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## News & Views

## February 2021

### *Valentine's Day!*

#### **PVLC ANNUAL MEETING \*Virtual Meeting\***

Sunday, February 14, 2021  
Following 10am Zoom worship

Join the meeting by simply staying after worship,  
or with our regular Worship Zoom login:

Meeting ID: 217 197 4317

Password: 02261844

Join by phone, call: 888-788-0099

Learn what is happening in the  
life of the congregation that  
loves you!

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### Q: How exactly do I “join by phone” for a Zoom gathering?

Step 1. Dial 1 929 205 6099

Step 2. When prompted to enter the meeting ID, enter on  
the keypad the meeting ID number 217 197 4317

Step 3. If prompted for a host or participant ID, simply  
press the pound key: #

Step 4. When prompted to enter the password, enter on  
the keypad the password 02261844

Note: If you're told the meeting hasn't started yet, it's best  
to just hang up and try again

## From The Reverends Nowak



*"I have no idea what you will see when you look at your life – but if you are tired of arguing about religion, tired of reading about spirituality, tired of talk-talk-talking about things that matter without doing a single thing that matters yourself, then the pages that follow are dedicated to you. My hope is that reading them will help your recognize...some of the altars in this world."*

- Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World* [New York: HarperCollins, 2009], xix.)

If the above quote isn't enough of a selling-point for you to join us in reading this book, I don't know what will be. The author didn't write this book thinking that, at some point in the future, practically everyone in the world would be sequestered to their own homes for an extended period of time, affecting how they usually interact with their faith. But, here we are (and have been for quite some time now), in need of new ways to interact with and see the world that also feed our faith while the usual way for so many of us – attending worship at the church building – is now considered a fairly reckless activity.

And, oh does this open up quite a door for us all!

There is no better time than now to spend time in the pages of this book, and no better folks to do that with than the people of Pleasant View, in this time when we are all away from our beloved building and one another – together. We'll look at faith practices such as: "The Practice of Paying Attention," "The Practice of Getting Lost," "The Practice of Saying No," and many more. These may seem unorthodox, and perhaps you're thinking, "Is that a real faith practice?" But, many of these are actually grounded in very early church tradition and were squeezed out of the norm over time, often by our beloved liturgical practices.

We hope you can join in (anyone can hop in at any time, even if you missed the first session[s]) as we discuss and "practice" these faith practices each week! And, as we enter into the season of Lent this month, this group will function as our mid-week activity.

In Christ,

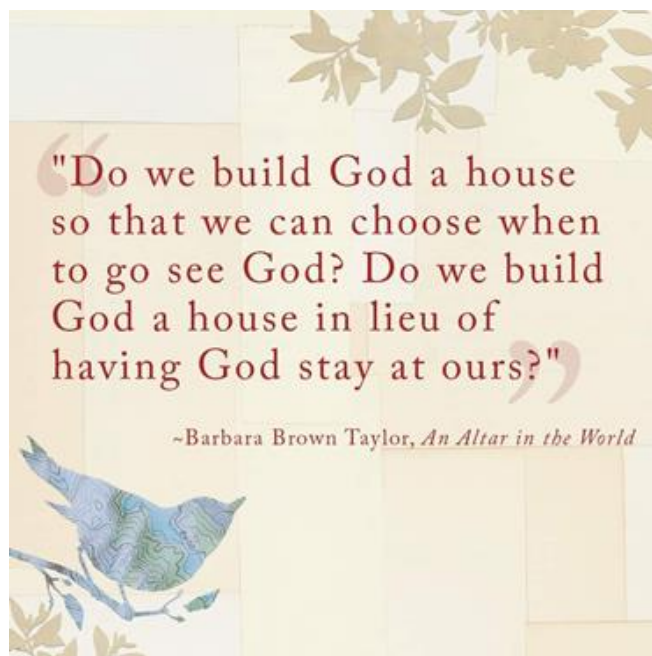
***Pr Sarah & Pr Bob***

**Join the Pleasant View Book Group!**

**Wednesday evenings @ 7pm**

**Contact Pastor Sarah to get your book  
and for more details!**

**Join in any time!**





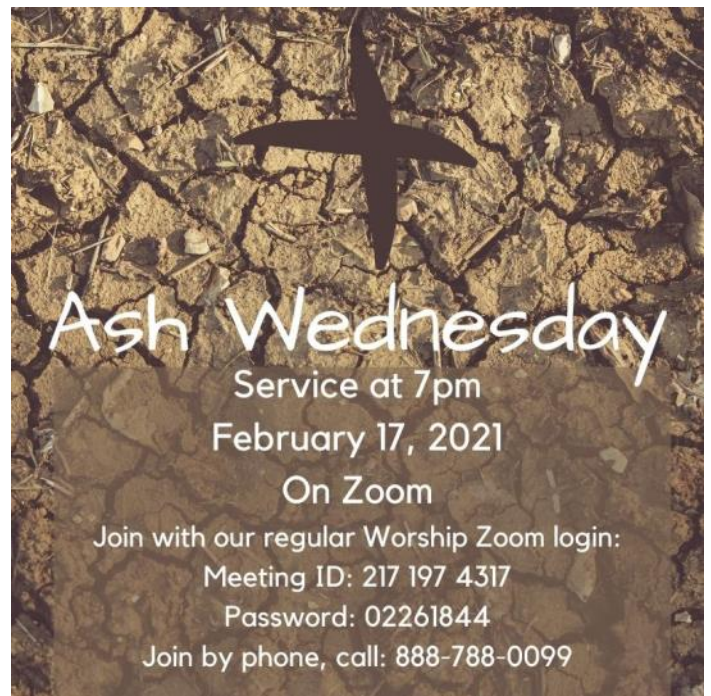
February is a short month. So how about a short reflection?

