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News & Views

August 2021



Back to School Blessing
Sunday, August 1st, 10am Worship

welcome

August Worship Sundays at 10 am in the Sanctuary

Out of hospitality to all,
masks are required.

You may bring your own bread and juice
for communion but we do have plenty of
prepackaged elements for everyone.

If you are unable or do not want to join us in
person at this time, join us on Zoom!

Meeting ID: 217 197 4317

Password: 02261844

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

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From Your Pastors



Wondering what in person worship is like these days? You're not alone!

Here's what's going on these days...

It's at 10am in the Sanctuary and masks are required.

It's been a while since we've been in the Sanctuary, and for some of us, even longer! We hear that worship in this space has been very formal in the past and only done in a certain way – please don't think of it like that now! The Sanctuary is just the room that this community has designated for worship, and as such it should be a place where we can all freely and comfortably worship. So please, come to worship as yourself and expect to be warmly welcomed as yourself!

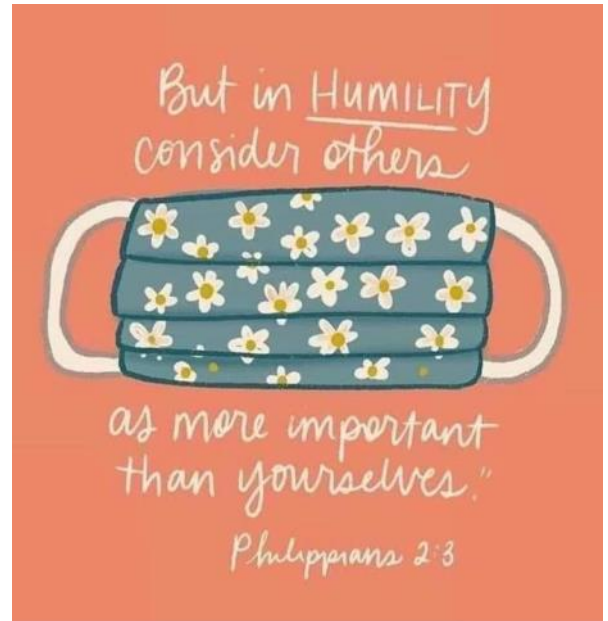
We're working on making this room better work for all of us (a big thanks to all of the pew movers on July 25th!) There's now a place for kiddos to be kiddos in the room, some fresh new banners instead of paraments (and we hope to make new ones together in the future), and more space for different kinds of musicians to lead our community in our shared song, with other updates probably coming down the road.

Throughout the service there are chances to stand, sit, kneel, and walk to the front to receive Communion – these are all optional though! We don't all have to be doing the same thing. If kneeling is more meaningful to you during the confession, do it; there are padded kneelers in all of the pews for you to use. If you'd rather stand, do it! If sitting is best for your body, do it! The same goes when we are praying and singing. We may invite you to stand, sit, or kneel, but do what you need to, and try new things!

If you want to move around or clap to the music, go for it – maybe you'll inspire others to do as well!

Need to use the restroom or stretch your legs during the service (even during the Sermon)? It's ok! Go ahead, feel free to stretch/stand in the Narthex if that is more comfortable for you. The doors will remain open so you can still hear.

There will be times when you can help lead parts of the service, add your own prayers to our community's, and share life updates and joys – don't be afraid to speak up and add your voice!



From Your Pastors

Worried that your kids will be noisy? Yup, kids are sometimes, and so are adults! And you know what, we all know this already. No one will be surprised that your kid makes noise, nor will they be angry that they are during worship – that can't be controlled. And, yes, adding a kids space to the room might actually make them noisier because they will want to talk to friends, but we'd rather have them in the room with all of us than not. And, of course, they don't have to sit in the kids area. They're free to sit with you, with a friend, or roam. If you really feel like your kid needs to leave the room for a bit, it's not necessary, but go ahead and take them to the Narthex or the Nursery if you must. But, please then come back in and keep trying.



