

CORNERSTONE

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

January
2024

The Rest of our Lives

From the Desk of
Reverend Joel Weible



It's always difficult to "turn a corner" and "move on" from one newsletter to the next when you've had such a wonderful experience in the month before! I anticipated and enjoyed the month of December, the Season of Advent and the Celebration of Christmas so much that it's hard once again to consider what comes next. Fortunately for me (for us), our Holy Scripture and church calendar make it easier.

We all know the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, even if we never remember all the different gifts each day brings. The twelve days of Christmas are December 26th to January 6th, this last day being known as Epiphany. Epiphany is the day on which, according to tradition, the Magi arrived in Bethlehem. It is on a Saturday this year, so we don't have "time" to celebrate it during a worship service because this year our "True Love" gives us a gift on the **thirteenth** day of Christmas: ***The Baptism of the Lord!***

With this event our Gospel stories line up for the first time. As different as each of their beginnings are (and we explored that more fully last month!), they all agree for the first time that Jesus came to the Jordan River and was baptized by John. But here's the thing: On Saturday January 6th this month, Jesus is twelve days old. On the first Sunday of the new year, ***only one day later***, Jesus is thirty years old stepping not only into a river, but into a call that would change his life and the lives of millions and millions of people forever. Talk about "turning a corner!"

As Christmas and Christmastide end in the first week of this month, we round a corner once again, indeed. We leave the homes we visited and enjoyed last month behind – our Gospel writers' Christmas homes, our fellow church members' homes, the homes of our friends and families, and our own homes – and we step into what comes next: *The rest of our lives.*

Read through this entire newsletter and get involved in your Life every way you can. It starts early and keeps happening *the rest of our lives.* Let's get started in the best way we know how.

See you in Church,

Pastor Joel

OUR MISSION WITH HIGHPOINT CHARITABLE SERVICES

Our **Winter Coat and apparel collection** will continue through the months of January and February. There are two boxes in the Family Life Center for all donations. Thank you for your generosity!

INSTALLATION OF ELDER CLASS OF 2026

Sunday, January 7th during Worship

During worship on the first Sunday of January, we will formally install Rick Fletcher and James Bates as our newest Elders. They were elected by the congregation at a congregational meeting in November and it is most “decent and in order” that they be installed before our first Session meeting of the year on the next day! Hope you will be in worship for the laying on of hands and the celebration that this event truly is.

TRIVIA “NIGHT” IS BACK!!

Sunday, January 21st after Worship

Calling all keepers of trivial facts and tidbits ...

After a few years away, the Congregational Life Team is bringing back PVPC's Annual TRIVIA NIGHT! Sunday, January 21st after worship – COME ONE AND COME ALL!!!

The CL Team will be providing a light lunch and the real “meal” will happen as you chew up the answers to Trivia Masters James Bates and Matt Killion. Please save the date & time and join your church family as we laugh and play together!! This is a great time for all!!

NEW MEMBER AND VISITOR LUNCH

... and it's a POTLUCK!!

Sunday, January 7th after Worship

Our Congregational Life Team is hosting this special luncheon which hasn't happened since before COVID! So, the guest list is long and full of familiar faces. The CL Team will provide the main course and drinks. If you aren't one of the honored guests, **bring a potluck dish that would serve your own family *plus four*!** We have much, and many, to celebrate and hope you will join us!

**Bible Study Continues in
2024 with the**

BOOK OF GENESIS

Thursdays

January 11th - February 8th

The Parish House

New Initiative: Sanctuary Prayground

For the past two years, our leadership has been exploring congregational vitality and how to be a church that is equipped to respond to the changes and challenges of 21st century life. We have increased our staff, we have increased our involvement with community organizations, and we have offered more opportunities to gather as members and with the larger community than we have in years. This has all led to increased participation and energy in all of our ministries. What good news!

As we embark on another journey around the sun in 2024, we will be guiding the congregation in an exploration of what it might look like for us to be an intergenerational church. This space that we get to spend time together in on Sunday mornings must be a place that all people can feel comfortable enough to call “home”.

With the support of the Session, our Christian Formation Team has put together a Workgroup consisting of Connie Vice, Sandy McCarson, Jackie Meade, and Ashia Stoess to research and explore how our congregation might create such a space during our largest weekly gathering, our worship service.

