

# CORNERSTONE

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

April  
2024

## Setting Sail on the Eastertide Once Again

*From the Desk of  
Reverend Joel Weible*



Immediately after Mary Magdalene “went and announced to the disciples” that she had “seen the Lord” (the end of the scripture we shared again on Easter morning), Jesus appears to the disciples who were locked behind closed doors. He says to them, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you!” It’s our turn now.

The 50 days between, and including, Easter and Pentecost are called Eastertide and we use this time in our church life to witness to the Resurrection that we proclaimed on Easter morning. The proclamation of Easter Sunday turns to instruction and demonstration during these days: “Here’s what we are to do now that we know that Christ is not ‘dead’ ... and, here’s how we are doing it!

In an article from 2017 written by Don Belt for National Geographic entitled “Jesus and the Apostles,” Belt writes, “Like billions of other human beings, Jesus of Nazareth, the man, passed through history like a campfire spark, a pinpoint of light here for an instant and then no more.” But because of the way he lived and loved, very soon after his brutal death (three days, if you must) those who most closely followed him realized something extraordinary: Jesus was crucified, but Christ is alive! While he was with them, Jesus breathed new life into them. And it is now their turn to be sent into the world to live and to love as Jesus did (John 20:21-22).

Those disciples are us. The tide is right, my friends. The winds of grace that brought us to this time again this year will bear us forward in weeks ahead – and Oh! The Places We’ll Go! Read on in this month’s Cornerstone, weigh the anchor that’s keeping you landbound and catch the Spirit in your own sails. Here’s the perfect way to begin again ...

See you in church,

Pastor Joel

## PVPC WELCOMES REVEREND MARK BARIDON TO OUR PULPIT

Sunday, April 14th

Mid-Kentucky congregations, will participate in this year's Pulpit Exchange and PVPC is one of them. Reverend Mark Baridon from Briargate Presbyterian will be here to preach. Several of our members have ties to Briargate PC and we regularly support the Welcome Table feeding ministry of Briargate through our Mission and Social Responsibility Ministry Team. Please plan to attend on this Sunday to welcome Reverend Baridon and BPC.

### 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 in April:**

**Tuesday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m.**

***Ashia Stoess is attending the***

### **NEW CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING: On the Ground**

**April 8 to April 11 in Falls Church, Virginia**

Using funds from our Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Grant, we are sending Ashia to this annual gathering made up of church leaders (predominantly PCUSA) working to follow the Spirit as it reveals what the “next expression” of the Church can be in our world. The theme, “On the Ground”, is about creating opportunities for those in attendance to feel “grounded” – in worship, networking, and soul renewal – and “on the ground” – with the people and the wider community of which a particular congregation is a part. She will participating in a Community Partners “pathway” while there that will give us all some tools to use as we continue to discern “What’s Next” right here at PVPC!

# Prayer Partner Bracelets

We've got a new batch  
of Prayer Partner  
Bracelets to hand out  
this month!

Remember to wear your  
bracelet each Sunday!



New CDC Friends

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we reflect on the recent Celebration of Life for a man whose presence was a blessing to us all, we are overwhelmed with gratitude. Your outpouring of prayers, heartfelt cards, and boundless love has been a source of immense comfort during these challenging months.

The way each of you, from the Congregational Life Team to Pastor Joel, Matt Killion, and countless others, came together to plan, participate, grieve, and ultimately celebrate his life was nothing short of extraordinary. It was a beautiful tribute to a soul who touched so many lives with his kindness and acceptance.

We are deeply moved by the solidarity and compassion you have shown. It is a testament to the strength and warmth of our church family. Thank you for honoring his memory in such a meaningful way and for being our support when we needed it the most.

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation,  
Shelly Settle and Family

## **OUR SANCTUARY PRAY-GROUND**

We continue to document all responses – critical and supportive – to the ministry we are “piloting” through June. At their meeting in March, the Christian Formation Team decided to conduct a wider survey in May and hopes to have some sort of open forum in June to help our Session decide the best way forward. Of course, we find the constructive feedback most helpful in discerning if, and how, we can improve and normalize this ministry in the worshipping life of PVPC. So continue to let us know how you feel about what’s going on in our midst by emailing, calling, or best yet – speaking to an Elder or Staff member.

Thank you PVPC for your patience, your guidance, your wisdom and your faith in this challenging endeavor. We’ll continue to “keep you up to date” in the months ahead.

## **PVPC SESSION STILL HARD AT WORK ON “What Next?”**

### **A “Third Space”**

Building on our Annual Elder Retreat last February, your Session continues to discern where the Spirit is leading us as a congregation in the year (and years) ahead. In conversation with others in the community, we are discerning how PVPC may meet needs of South Oldham County that include connection, spaces of comfort and connection, and an acceptance of all. As people of faith in the Reformed tradition, we feel we have an opportunity to express a loving, inclusive, and accepting Christian witness that is different from the most prevalent expressions too often rejected by thoughtful people. An increasing number of those “people” (studies identify them as “nones”) are not coming to us, so ... We are discussing the possibility of creating a “Third Space”!

