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**News & Views**

**January 2022**

## **January 2022 Worship**

**Sundays at 10 am**

**In person @ PVLC**

**Out of hospitality to all, masks are required.**

**\*In this time of high covid spread in our local community,  
in person services will be re-assessed on a weekly basis  
and the community informed accordingly.**

**or On Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 217 197 4317**

**Password: 02261844**

**Join by phone: 1 929 205 6099**





## From Pastor Sarah & Pastor Bob

A blessing for the new year: (By Nadia Bolz-Weber)

As you enter this new year, as you pack away the Christmas decorations and get out your stretchy pants...as you face the onslaught of false promises offered you through new disciplines and elimination diets...

...as you grasp for control of yourself and your life and this chaotic world. . .

May you remember that there is no resolution that, if kept, will make you more worthy of love. There is no resolution that, if kept, will make life less uncertain and allow you to control a pandemic and your children and the way other people act.

So this year, May you just skip the part where you resolve to be better do better and look better this time. May you give yourself the gift of really, really low expectations.

May you expect so little of yourself that you can be super proud of the smallest of accomplishments. May you expect so little of the people in your life that you notice & cherish every small lovely thing about them. May you expect so little of the supply chain and service industry that you notice more of what you do get and less of what you don't and tip really well anyhow.

May you expect to get so little out of 2022 that you can celebrate every single thing it offers you, however small. Because you deserve joy and not disappointment.

So, I wish you a Happy as possible New Year. Love, Nadia.

As we are in the midst of yet another wave of covid, and find ourselves still in a pandemic as yet another new year starts, we thought this new year blessing from Pastor Nadia was spot-on. Folks, this is hard stuff. Living in times such as these is hard. Continuing to act in ways of care and compassion for one another in times such as these is really hard. Holding hope for a bright future ahead while in times such as these is getting more difficult by the day!

Don't lose hold of your hope! But, maybe, perhaps ... loosen up your expectations for the not-so-distant future. Remember that life, as hard as it may be, is still happening right now and that's not going to stop. In the words of Ferris Bueller: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." Now, he's not a great guy to model our lives after for many, many reasons (and yes we know he only exists in a movie), but he does have some good one-liners like this one.

But also, this idea of loosening and lowering one's expectations for themselves for a new year isn't entirely off from the Biblical concept of a Jubilee year – the "Year of Release" when debts would be forgiven, prisoners freed, and property returned to its original owner (see Leviticus 25:8-13). Though this would be AWESOME to happen as it is stated in scripture, and we should hold hope for a time when God's mercies come alive in the world in such a way, we can also use this concept in the way of a "year of release" from all that gets in the way of living life as it is, now – release from ourselves in some ways.

In this new year, be gentle with yourselves and with one another. Make room for life as it is, and in that, for Immanuel, God's presence that continues on with us through it all.

**God's Peace,**

*Pr. Sarah & Pr. Bob*



## *Happy New Year!*

I would like to thank everyone for their participation during Advent. From the member-written devotional and the Sunday School program to the Blue Christmas and Christmas Eve services, Pleasant View exuded warmth, joy, and hopefulness. I thought the sanctuary looked beautiful, and the placement of two Christmas trees and the banners gave it a fresh look. I hope those who joined via Zoom were able to appreciate how special it all felt.

The sanctuary has been cleared of Christmas decorations and is now ready for Epiphany – God’s manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. It’s a time to feel God’s light, even as we in Indiana hunker down for the dreary days of winter. It’s an annual Midwest conundrum when we hold to the hope and brightness of Christ’s birth as we are blanketed by gray, cold days.

If you’re like me, you are looking for ways to get motivated for the start of 2022. As much as social media can feel like a swamp of negativity and division, it can also be a place to find common ground and inspiration. I’ve been following an Instagram/Facebook page called [@\\_she\\_rises\\_](#) and I find the author shares an uplifting thought or prayer just when I need it. I also recommend Nadia Bolz-Weber, [@sarcasticlutheran](#), for some in-your-face truth.

