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News & Views

May 2021



Get your CANS to Worship!



Outdoor Pentecost Worship
Saturday May 22nd, 11am

If you are able, please bring with you:

- ✓ A lawn chair to sit in
- ✓ Bread & juice for Communion
- ✓ Canned goods to share with our neighbors
- ✓ Diapers & wipes to help local families





From The Reverends Nowak

What do we do when we wait?

Waiting, waiting, and oh yeah, more waiting. This time of waiting to “go back to normal” doesn’t seem to end, but continues to slowly drag on. There are a certainly glimmers of hope and change here and there, but the waiting just keeps going on. So what are we doing with it? Do we refuse to see this time as a part of our life story, an anomaly, a blip before the real story continues on? And, so do we just sit and wait for that to happen?

Well, around Pleasant View we’re doing more than just sitting around and waiting. This time has been filled with finding new ways of meaningful connection with congregation and community members, reimagining what “church” is when we’re not occupying the same space, and how we continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in new ways now and when this current time is past. We’ve also continued to care for our grounds and facility – with much work from our Custodian, Facilities Chair, and group members – and have even made some improvements!

Our pandemic-formed book group has been quite a bright spot as well, with new, more open relationships forming between members of our community who didn’t talk with each other much before. And, in the book we just finished (*An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor) the author even talks about waiting as a kind of prayer.

“Waiting is certainly a kind of prayer, especially if you can stand howling, wide-open spaces...I found it possible to love my life in ways that had never occurred to me before.” (pg.183)

She then talks about all of the particular joys that can stand out to a person who is waiting for something important; ways of seeing what was always there around us in new ways, and how this altered vision of the world around us during these times can be a gift, an answer to a prayer for more to life, as we see the richness and depth of the life that we still have. And then life after a time of such waiting has been touched by that new experience that it can never really go back to how it was before.

God keeps making us new. Even when it feels like we are stuck in a time of waiting, like we’re going nowhere, like nothing important is happening. In these times maybe we need to pull the microscope out to see what God is up to, but even the microscopic creature are beloved by their Creator.

Easter Blessings!

Pr Sarah & Pr Bob





Greetings Fellow PVLC-ers,

It's Easter on the church calendar, we are celebrating the risen Jesus, and enjoying spring! Spring, which goes so well with Easter and resurrection and re-birth!

Enjoying spring, right? Wait!? What was that white stuff covering the green leaves and new blossoms a week ago? A record snowfall and record cold temps for April! Brrrrr. And some branches broke under the weight of snow added to new leaves. Some of nature's tree trimming. As much as it can create a bit of a mess, it's also part of making things new.

And, after getting over the shock of that much snow in mid April, that blanket of snow with bits of green sticking out really was beautiful. Not a bad thing to be reminded of the beauty of a late season snow. It stayed pretty chilly that day, but the sun came out, melted the snow, returning the green and spring colors very quickly. In the end, that snow provided moisture to help all the green grass get greener. I can definitely find Easter in that.

Peace, *Alan*

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



May 2021 Worship News

Congrats!

CELEBRATING OUR GRADS!

Are you or someone in your family graduating from High School or College this Spring? Let us know so we can celebrate them in our prayers and future communications!
Email their name, school, and future plans to
prsarah@pvlcelca.org.

Weekly Worship on Zoom Every Sunday @ 10:00am

We gather for Worship every Sunday at 10am on Zoom - accessible on phone, tablet, or computer.

This login information stays the same for each worship service and is listed below. We celebrate Holy Communion each week. Join in from wherever you happen to be!

Meeting ID: 217 197 4317
Password: 02261844

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

Join by phone: +1 929 205 6099
(audio only)

Welcome to the PVLC Family! Delaney, Luci, & Joe Spears



VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR



FOLLOWING 10AM ZOOM
WORSHIP



Christian Education Update

For the pre-school and elementary school ages, we continue with the virtual format. Margaret and Bob Stratford will complete teaching the remaining Sundays through the end of the term, which is Sunday, May 9th.

Lewis Meyer is the sole student in the Confirmation Class. Alan Zimmermann, our Council President, is now teaching Lewis and will complete the remainder of the term.

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.
- We will be having in-person worship at least one Saturday in May. It would be great to bring your diaper offerings at that time.
- 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>.

Bread for the World – Offering of Letters.
We will once again participate in a letter writing campaign (Offering of Letters) to urge members of Congress to expand anti-hunger programs in response the pandemic, and to increase funding for nutrition programs. This letter writing campaign is organized by Bread for the World, a national organization to promote education about hunger and to proactively address it. Here is the organization's website: <https://www.bread.org/>.

- Robert & Margaret S.

PVLC Youth Hangout
Saturday, May 15, 3pm

Outside @ PVLC
(weather permitting)

Questions? Ask Pastor Sarah!



Greetings from Outreach!

There are no official activities happening this month, unfortunately.