After much conversation with the Christian Formation Team, the Session decided to pilot a *Prayground* in our Sanctuary, offering a flexible seating arrangement geared toward families with children that offers us the opportunity to teach children how to worship in age appropriate ways as they grow in their discipleship. This is one way we hope to more fully “welcome all.”

This transition is not something that is going to happen overnight. We will be using the four Sundays in January to further introduce ourselves - theologically and practically - to the Prayground and to what an intergenerational worshipping community might look like at PVPC.

If we have learned anything over the last two years, it is that we are more adaptable than we think and that we can do things that at one point may have seemed impossible. As we prepare for this opportunity for discipleship formation, share your thoughts with Elders and Staff and pray that God will help us see more possibilities that arise from creating an extraordinary space of welcome in the place we call home.

ANNUAL ELDER RETREAT IS BEING SCHEDULED

Sometime in February!

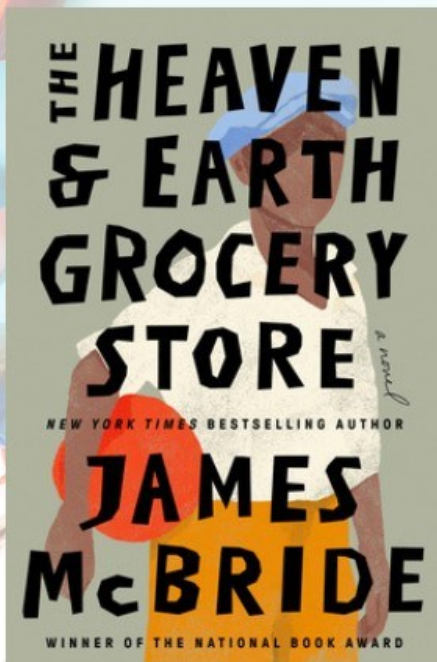
Our Annual Elder Retreat is being planned for February. This year will find your Session Elders once again spending a Saturday together. Much is being decided, but our conversation will focus on these questions of identity for our Church: *Who are we? Who are we called to be? And, how are we becoming?* Our engagement of Church Vitality in the past two years has changed us – and that’s a **good thing!** Change isn’t easy, even when it’s absolutely essential for survival. We’ve “ruffled feathers” in our initiatives in the past few years – for moving too fast **and** for not moving fast enough. We are not who we were. And we’re not yet who we are called be. So we ask our questions on our Elder Retreat as your leaders, and will be seeking your input and guidance in the months ahead. Stop an Elder and share your thoughts or questions. Let us know how you’re feeling about this incredible congregation and its future.

Book Club

The Parish House

6:30-8:00p

**Sun.,
Jan. 28th**



Book Club will kick off in 2024 with a fiction novel by New York Times Bestselling Author, James McBride.

Join us in discussing this National Book Awards winning novel titled *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*.

This book explores the impact of the white establishment on the lives of people living on the margins.

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 is held at 10:00 a.m. on the scheduled days.

Chapel for January

Tuesday, January 9th

Tuesday, January 23rd

A SPECIAL BOOK CHAT FOR
THE NEW YEAR

SOBER CURIOUS

THE BLISSFUL SLEEP, GREATER FOCUS,
LIMITLESS PRESENCE, & DEEP CONNECTION
AWAITING US ALL ON THE OTHER SIDE OF
ALCOHOL

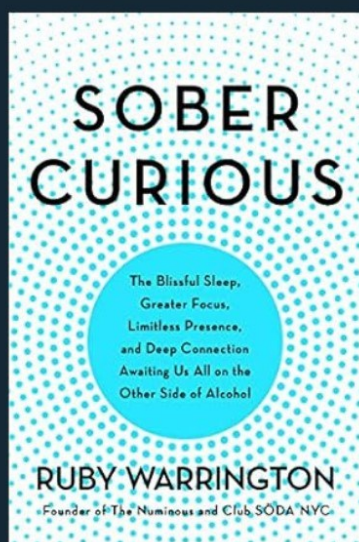
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RUBY WARRINGTON



THREE CHATS

Tuesdays: January 23rd, February 6th, & February 20th
In The Parish House
7:00p-8:30p



ALL ARE
WELCOME
REGARDLESS OF
YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH ALCOHOL.