I’d love recommendations for other social media accounts or blogs to follow!

*- Jennifer*

*(An image from after our Blue Christmas service.)*





## Greetings from Outreach!

Thank you so much for your participation in the PVLC Christmas outreach project this year! You are all such a blessing to the young men at Trinity House. This year, there were eleven young men to whom we all provided presents. And, the pastors also requested help for an individual family. We blessed each young man and the family with \$90 in gift cards. We are mighty in our generosity. From the bottom of our hearts, Dave and I thank you! We are filled with joy to be members of Pleasant View.

We will be looking next to assist our neighbors to the south in Kentucky, as they recover from those devastating tornadoes. Be on the lookout for that information in the coming weeks.

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 H.*

## Local Food Pantries and Kitchens

- Pike Township Red Zone Food Pantry. Donate here: <https://pike-ef.org/give/pike-red-zone-food-pantry-donations/>
- Wheeler Mission: <https://wheelermission.org/donate-to-wheeler/>
- Crooked Creek Food Pantry: <https://www.ccfpindy.org/donations>
- Glick Neighborhood Center: <https://www.faybiccardglickcenter.org/donate>  
We also continue to accept donation to the Glick Neighborhood Center in the drop off bins inside and outside of our church building. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

## Diaper Donations

Diaper donations can be dropped off at the church in a bin located under the portico at the main church/office entrance. You can bring your diaper donations to a worship service and drop them off then.

To donate money for the purchase of diapers:

1) Send donation to the church office (note for "GWOH Diapers")

or

2) donate directly to <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/IndianaDiaperBank/general>



**Happy New Year!**

The Christian Education schedule for January and February is below. Please consider assisting in teaching!

The Adult Class will continue with the Luther's Catechism study and the High School Class will meet in person and Zoom hybrid (unless I am teaching the younger class). All classes will meet on Zoom if we worship on Zoom.

Thanks again for your involvement last semester and looking forward to more this coming year.

Stay healthy, happy and hopeful! Continue to shine bright,

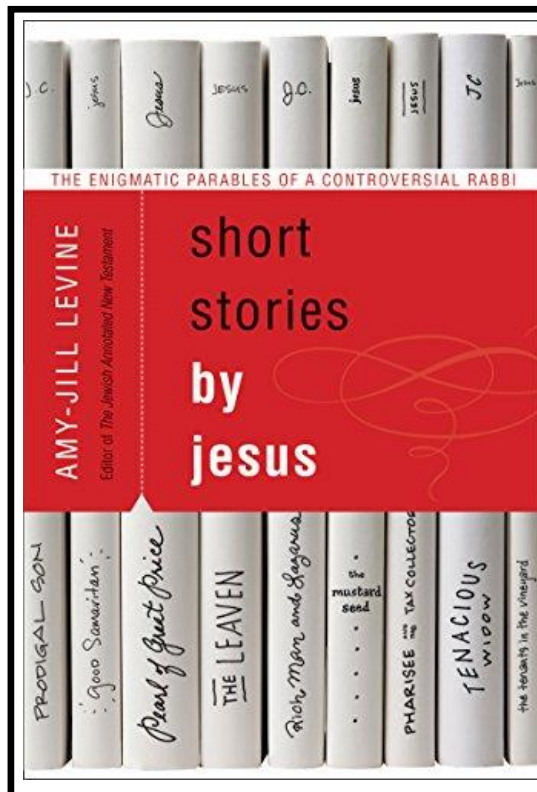
- *Margaret*

Sunday		LESSON		Teacher(s)
January 9		SIMEON AND ANNA Luke 2: 22-40	Winter, green	Margaret
January 16		THE BOY AT THE TEMPLE Luke 2: 41-52	green	Susan and Lauren
January 23	Prepare banners	<i>Intergenerational Sunday School</i>		Pastor Sarah
January 30		JOHN THE BAPTIST Luke 3: 1-18	green	
February 6		JESUS GOES TO NAZARETH Luke 4: 14-30	green	
February 13		Congregational Meeting NO SUNDAY SCHOOL		
February 20		THE DISCIPLES Matthew 4:12-23; 9:9-13; 10:1-4	green	
February 27	Ash Wednesday – March 2	SALT AND LIGHT Matthew 5: 13-20	Summer orange	Susan and Lauren



**JANUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 6 Dave Henkel
- 8 Cathryn Schroeder
- 15 Troy Stratford
- 18 Mark Doctor
- 22 Dan Robin
- 27 Kim Reid
- 29 Kathy Henkel



## PVLC Book Group

Join us on Zoom!