Dave recently received an email from Wheeler stating that they are opening up their volunteer opportunities. We have decided not to set anything up until after we are worshipping in person at church. As always, if you hear of an opportunity or have an idea where we can send a group of helpers, please do let us know.

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 71st 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. We pray that the rapidly rising number of vaccinations pushes down the covid cases. Thus allowing us all to get together again soon, resuming service to our neighbors!

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.faybiccardglickcenter.org/donate>

03/15/2021 Council Meeting Minutes

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

Devotion: Alan Z.: God Pause

Good News and Gratitude

- Joel came home for a couple of days
- Lylah EEG Results
- Bob and Margaret's son, Troy, got a new teaching job at Ben Davis
- Renewed appreciation for heat and electricity
- Jane's son, Andrew, ability to go to Japan to study Japanese language
- Vaccination good news and joys
- Thank you for the Sunday School Teachers

Agenda

- COVID-19 Review and Discussion
PVLC: Discussion about re-opening.
Reviewed Church/Synod current regulations
Discussion about recent CDC guidelines and vaccine updates

April Outdoor Service:

Saturday April 3rd @ 11am: Outdoor Easter service and Baptism

Social distancing guidelines and safety measures set

IF rain, public service cancelled; Baptism will continue with family only

Communion: welcome to bring your bread/juice, will have prepackage available for those unable to

Saturday April 17th @ 11am: Outdoor Service: Details being planned.

April Council Meeting: Discussion of May outdoor service opportunities

Indoor Service: Council will discuss opening for indoor service after pastors have the opportunity to receive their vaccination and completion of their inoculation period

- Tenants Updates:

ACH: Had their first confirmed COVID case.

Quarantine the class and shutdown the classroom for quarantined period of the required time needed. Remote meeting for this specific class. No interactions with other classes. ACH is following protocols.

Quilters: Thank you note was received

ELCARM: PVLC Council offers Saturday as option to gather, socially distance guidelines in place and masks required.

Check with Charlie on cleaning availability

Rental Requests: Not accepting rental requests at this time; Discuss at April council meeting

Other tenants: No updates

- PPP Update: Tom M. provided update (PPP=Paycheck Protection Program), still moving, form should be available in April.
Q: Is it recommended to apply on the newest PPP?
A: No, we have not but if it is the same thing, we apply for it. Tom will look into the criteria for the newest PPP.

- Council Retreat – Remote Retreat: 2 sessions:
1 big picture and 1 action
Pr. Sarah to send out survey to determine best dates for virtual retreat.

Committee Reports

- Pastor's Report- Pr. Sarah N.

Virtual Coffee Hour: Sunday 3/28 following Palm Sunday Service

Wednesday: Book Group in place of Mid-week gathering during Lent at 7pm on Wednesday

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday April 1st: Zoom @ 7pm

Good Friday April 2nd: Zoom Service @ 7pm-

Saturday April 3rd: Outdoor Easter celebration and Baptism

Sunday April 4th: Easter Service @ 10 am

- Pastors Report Continued...

Youth Zoom Hangout: March 20th

Synod Assembly: June 11th /12th: looking 1 male and 1 youth to attend

Pastors will be out of office April 5th thru April 9th

Communication: Cindy B. is offering to update PVLC website

- Outreach – Kathy H.

Wheeler – bring back volunteers in May however PVLC will wait until we are in-person

- Finance – Tom M.

Checking Acct. Balance: ~\$47,207

- Education – Bob S.

Sunday School: Margaret distribution of materials and lessons going well

Confirmation: Wonderful conversations and Joy

Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday- April 4th

Book Group on Wednesday Evenings continue to go well

- Facility and Grounds – Jon S.

Update on HVAC units for Nursery: in progress

Snow/plowing – managing the charges

Damaged Light Pole: Someone has cut the pole and tried to chop it off

Edwards will be able to fix this issue

Police report filed

Insurance report filed

Roof leaking women's bathroom (small bathroom)

Newsletter: Monday March 29th @ midnight deadline – send to Karen M.

Motion to adjourn: Amber S.

Second: Jennifer M.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Monday April 19th @ 6:30pm

04/19/2021 Council Meeting Minutes

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

Devotion: Alan Z.: God Pause: Acts 4

Good News, Gratitude & Prayers

- PVLC PPP Loan forgiven in full amount – Tom M.

- Margaret S. COVID negative and can return to work

- Prayers for Stratford's children and grandchild who are ill

- Prayers for Bob S. being a wonderful grandfather to Sterling while daycare is on quarantine and the precious time spent between the two.

- Jessica survived having her wisdom teeth pulled and healing very well.

- Stephon's started spring soccer and super excited

- Successful Helicopter test flight on Mars

- Mike B. for fixing the drywall by the fellowship hall entry way.

- Holy Week and Easter Services were beautiful.