We saw a neighbor out walking recently who noted that February is the coldest month in Indiana. I suppose that's true. But in February, I don't like to think about that. After all, I have a tough time telling much difference between how cold it is in January and how cold it is in February. But in February, I like to think of spring as around the corner. Why? The days are getting longer. And it's a short month. On those cold February days, I just think about how soon February will be over.

And more often than not, Lent begins in February. This year, after an Ash Wednesday service, our Wednesday evening book study group will be our Lenten Wednesdays together. Another good thing about February!

Peace,

**Alan Z.**



You are invited to join us for Online/Phone Worship and Fellowship each Sunday at 10am! You are encouraged to invite friends & family! The login information stays the same each week for worship services. Join in in from wherever you happen to be!

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/2171974317?pwd=c0V2TExzQWlmd09PQkxhOE1ZUEZmdz09>

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Password: 02261844

Join by phone (audio only): +888 788 0099 (Toll Free)





## Christian Education Update

For the pre-school and elementary school ages, we will continue with the virtual format for Sunday School, immediately following our Zoom Worship. Please volunteer to help teach; obviously, there are several Sundays through early May. There will be no class on February 14<sup>th</sup>, in lieu of the Annual Congregational meeting to be held at 11:00 AM on that day. Below is the schedule for Sunday School classes.

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>LESSON</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
February 7		TO BE DETERMINED	Susan & Lauren
February 21		THE LORD'S PRAYER	
February 28		WOMAN AT THE WELL	Susan & Lauren

- There is one student in the Confirmation Class. Alan Zimmermann and Bob Stratford will be teaching this class, in coordination with the pastors. The class began on January 24<sup>th</sup>. It too will be virtual.
- Pastor Sarah has identified a new book, "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. It is intended for all adults to read and discuss on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm (by Zoom). Please join them! Contact Pastor Sarah for further details, or if you have questions.
- There will be a Youth Hangout event on Saturday, February 20th at 3:00pm on Zoom. This will be coordinated by Pastor Sarah.
- Diaper donations continue to be accepted. There are several ways to donate, as follows:  
You can drop diapers off at the church in a bin located under the portico at the main church/office entrance. If you would like to donate money for the purchase of diapers, you have two options:  
1) You can send your monetary donations to the church office (writing "GWOH Diapers" in the note section of your check), or  
2) you can donate diaper funds directly to <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/IndianaDiaperBank/general>.

## PVLC Youth Hangout

Saturday, Feb. 20, 3pm

All Jr. High and High School youth are invited to this time of catching-up, encouragement, games, and prayer!  
Join in on Zoom:  
Meeting ID: 993 7860 0638  
Passcode: 629543

Questions? Just ask Pr Sarah!



Greetings from Outreach!

There are no official activities happening this month, unfortunately. However, Dave and I are hoping that someone out there has an idea for a way we can serve our neighbors. We are such a generous, loving congregation! Please let us know if you are aware of a need that we can help address. Don't feel pressured to have a plan! We can work on that together. And thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure. We all appreciate each and every one of you!

Dave and I continue to donate groceries weekly to the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center. We encourage any of you who are able, to help out our neighbors through any food bank. We will continue to publish some options. And The Glick Center always needs volunteers. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, between 12:00 and 5:00, they need 1 or 2 people to deliver donations to homes. On Tuesday and Thursday, also between 12:00 and 5:00, they need 1-3 people to help distribute donations to folks who come to the Center. They are located on 71<sup>st</sup> Street just west of Michigan Road. Give them a call if you can help: 317-293-2600.

In the meantime, stay safe and well as we continue to navigate the coronavirus environment.

- *Kathy*

## Local Food Pantries and Kitchens Need Your Support!

Pike Township Red Zone Food Pantry. Donate here:

<https://pike-ef.org/give/pike-red-zone-food-pantry-donations/>

Wheeler Mission. Donate here: <https://wheelermission.org/donate-to-wheeler/>

Crooked Creek Food Pantry. Donate here: <https://www.ccfpindy.org/donations>

Glick Neighborhood Center. Donate here: <https://www.faybiccarglickcenter.org/donate>

PVLC Council Meeting Virtual meeting 01/18/2020

Present: Alan Z., Amber S., Bob S., Jane B., Jon S., Kathy H., Pr. Bob N., Sonia S., Tom M.

