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News & Notes

December 2021





From Pastor Sarah & Pastor Bob

Let us tell you a story about dishes...

Once upon a time in a church not so far away, in a cozy corner kitchen cabinet, there lived many, many dishes. There were small plates and big plates, salad bowls and serving platters.

Now, sometimes, when there are so many, many dishes in one cozy little corner cabinet, the cabinet can last only so long on the wall before all those dishes get just too heavy for it. Then, the cozy corner cabinet comes down with a crash! That's what happened in this particular church kitchen, not so far away, but in the middle of the night, for only the church bats and church mice to hear, and confused teachers, pastors, and custodians to discover the next day.



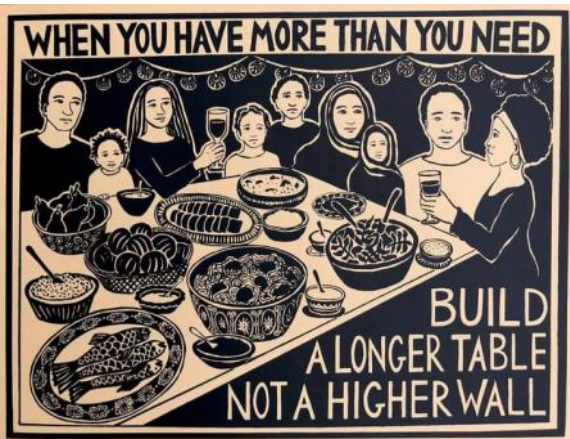
"What do we do!?" They said, for the cabinet was only hanging on by a thread, and a few dishes had already broken on the floor. The pastor and custodian cleaned it up, bit by bit, careful that no more dishes should break. Then, as they were unloading all of those heavy dishes from the sagging cabinet they wondered together, "Why do we have so many in the first place? Do we really need to keep them all?"



The cabinet was unable to be repaired, so it was removed from the wall with great care. The dishes were left in neat stacks on the counter, until a solution to our problem would we encounter.

Later that evening, as the pastors pondered the mess, and thought of what could be done with the rest of the dishes that hadn't been broken, but no longer had a home in the kitchen. They thought of others who didn't have homes, particularly the thousands from Afghanistan in a camp not far. Then they realize, "We could share these dishes!"

The church council readily agreed, as long as we kept what we still need.



So, off the dishes went, wrapped carefully in boxes (along with all of the other donations for Exodus!), to help families coming near from afar, and to relieve those groaning kitchen cabinets in that church not very so far.

We hope you enjoyed this not-quite-rhythmic story of sharing from what abounds, and encourage you in your homes to look around for those groaning cabinets and shelves and attics and garages, and this Advent, share what you have all around...otherwise yours also might come crashing down!

The End.



December Worship & Special Services

*Masks are required for all in-person events.

Saturday, December 4, 5pm: **Hanging of the Greens**
Service, Meal, & White-Elephant Gift Exchange

*If able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 5, 10am: **Advent 2 Worship**, Sanctuary & Zoom

Sunday, December 12, 10am: **Advent 3 Worship**, Sanctuary & Zoom

Sunday, December 19, 10am: **Christmas Program**, Sanctuary & Zoom

Tuesday, December 21, 7pm: **Blue Christmas Service**
Sanctuary & Zoom

Friday, December 24, 7pm: **Christmas Eve Worship**
Sanctuary & Zoom

Sunday, December 26, 10am: **Readings & Carols**, Sanctuary

Join in on Zoom
Meeting ID: 217 197 4317
Password: 02261844
Join by phone: 1 929 205 6099



Greetings from Outreach!

What a bounty was delivered to the Fay Bickard Glick Neighborhood Center! There were over 75 items, including food and toiletries donated by our beloved Congregation. Thank you so very much for helping those in Pike and Washington Townships celebrate Thanksgiving this year!

Our next opportunity will be helping the young men at Trinity House feel the love of Pleasant View! Again this year, we will ask for donations of gift cards for these young men learning to live independently after years in the foster care system. In early December, there will be ornaments on the Christmas tree in the narthex. On each ornament will be an amount and store for the gift card. We will share the deadline and process for returning the cards to church, as well as any other important information as we move closer to the delivery date. Please look in your email and the weekly bulletin for all the latest!

We are so thankful to all of you for your generosity. God bless us all to continue to be a blessing to our neighbors!

- Kathy

THE ENIGMATIC PARABLES OF A CONTROVERSIAL RABBI

AMY-JILL LEVINE
Editor of *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*

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stories
by
jesus

PRODIGAL SON

the tenants in the vineyard

**PVLC Book Group
Join in on Zoom
Most Wednesdays at 7pm
Meeting ID: 960 4155 0665
Passcode: 51699**



Christian Education Update

- Intergenerational Sunday School was on November 21st. Several of us, adults and children, worked to complete the Advent banners. We also decorated parts of the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. Finally, we made family advent wreaths based on a creative design developed by Margaret Stratford. It was based on cutouts of hand prints on floral paper arranged in a wreath like fashion with an inner circle of votive candles. Thank you Margaret!