Have we piqued your curiosity?! The Session has read this article to get a better idea of what such a space is, and you may find it helpful: <https://www.thegoodtrade.com/features/third-place-community-spaces/> Stay plugged in at PVPC as we plan some gatherings to listen to one another and move forward as the Spirit leads us!

# Oldham County Community Health Survey

*tell us what  
you think!*



If you live, work or play in Oldham County and are at least 18 years old, complete a brief survey to share your opinion about community health issues in Oldham County.

The results of the survey will be used to identify opportunities which can be addressed through community action.

Enter your email address or phone number at the end of the survey for a chance to win one of many \$50 gift certificates.



Scan here or go to:  
<http://reach.2024-Oldham-County-Community-Health-Survey.alchemer.com/s3/>





**Members:**

<b>Mary Boone</b>	<b>Ann Finney</b>
<b>Dan Fisher</b>	<b>Lee Goss</b>
<b>Ralph &amp; Judy Hall</b>	<b>Claudette Schlader</b>
<b>Gary Torrens</b>	<b>Mary Ann Warren</b>
<b>Wilma Wayne</b>	<b>Alan White</b>
<b>Don Whitehouse</b>	

**Family and Friends:**

<b>David Chadwick</b> (Virginia Baumann)	<b>Family of Bob Brents</b> (Don Whitehouse)
<b>Janice Cox &amp; Family</b> (Karen Swinney, Shirley Orr)	<b>Bill Brumfield</b> (Connie & Larry Vice)
<b>Kathy Barton</b> (Lucy & Mike Yelton)	<b>Larry &amp; Mary</b> (Arlene and Gary Torrens)
<b>Leonard Smallwood</b> (Janey Truman)	<b>Betsy Hawkins</b> (Shirley Hawkes)
<b>Jeromy Taylor</b> (Janey Truman)	<b>Jon Swinney</b> (Karen Swinney)
<b>Brad Bruns</b> (Karen Wood)	<b>Sutton Vance</b> (Karen Wood)
<b>Arnie Fields</b> (Connie & Larry Vice)	<b>Gene Mueller</b> (D.D. Hendrickson)
<b>A Very Loved Family Member</b> (Shirley Hawkes)	<b>Tiffeny Armour</b> (Tom & Mary Sue Armour)
<b>Nancy Golan</b> (Rich Wayne)	<b>Corenna Willets</b> (Jay Willits)
<b>Bryan Moore</b> (Regan Moore & Margaret Hill)	<b>Mallory Davis</b> (Don Whitehouse)
<b>David/Shannon DeBeer</b> (Clare/Rick Fletcher)	<b>Amanda Bobzein</b> (Julia Hood)
<b>Julie Hardin</b> (Debbie Thompson)	<b>Millie Emig</b> (Paul Culbertson)
<b>Amy Hill Gibson</b> (Julia Hood)	<b>Mardie/Stam Penn</b> (Karen Wood)
<b>Beverly McMakin</b> (Jan Beaverson)	<b>Grace Ellis</b> (D.D. Hendrickson)
<b>Todd Vance</b> (Karen Wood)	<b>David Goodman</b> (D.D. Hendrickson)
<b>Sue Keller</b> (D.D. Hendrickson)	<b>Robbie Mueller</b> (D.D. Hendrickson)
<b>Flo Campbell</b> (Clare Grant)	<b>Mark Shircliff</b> (Virginia Baumann)
<b>Rev. James Byford</b> (Rebecca Byford)	<b>Alice Walser Booker</b> (Joan Walser-White)
<b>Michelle Hendrickson</b> (D.D. Hendrickson)	

*Please reach out to add or remove names from the Prayer List.*

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 01** Emma Faul
- 01** Rock Thompson
- 06** Alan White
- 08** Mike McCarson
- 10** Earl Orr
- 15** Rod Culver
- 16** August Kingsley
- 20** Zachary Corcoran
- 23** David Ellis
- 25** Matt Killion



## **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 29** James and Regina Bates

## **USHERS SCHEDULE**

- 4/7** Linda Heleringer
- 4/14**
- 4/21** LaMont Coverstone & Thom Guilford
- 4/28** Tom & Mary Sue Armour, Gary Torrens

# APRIL 2024 @ PVPC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Key:</b> <i>PVPC Events</i> <i>CDC Events</i> <i>Building Use</i>	1  Scouts	2	3	4	5	6  B'ball 10a-12p
7 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a Hospitality Meeting	8 Session, 6p  Scouts	9 Chapel, 10a	10 Choir, 7p  B'ball 6-8p	11	12	13 B'ball 9a-12p  E. Macke, 4-7:30p
14 Coffee Chat, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a MSR Meeting  A. Godoy, 3-6p	15  Scouts	16 B'ball 6:30- 8p	17 B'ball 6-8p	18	19	20 B'ball 10a-12p
21 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a CL Meeting Finance Meeting	22  Scouts	23 Chapel, 10a  B'ball 6:30- 8p	24 Choir, 7p  B'ball 6-8p	25	26	27 B'ball 10a-12p
28 CF Hour, 9a Fellowship, 10a Worship, 10:30a CF Meeting Pack-A-Sack for HP  L. Thompson, 1-4p	29  Scouts	30 Muffins with a Loved One  B'ball 6:30- 8p				



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