- Outdoor services have gone well

- Baptism of Delaney S. and welcoming Joe and Luci S. into our congregation

- Luke H. to come home weekend of April 24th.

- Andrew B. scheduled to leave for Japan in June

- Pastors for pulling together and organizing outdoor worship/gatherings

Agenda

- COVID-19 Review and Discussion

PVLC: Discussion about re-opening.

Reviewed Church/Synod current regulations

Discussion about recent CDC guidelines and vaccine updates

May Outdoor Services

Evaluate frequency of Outdoor worship based on musician availability, help available, overall attendance and case numbers.

Tentatively 1-2 Outdoor services in May. Dates and more details in progress of being worked out.

Begin collecting can goods and diapers at outdoor services

Alternating coffee hour weekends with outdoor services

- COVID-19 Review and Discussion Continued...

Potential of Indoor Service: Council will discuss opening for indoor service after pastors have the opportunity to receive their vaccination and completion of their inoculation period

May- PVLC will continue weekly virtual Sunday worship service at 10:00am.

Revisit in May council meeting.

- Tenants Updates:

ACH: No new COVID cases and continues to follow all safety protocols.

ACH will hold outdoor Summer Camp in June.

DBSA: Monday Evenings (regularly scheduled time of 6:30pm) gathering outdoors at PVLC, social distancing and masks required. Will have building access to 1 set of bathrooms

Q: Can we allow them to move forward with their support sessions indoors- social distanced/masks required in Fellowship Hall?

A: Yes – they are able to spread out in the fellowship and are considered vital for their support services

Latvian: Requesting status update to Pastors.

Response is the same as earlier in the year.

Guidelines previously given to LLC for if they were to worship in the building still stand.

Grace Unlimited: Requested to utilize fellowship and/or outside for 4 hour meeting with 9 people. PVLC council agreed that it is acceptable at this time as metrics are trending down. They will be given the PVLC social distancing guidelines to follow.

ELCARM: no update

Other tenants: No updates

- Council Retreat – Zoom Retreat: 2 sessions:

Saturday May 1st (1-4pm)

Sunday May 16th (1-4pm)

Committee's Report

- Pastor's Report- Pr. Sarah N.

Welcome!!! - Delaney, Joe and Luci joining PVLC Baptism possibly coming up for a neighbor in the community

Book Group: going very well. Plan on taking May off to regroup and refresh

Synod Assembly registrations are made & paid for.
Synod Assembly Reps for PVLC include: Pastors Sarah & Bob, Karen M. and Alan Z.

Pastors have resumed in-person communion visits
Zoom toll free number and the call out feature has been disabled because of as they have not been utilized recently. Savings of \$100 per month

Note: it can be added back on when needed.

Madelin will be taking off July for maternity leave

Youth Hangout: Saturday May 15th possibly outside photography scavenger hunt

- Outreach – Kathy H.

Wheeler – opportunities are starting to open up but going to wait until PVLC is meeting in person for worship

Encourage to continue to donate to local food pantries

- Finance – Tom M./Jane B.

Friday April 16th: Deposit counted: ~\$33,399

What is the normal deposit frequency? Discussion

Balance: ~\$30,518 (prior to 4/16 deposit)

- Education – Bob S.

Sunday May 9th: Last day of Sunday school

Bread for the World Letter Campaign:

- will begin soon

Diaper Donations continuing to go well.

Diaper Donations can occur online (monetary) on behalf of PVLC

Confirmation: Lewis M.: class are going very well

- Facility – Jon S.

Damaged light pole has been taken down
New Pole installed approx. in 6 weeks
insurance paying for it due to vandalism
(after deductible of 1,000)

Roof leaks have been fixed. Will receive plan for future maintenance.

Update on HVAC units for Nursery area: Installing the units soon

Drywall repair above fellowship hall entrance
Thank you Mike B.

Damaged flashing on the southside of the church has been removed – Thanks Charlie S. and Mike B.

Newsletter: Monday April 26th midnight deadline
- send to Pr. Sarah

Motion to adjourn: Pr. Bob N.

Second: Karen M.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Monday May 17th @ 6:30pm



4 Jessica Simmons
7 Allie Nicholson
8 Jan Strandjord
8 Sonia Simmons
10 Brooklyn Beachler
11 Emma Beck
12 Jeff Weust
15 Deon Worrel

Date	Attendance
4/1 Maundy Thurs.	19
4/2 Good Friday	13
4/3– Outdoor	38
4/4– Easter	42
4/11	30
4/17– Outdoor	7
4/18	27
4/25	29
Offering (4/16 count) \$33,399	

ARE YOU A DETAIL ORIENTED PERSON?
DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS A MONTH TO GIVE?

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

The Finance work group is looking for someone to learn the accounting program, Aplos, and to begin to take over the bookkeeping duties. If you are interested in this vital position please contact Jane Bird, Finance Chair, or Kim Kernodle, Aplos Administrator.