- In observance of Reformation Sunday, several of us, adults and kids, had a really fun time going on a scavenger hunt. There were two teams. Clues to advance to the next station were based on the central tenets of Luther's teachings. It was a lot of fun racing around the church to find the next clue. We also played "name that reformation leader," consisting of matching name with picture. Thank you to Margaret S. for creating these fun activities to commemorate the Lutheran Reformation!

- As a reminder to you all, here are a few important points about Sunday School program this year:

- It will be held in-person so long as we are able to worship in person. We are so thankful that we can worship in person and participate in person in our various Christian Education opportunities.

- It will immediately follow the 10:00 AM service. All ages are welcome. Current plan is to resume our adult class as well.

- There is a mixed high school class run by Margaret S., consisting of in-person and Zoom.

- As we continue to worship in-person, and if we have in-person Sunday School, the third Sunday of each month will be Inter-Generational SCS. All participants will meet in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service on these days.

- 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. You can bring your diaper donations to worship service and drop them off.

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 Stratford*

PVLC Council Meeting Virtual meeting 11/15/2021

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

AGENDA

Devotion: Alan Z.: God Pause: Daniel 7

Good News and Gratitude

- Trunk or Treat had a large turn out and a small miracle that the candy lasted
- Lillian and Sterling will get their COVID shot
- Other members getting their boosters
- David and Kathy celebrated Happy 21st Birthday dinner with Joel and girlfriend
- Thank you to Pr. Bob's editing of stewardship devotions and posting to social media
- Lewis, Karen, and Lily enjoyed Sunday school together led by Susan and Lauren
- Thank you, Kathy H., for teaching too

Lead Topics

COVID-19 Review and Discussion

- PVLC & COVID-19 moving forward
- December council meeting: Review Ecumenical Guidelines for updates and discuss
- LLC update:
 - LLC would like to start worship in January 2022 and without masks.
 - Discussion and Results:
Provide proposal offering:
 - 1) 11:30am service
 - 2) Masked Required
- Tenants: All other groups are doing well

Pastor's Report – Pr. Sarah N.

- Exodus: Meeting in early December to determine if we can support beginning early January.
- Book group is going well

- Youth Gathering: ready to register to get early bird rate. If we go as an individual group, 1 additional adult is needed to chaperon.
- Synod Grant for technology: Some ideas: expanding the wireless capabilities to sanctuary, a TV Screen for sanctuary, etc.
 - Pr. Sarah will submit grant proposal by December 1st deadline
- Advent Devotional Signups needed

Council Vote:

- Alan Z. motions to accept Mary S. resignation from At Large Council Member.
Second: Jane B.
All in Favor: 9
All Opposed: 0

Committee's Report

- A. Outreach – Kathy H.
 - Thanksgiving food bank collection
 - Will reach out to Trinity for Christmas
- B. Finance – Jane B.
 - October Financial Report Review
 - Finance Meeting: Dec 17th
 - Budget and other business
- C. Facility and Grounds – Jon S.
 - Charlie has been working on east side of parking lot.
 - Determining creative ways to remove the brush pile
 - Edward's update: No response even after the last email
 - Roof Insurance update: re-assessed hail damage and sent updated claim to insurance company.
 - No light pole update

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D. Hospitality – Sonia S.

- Sunday Nov 21st Luncheon: Fazoli's

Newsletter: Tuesday November 23rd 11:59 pm
deadline – send to Pr. Sarah N.

E. Education – Bob S.

- Sunday Nov 21st: Intergenerational Sunday School crafting banners for the sanctuary, advent wreath making, helping decorating sanctuary
- Sunday Dec 19th: Christmas Around The World Sunday School Program
- High School class – Margaret willing to teach and capable to do Zoom as well as in person
- Adult class doing well
- Bell Choir...more to come.

Motion to adjourn: Amber S.
Second: Jane B.
All in Favor: Unanimous
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Monday December 20th @ 6:30pm

F. Worship – Jenny M.

- Saturday November 21st: Advent decorating the Narthex and Sanctuary
- Wednesday November 24th: Thanksgiving Zoom Worship @ 7 pm
- Saturday Dec 4th: Hanging of Green Service
- Tuesday Dec 21st: Blue Christmas in person worship and zoom available
- Friday Dec 24th: Christmas Eve Service

Date	Attendance
Nov. 7	25
Nov. 14	30
Nov. 21	30
Nov. 24 Thanks. Eve	11
Nov. 28	18
Offering: \$10,410.00 *does not include online giving	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12/1 Luci Spears

12/19 Ryan Worrel

12/23 Margaret Stratford

12/23 Joe Spears

12/24 Jesus (celebrated)

12/29 Jayne Thinnas