This event is hosted by Ashia Stoess
Director of Family Ministry and Community Engagement



Members:

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

Family and Friends:

Betsy Hawkins (Shirley Hawkes)	Louise Durham Gash (Karen Wright)
Mary Nell & Bill Brumfield (Connie Vice)	Tiffeny Armour (Tom & Mary Sue Armour)
A Very Loved Family Member (Shirley Hawkes)	Kathy Parnell (Sage Yniguez)
Bryan Moore (Regan Moore & Margaret Hill)	Nancy Golan (Rich Wayne)
Rev. Gary Torrens (Arlene Torrens)	Mallory Davis (Don Whitehouse)
David & Shannon DeBeer (Rick & Clare Fletcher)	Kacy Ripy (Patrick Long)
Julie Hardin (Debbie Thompson)	Millie Emig (Paul Culbertson)
Janet Ciresi (Linda Heleringer)	Karen Galligan (Jim Trimpe)
Allen Corbin (Jim Trimpe)	Austin Conrad (Fred & Linda Banks)
Amanda Bobzein (Julia Hood)	Amy Hill Gibson (Julia Hood)
Mardie & Stan Penn (Karen Wood)	Frank Hainer (Don Whitehouse & many)
Beverly McMakin (Jan Beaverson)	Grace Ellis (D.D. Hendrickson)
Barb Brunner (Paula Malone)	Todd Vance (Karen Wood)
Amy Carey & Family	David Goodman (D.D. Hendrickson)
Sue Keller (D.D. Hendrickson)	Robbie Mueller (D.D. Hendrickson)
Mark Shircliff (Virginia Baumann)	Flo Campbell (Clare Grant)
Rev. James Byford (Rebecca Byford)	Michelle Hendrickson (DD Hendrickson)
Alice Walser Booker (Joanie Walser-White)	

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

or email us at: office@pvpres.org

January Birthdays

- 02 Emmaline Kinnicutt
- 02 Hannah Kinnicutt
- 03 Tommy Armour
- 05 Jan Beaverson
- 05 Connie Vice
- 06 Lee Goss
- 07 Debbie Hicks
- 07 Matt Kingsley
- 07 Jim Trimpe
- 09 Jackie Meade
- 11 Ethan Willis
- 14 Rebecca Byford
- 15 Nick Clark
- 15 Mitch Williams
- 17 Leonard Faul
- 23 Amy Stoess-Meade
- 23 Annie Weible
- 25 Kenny Willis
- 26 Mary Jo Ellis
- 27 Walter Anderson
- 28 John Bott
- 28 Kim Pappas



January Anniversaries

- 02 Hugh and Lynn Wilkinson

*The Church Office & CDC will be
closed on Monday, January 15th
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

Ushers

- January 7** Linda Heleringer
- January 14** TBD
- January 21** LaMont Coverstone & Thom Guilford
- January 28** Tom & Mary Sue Armour, Gary Torrens

JANUARY 2024 @ PVPC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Key: PVPC Events CDC Events Building Use	1 Scouts	2 B'ball 6-9p	3 B'ball 6-9p	4 B'ball 6-9p	5 B'ball 6-9p	6 B'ball 10a-12p M.L. Thompson, 1-6p
7 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a New Member Lunch B'ball 2-3p A. Godoy, 3:30p	8 Session, 6p Scouts	9 Chapel, 10a B'ball 6-9p	10 Choir, 7p B'ball 6-9p	11 Bible Study, 10a (TPH) B'ball 6-9p	12 B'ball 6-9p	13 B'ball 10a-12p
14 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a MSR Mtg B'ball 3-4p	15 Office Closed Scouts	16 B'ball 6-9p	17 Choir, 7p B'ball 6-9p	18 Bible Study, 10a (TPH) B'ball 6-9p	19 B'ball 6-9p	20 B'ball 10a-12p
21 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a CL & Finance Mtgs Trivia "Night", 12p B'ball 2-3p	22 Scouts	23 Chapel, 10a Book Chat, 7-8:30p (TPH) B'ball 6-9p	24 Choir, 7p B'ball 6-9p	25 Bible Study, 10a (TPH) B'ball 6-9p	26 B'ball 6-9p	27 B'ball 10a-12p J. Anderson, 1p
28 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a Chr. Formation Mtg B'ball 3-4p Book Club, 6:30-8 (TPH)	29 Scouts	30 B'ball 6-9p	31 Choir, 7p B'ball 6-9p			

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