and every one of you belong here. We can’t make you “come”, but we can make you “welcome”.

There is so much going on this month, all of which you’ll discover in the pages ahead. We are going to visit many other homes, from our Gospel writers Christmas homes, to the homes of many members through the memories they have shared in our Advent 2023 Devotional Booklet, to an *alternative home* on the last Sunday of the month when we will have no home on our campus to go to. After a month of taking everything and everyone we call home and family for granted, we will consider: *What if we didn’t have our PVPC home to do to?* Read on for more information on all these things and more.

My family and I have been blessed to call this community our church home for fifteen full years. This month begins my sixteenth year with PVPC as your Pastor. I have never felt more welcomed. I hope that you find that welcome – welcome in, welcome back, welcome home – in the weeks ahead. Here’s where it begins ...

See you in church,
Joel

6th ANNUAL NIGHTSONG

Sunday, December 17th 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

In 2018, Organist Matt Killion and Pastor Joel combined their talents to present the inaugural “Nightsong” at PVPC, titled *Making Time for Christmas*. This evening of music and prose became an annual event the next year as the Quartet stepped in to provide the music. In 2020, limited as we were by the Covid pandemic, our “Quarantine Quintet” provided recorded music. In 2021 we included congregational singing, and last year the Bell Choir joined the song.

All are invited once again to the **6th Annual Nightsong: *Welcome Home!*** This evening of instrumental and vocal music that includes Christmas readings is designed to get us even more prepared and excited to share the Good News of Great Joy with all the world! Please set this time aside amid your very busy holiday season to listen again for the real message of Christmas. ***The Christian Formation Team and Music Ministry is hosting a reception to follow in the FLC.***

COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: ADVENT 2023

Sunday, December 3rd through Sunday, December 24th

This Advent season we are using the Reverend Doctor Cynthia M. Campbell's book *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* to visit the homes of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. Cynthia has written her book in the hope that our journey to each of these Gospel Homes will help us experience what Christmas means from each of their perspectives and how Christmas is celebrated in each Gospel.

December 3rd : Christmas at Mark's House

December 10th : Christmas at Matthew's House

December 17th : Christmas at Luke's House

December 24th : Christmas at John's House

Join us on Sunday mornings this month as we travel to the Gospel Homes in two different ways:

Sunday School from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and Worship from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT PVPC

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Services will find us together once again on the most holy of evenings for us:

10:30am Sunday Worship Service

5:00pm Annual Carol Sing! (*Arrive early as pews fill up*)

5:30pm Communion Candlelight Service (*by Intinction*)

11:00pm Service of Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service

Whether you join us for one or all of these services, we hope to see you Christmas Eve!

CHRISTMAS IN THE HOMES OF PVPC MEMBERS

A Daily Advent 2023 Journey

We have an Advent Booklet this year, filled with memories from the childhood and grown-up homes of the members of Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church. This booklet will be available in the sanctuary on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, and on our website throughout the Season.

*Be sure to pick up a copy or log on daily through Advent for this very special visit
into some of the homes of your church families.*

Thank you to each and every contributor who not only took the time to write, but who “tidied” up your homes for us to drop by this year!



WELCOME HOME TO PVPC: A Special Book “Just for You”

Each and every member of PVPC will receive a small book this year full of pictures of our campus, buildings, and memories of Advent and Christmas through the years. What began in our *Congregational Life Team* as a Christmas gift to members of PVPC who are unable to get to our campus regularly for any reason, grew into a gift for everyone once we had this beautiful book put together! We are so grateful to Matt Killion for taking most of the pictures in years' past and for putting them together so beautifully this year in a book that you will want to set out every year at Christmastime! We will let everyone know when these special gifts arrive so you can be sure to pick up your present.

Merry Christmas, PVPC – and Welcome Home!



Send a Card to Someone Special



The holidays are a great time to remember our members who are unable to be with us on Sundays.

Send them a card to remind them that they are in our hearts and prayers.

Mary Boone
P.O. Box 23405
Anchorage, KY 40223

Ralph and Judy Hall
9300 Civic Way, Room 208
Prospect, KY 40059

Claudette Schlader
c/o Beehive
8802 Smyrna Parkway
Louisville, KY 40228

Tommy Boone
Bingham Gardens
4401 Louise Underwood Way
Louisville, KY 40216



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Louisville, KY 40241

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Pewee Valley, KY 40056



NO WORSHIP SERVICE or SUNDAY SCHOOL on DECEMBER 31ST

By far the strangest thing we've ever done ... We are cancelling our worship service and Sunday school class (in fact all church activities on our campus) on Sunday, December the 31st. It is a fifth Sunday and, of course, New Year's Eve day – the last day of the calendar year. We are asking everyone who would otherwise come to find another way to be “worshipful” on this day. Here are some suggestions:

- At 10:30 a.m., curl up with coffee or hot chocolate and think of your church family.
- Go to another church service and discover something new to bring back to PVPC.
- Spend the worship hour alone or with a family member and read a favorite scripture.
- Weather permitting, take a walk or ride outside and enjoy Creation.
- Schedule brunch with a friend or fellow member and talk about PVPC!
- Drive to the church parking lot and “miss” being inside.