Not sure you'll like the style and feel of how we are currently worshipping? Well, you won't know until you try! And, the thing about what we're doing now is that it's a bit different every week; we're going to keep experimenting, adding new pieces, taking others away. You're probably going to like some things and not like others. That's ok. Remember that you're not the only one worshipping here, and let's celebrate and explore the diversity of worship styles within our community all together!

And, feel free to keep bringing food and diaper donations! Kathy Henkel continues to faithfully take food donations to local pantries regularly and takes whatever we have here with her as well. So, if this is a convenient way to share what you have with your neighbors, keep bringing food. We'll make sure that it gets to where it's needed! And, diapers are still welcome too! Bob and Margaret Stratford continue to take those donations to the Diaper Bank for us as well! All donations can be left in the basket in the Narthex.

Want to know anything else? Just ask!

Otherwise, see you Sunday, Zoom or in person!

Pr Sarah & Pr Bob





Greetings fellow PVLC-ers,

August is here — makes me think, one more month of summer!

Long days and late evening walks! But that's because I'm not young and school days used to start later when I was a kid, plus I didn't grow up in a place with snow days built into school calendars. In worship this morning, I was reminded (I'm sure most of you didn't need to be reminded) that it's time to include students, teachers, and school staff in our thoughts and prayers. Washington Township starts August 4th and Pike Township Schools starts class | August 3rd. I'm sure the Pike kids are jealous and want that extra day! I know when I was in school, I would have. (Don't tell them Carmel doesn't go back till August 12!)

The weather may not be changing yet, but something is always changing, and for many it's the excitement and stress that come with back-to-school time. So don't just remember students, teachers, and school staff in your thoughts and silent prayers. But also in your active prayers: Drive carefully: watch for school busses, and kids walking. Thank a teacher. Help a kid with their homework. And maybe even help them forget about school and talk about something else, maybe, "sure is hot!" or "hey, how 'bout them Colts?"

Peace, *Alan Z.*

August 13 Megan Silence
August 14 Karen Brown
August 15 Jim Shella
August 30 Alan Zimmermann
August 31 Mike Hohl

Date	Attendance
July 4	17
July 11	—
July 18	20
July 25	30
Offering \$12,443.82 *does not include online giving	



Christian Education Update

- **Sunday Church School (SCS) will resume Sunday, September 12th!**

This is the Sunday following Labor Day. A few important points about SCS:

- As of July, SCS will be in-person.
 - SCS will follow 10:00 AM Sunday worship and will begin at 11:00 AM.
 - On the third Sunday of each month, we will have Inter-Generational SCS. All participants in SCS will meet in the Fellowship Hall on these days.
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- 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 at any time or leave them in the Narthex if you come for Sunday worship.
 - 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>.

- Robert and Margaret Stratford



Love. Grow. Serve.



Greetings from Outreach!

There ARE official activities happening this month, hurray!! **Saturday, August 28**, we will gather to serve dinner at Wheeler Mission. Wheeler's address is 520 E. Market St. We will meet there at 3:45. And our duties end, usually, around 6:00. Please contact the Henkels (317-334-1341 or dkhenkel@yahoo.com) or one of the pastors if you can join us. We hope to have 11 volunteers. We usually go out to dinner as a group afterwards — it's always a fun evening!

Thank you for your generous donations to the food pantry. I took four bags to them Wednesday, July 21. Dave and I strongly believe in the service that the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center provides. We donate groceries to them weekly.

We add our encouragement to assisting Hayley Kernodle in her classroom setup. We are so blessed to be able to help!

It has been good seeing some of you in person at church. As summer wanes and we head into fall, we look forward to gathering with more and more of our beloved Pleasant View family. We hope you have a wonderful August.