Devotion: Alan Z.: God Pause

## Good News and Gratitude

- Trinity House Donations were very generous & the young men were very grateful
- Thank you for the assistance with getting seasonal letters completed
- Thank you to those who covered as the Pastor's were out of office
- Lylah is home and recovering very well. Thank you for the continued help and prayers.
- Troy turned 30 years old!
- Christmas services went well this year
- Blue Christmas – having blend of music
- Thankful for Mike Bird is doing well
- Youth Zoom gathering went well at the end of Dec.
- Grateful for the next book group
- Seeing new faces during Zoom Worship!
- Thank you to ACH, Pastor's, Charlie for supporting facilities team when items are needing serviced during the day.

## Agenda

### COVID-19 Review and Discussion

PVLC: Discussion about re-opening

- Revisit re-opening March Council Meeting
- Goal for Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – outdoor Easter celebration

Tenants Updates:

- ACH: Full session for all classes, continue to keep classes in pods with dismissal staggered
- Other tenants: No updates since January council meeting
- Embroiders: Are utilizing caution and not coming in/ remain virtual.
- ELCARM: if they were all vaccinated, could they come back to play cards?
  - Encourage to get vaccinated, though meeting is not an option now. Will revisit in March council meeting.

## Agenda continued...

PPP Update: Tom M. provided update

(PPP=Paycheck Protection Program)

Annual Meeting: Discussion

February 14<sup>th</sup>: 11 am after 10 am service

Letters: Alan Z.

Council Elections

Sunday Jan 24<sup>th</sup>: Email Annual Committee reports to Kim K.

Recognition instead of specific awards

Endowment suggestion re-cap: Tom M.

Annual meeting agenda review

Virtual (Zoom) Voting discussion

## I. Committee's Report

A: Pastor's Report- Pr. Bob N.

- Wednesday Jan 27<sup>th</sup>: Book Group begins on Zoom
  - During Lent, this will be in place of Mid-week gathering during Lent- 7pm on Wednesdays
- Wednesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday @ 7 pm
- Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Outdoor Easter Celebration
- Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>: Easter Service @ 10 am on Zoom
- February: Youth hang out to be scheduled
- New Word in Season Devotion books are available
- Virtual Coffee and Fellowship time at the same time as Sunday School in a Zoom break out room
- Offering envelopes are available and discussed Distribution

B. Education – Bob S.

- Sunday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – Resume Sunday school
- Sunday Jan 24<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation begins as well
- Diapers donation: welcoming to provide donations outside the bins at church or monetary.

C. Outreach – Kathy H.

- Trinity House: Thank you for the contributions for Christmas gifts– Approx 100-110 in gift cards to each young man.

D. Facility – Jon S.

- Nursery heaters have failed and in progress to replace – due to Covid there is a delay in obtaining a unit to support the area. ACH has been working through this time utilizing resources.
- Agreement with Edwards is ready for re-evaluation in April 2021.

**E. Finance: Jane B.**

- Monday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>: Financial Audit @ 6:30 pm
- Financial Audit discussion

**F. Finance – Tom M.**

- Balance: ~42,660

**Newsletter: Monday Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> @ midnight deadline –  
Send to Karen M.**

**Motion to adjourn: Pr. Bob N.**

**Second: Sonia S.**

**All in Favor: Unanimous**

**Closed with the Lord’s Prayer**

**Next Meeting: Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**



- 5 Jim Eaton**
- 7 Kim Kernodle**
- 8 Amy Crispin**
- 8 Lylah Nowak**
- 10 Jim Morgan**
- 25 Janet Williams**



## BLESSING IN THE DUST For Ash Wednesday

All those days  
you felt like dust,  
like dirt,  
as if all you had to do  
was turn your face  
toward the wind  
and be scattered  
to the four corners

or swept away  
by the smallest breath  
as insubstantial—

did you not know  
what the Holy One  
can do with dust?

This is the day  
we freely say  
we are scorched.

This is the hour  
we are marked  
by what has made it  
through the burning.

This is the moment  
we ask for the blessing  
that lives within  
the ancient ashes,

that makes its home  
inside the soil of  
this sacred earth.

So let us be marked  
not for sorrow.  
And let us be marked  
not for shame.  
Let us be marked  
not for false humility  
or for thinking  
we are less  
than we are

but for claiming  
what God can do  
within the dust,  
within the dirt,  
within the stuff  
of which the world  
is made  
and the stars that blaze  
in our bones  
and the galaxies that spiral  
inside the smudge  
we bear.

—Jan Richardson  
from *Circle of Grace: A Book  
of Blessings for the Seasons*

Date	Attendance (Zoom)
1/3/21	29
1/10/21	20
1/17/21	25
1/24/21	32
<b>1/15/21 Offering Count : \$2,980.60</b>	