There are many ways to spend this “special” morning in a worshipful way. Whatever you decide to do, consider this: **What would it be like if you *didn't* have this church in your life?**

We'll be back together on January 7th !



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).

**The Mission and Social Responsibility Team invites you to join them on
Thursday, December 14th as we help assemble the Barry Stoess
Christmas Baskets. We'll be at Crestwood United Methodist
from 6-8:00 p.m. Join us!**

LAUNDRY LOVE FOOD PANTRY

Together with four other congregation in South Oldham, we participate in SOICC Laundry Love ministry, washing the clothes and bedding of low/no income families and persons in Crestwood on the second Saturday of the month, twice a year. During our scheduled month, we also keep the Food Pantry at Crestwood Coin Laundry stocked. We are involved directly by volunteering on our Second Saturdays, purchasing needed laundry pods, paying for washers and dryers, and collecting food for the food pantry.

December is our month! We will minister to those at the laundry on Saturday, December 9th. We are also keeping the food stocked. Please bring in items at your convenience and place them in the grocery cart in the Family Life Center.

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD: 2022 Community Christmas Pageant


Friday, December 22nd 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Our *Congregation* and our *Child Development Center* together make up our *PVPC Community*. And this year, we hope that each and every member of our *Congregation* who is able will make it to our *Community Christmas Pageant*! Our children will present the whole story: The arrival of Mary and Joseph into Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus, the Angel's announcement, the Shepherd's amazement and the Wise One's arrival – complete with *live animals*!. We will have a simple reception following the Pageant so that our *Community*, PVPC members and CDC families, can share *THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD* together!

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.

**Bible Study continues
through
December 14th!!!**

CHAPEL SERVICES FOR OUR CDC!

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, December 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m.

We'd love to see you there!

DECEMBER

December Birthdays

08 Caitlyn Faul
11 Wilma Wayne
13 Brian Phillips
20 Virginia Baumann
20 LaMont Coverstone
20 Joy Girgis
20 Ann Weingardt
23 Shawn Phelps
23 Arlene Torrens
27 Joanie Walser-White



December Anniversaries

04 Raymond & Celeste New
29 Larry & Connie Vice
30 Tommy & Mary Sue Armour
31 Bob & Pat Payne

Ushers

Dec. 3 Larry & Connie Vice
Dec. 10 Linda Heleringer, Sue Toole
Dec. 17 LaMont Coverstone & Thom Guilford
Dec. 24 Tom & Mary Sue Armour, Gary Torrens
Dec. 31 No Worship Service

Worship Attendance

11/5	65
11/12	66
11/19	60
11/26	72

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.

The Church Office will be closed:

Monday, December 25
&
Tuesday, December 26



Members:

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

Family and Friends:

Bryan Moore (Regan Moore & Margaret Hill)
Nancy Golan (Rich Wayne)
Rev. Gary Torrens (Arlene Torrens)
Kacy Ripy (Patrick Long)
Millie Emig (Paul Culbertson)
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)
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)

Kathy Parnell (Sage Yniguez)
Family of Sidney Sweeney
Mallory Davis (Don Whitehouse)
Julie Hardin (Debbie Thompson)
Janet Ciresi (Linda Heleringer)
Allen Corbin (Jim Trimpe)
Amanda Bobzein (Julia Hood)
Mardie & Stan Penn (Karen Wood)
Beverly McMakin (Jan Beaverson)
Barb Brunner (Paula Malone)
Amy Carey & Family
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

DECEMBER 2023 @ PVPC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Key: <i>PVPC Events</i> <i>CDC Events</i> <i>Building Use</i> <i>Other</i>					1	2
					B'ball 6:15-9p	B'ball 9a-12p A. Whittaker, 1-6p
3 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a Hospitality Mtg Family Input , 11:30-1	4 Scouts	5 Chapel, 10a B'ball 6:15-9p	6 CDC Staff Party, 6p Choir, 7p B'ball 6:15-9p	7 Bible Study, 10a (TPH) B'ball 6:15-9p	8 B'ball 6:15-9p	9 B'ball 9a-12p Laundry Love, 9-11a
10 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a MSR Mtg R. McCubbins, 2-5p	11 Session, 6p Scouts	12 B'ball 6:15-9p	13 Choir, 7p B'ball 6:15-9p	14 Bible Study, 10a (TPH) SOICC Baskets, 6-8p B'ball 6:15-9p	15 B'ball 6:15-9p	16 B'ball 9a-12p A. Whittaker, 3p
17 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a CL & Finance Mtgs Night Song, 6p	18 Scouts	19 Chapel, 10a B'ball 6:15-9p	20 Choir, 7p B'ball 6:15-9p	21 B'ball 6:15-9p	22 Christmas Pageant, 5p	23 B'ball 9a-12p J. Orman, 4p
24 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a Chr. Formation Mtg Carol Sing, 5p Communion Service, 5:30p Lessons/Carols, 11p	25 Office Closed	26 B'ball 6:15-9p	27 Choir, 7p B'ball 6:15-9p	28 B'ball 6:15-9p	29	30
31 No Sunday School No Worship Service						

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