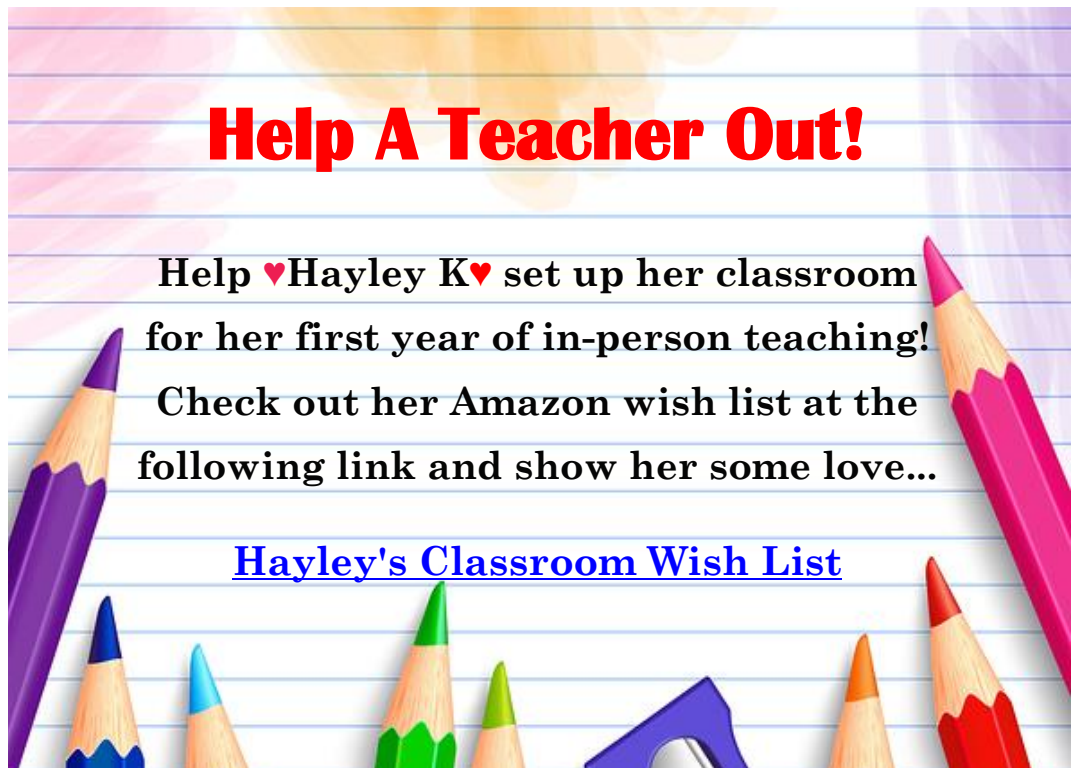
- Kathy

Help A Teacher Out!

Help ♥ Hayley K♥ set up her classroom for her first year of in-person teaching!

Check out her Amazon wish list at the following link and show her some love...

[Hayley's Classroom Wish List](#)



PVLC Council Meeting Virtual meeting 07/19/2021

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

Devotion: Alan Z.: God Pause:

Good News and Gratitude

- Thankful for vacations and focused time with family
- Luke H. is enjoying vacation with his girlfriend in NYC
- Jess S. is looking forward to band practice
- Bob S.'s sister from London and brother from CA. are coming to visit and his mother continues to visit
- Jennifer M. had a safe drive and wonderful time visiting family
- Karen M.'s family had a great vacation visiting her parents and her husband's parents and old friends
- Pastors and family had a great vacation
- Thanks to those who covered for those on vacation and kept the church running

Agenda

COVID-19 Review and Discussion

- COVID-19 moving forward

Q: How is In-person – indoor service + Streaming doing?

A: Audio could be better it echoes and gets garbled. Will try to put phone closer to pastors. Could buy an amplifier so that wifi reaches the sanctuary. May try a different microphone. Pastors ask council members to consider being the Zoom host during the service.

Q: Ready for indoor mask choice? Optional for vaccinated people?

A: Positivity rate rising and cases rising. Discussion of new variant, unvaccinated children, or other unvaccinated persons. Consensus is that for the care of others we should continue with wearing masks.

- LLC Update:

Pastors sent message to reduce rent which they have done. Pastor Lazdins is officially retired.

- Tenants Updates:

ACH: Getting ready for school year, re-carpeting in classrooms and will store items in designated area of fellowship hall for a short time while work is done.

DBSA: Monday evening – going well and following guidelines

AA: Saturday meetings – going well and following guidelines

ELCARM: Going well and following guidelines

All groups are happy to be back.

Q: Requests for fellowship hall for private events – what should our response be?

A: Consensus is to let a member and groups we know use the building for a private event with the current Covid policies.

Q: Do we want to impose a limit on persons?

A: Yes, 60 people max in fellowship hall.

Committee's Report

A: Pastors' Report- Pr. Sarah N.

- Youth Gathering – in 2023 at the end of July in Minneapolis. Info sent to youth. Timing iffy due to being right before school and college starts. Possibility of a Synod group for singles from several churches.

- Book Club: going well so far.

- Thanks to those who led in Pr. Sarah's absence.

- Supporting teachers – Haley K. for setting up classroom. List of needs will go out in saint's email. Other teachers in congregation will be contacted for needs.

- Pr. Sarah made banners for sanctuary to update look. Other ideas discussed for updating sanctuary – kid's space, taking choir pews out for musicians. Pews could be removed at any time Charlie would need help.

Q: Where would they be stored?

A: Will find a temporary place for them.

Consensus is to go ahead and try to see how this goes and how we may want to change or do further updates.

- Madelin anticipates returning August 1st

B: President's Report

- Beginning to move again on new constitution. President and Pr. Sarah are meeting to complete the update.

C. Outreach – Kathy H.

- Couple options for Wheeler in August, lunch or dinner. Both days are open on the church calendar. Kathy will pick a date and put it in the newsletter
- Reached out to principal at Mark Doctor's school again to support the school

D: Finance – Tom M., Jane B.

- No counting in July, lack of council members available. Trying to count on Sundays to avoid special trips.
- Friday July 16th: Balance: \$35,812
- Charlie's pay – go to actual hours worked starting in August, as opposed to 7 hours paid even if he works less. Generally, Charlie has been working more hours anyway.

E. Facility and Grounds – Jon S.

- Final inspection on nursery cooling/heating units and all is good
- Light post in south parking lot was supposed to be up, need to follow up
- ACH request facilities follow up on mowing and trimming needs as mowing company has missed some trimming.
- Fellowship hall is warm, new unit is turned off. Preventive maintenance, Edwards turned off unit and was supposed to get electrician, nothing has been done as yet. Poor communication from Edwards. Jon will follow up with someone higher up at Edwards. Contract with Edwards runs until next spring. Charlie noticed the air conditioner in kitchen is also off
- Hail damage on roof? Have roofers inspect for more recent damage, was supposed to be there today. Jon has not received confirmation but will follow up.
- Big Thanks for Charlie for outdoor work, trimming and landscaping

F. Hospitality – Sonia S.

- Annual Picnic – delay to September/October for cooler weather– have a bonfire

G. Education – Bob S.

- Intergenerational Sunday School idea to craft banners for the sanctuary.
- Resume SS, September 12th, in person with same Covid policies. Proposed SS at 11am, after church at 10am.
- Need teachers for youngest class.
- Still have an intergenerational once per month.
- High School class – Margaret willing to teach
- Continue to collect diapers

H. Worship – Jenny M.

- Looking forward to working with worship team to craft services

Newsletter: Sunday July 25th midnight deadline
– send to Karen M.

Motion to adjourn: Kathy H.,
Second: Jon S.
All in Favor: Unanimous
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Monday August 16th @ 6:30pm