Wednesdays at 7pm

Meeting ID: 960 4155 0665

Passcode: 51699



## PVLC Council Meeting Virtual Meeting 12/20/2021

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

Devotion: Pr. Bob N.: God Pause: Psalm 80 1-7

### Good News and Gratitude

- Christmas Program went well
- Sanctuary feels beautiful
- All the donations for the Trinity House were amazing. Thank you PVLC!
- Hanging of Greens service was beautiful
- White Elephant exchange and dinner was a lovely time of fellowship
- Advent devotion
- Thank you to Kathy for sending out PVLC Christmas cards
- Thank you for the prayers for the Meyer's family
- Thank you to finance team for the budget proposal.
- Thank you, Pastors, for navigating groups to other parts of building due to HVAC electrical issue in fellowship hall.
- Thank you to Pr. Sarah and Charlie being available to assist with Edwards the following Monday on correcting the electrical concern/issue.
- Thank you, Margaret and Bob, for organizing and creating the Christmas Program

### Lead Topics

#### 1) COVID-19 Review and Discussion

- COVID-19 update regarding the rise in numbers
- Map indicates level orange for Marion County – transitioned to no congregational singing
- If the following happens– PVLC to move to zoom only:
  - Marion county move to red on the Indiana Covid Dashboard
  - Pastors need to quarantine
  - All metro area hospitals cancel elective procedures
- Recommended: providing email to Congregation to provide parameters.

- 2) LLC: No update since last communication,
  - Continue \$100 fee for storage and that they will continue at the Latvian Center.
- 3) DBSA: small numbers however meetings are going well
- 4) ACH: Recently had 3 positive cases and followed all Marion County Health guidelines
  - Director of Operations Role is open
    - Role currently filled by interim
  - ACH requested to meet with Pr. Bob and Alan Z. to review the COVID guidelines
    - Tentative meeting date– 1/13/22

### Pastor's Report- Pr. Bob

- Exodus: They have been placing families and donations are by appointment, that they have not had the resources to train new welcome teams. Pastors will reconnect in January.
- Wednesday January 5th: Book Group will resume
- Youth Gathering: Lewis, Jessica and Pr. Bob are registered. If we go as an individual group, 1 additional adult is needed to chaperon.
- Synod Grant for technology: We applied and received \$300 – extending the internet to sanctuary
- Pastors Vacation: Return January 2nd
- Synod Benevolence form will be completed by end of December
- Reminder of Worship services:
  - Tuesday Dec 21st: Blue Christmas in person worship and zoom available
  - Friday Dec 24th: Christmas Eve Service
  - Sunday Dec 26th: 10am worship service: readings and carols
  - Sunday Jan 2nd – 10 am – following service: take down decorations
- Sunday Feb 13th – Annual Meeting
  - Reports: Compiling and Provide: Kathy
  - January 31st: Deadline for Annual Reports

## Finance – Jane B.

- **2022 Budget Review and Finance Discussion**
  - Jane B. reviewed the proposed 2022 budget and showed comparison to 2021 budget.
  - What is the amount from pledges? ~107,000
  - Q: How much is in endowment? \$117, 589 (all items)
- **Council Vote:**
  - Jane B. motion to accept budget for 2022 as proposed.
  - Second: Pr. Bob N.
  - All in Favor: 8
  - All Opposed: 0
- Discussion about 2022 Treasure officer and consideration for a backup treasure officer.
- Discussion regarding finance accounts and changing to new role holders.
- Dec 31st 2021 contributions Reminder

## Committee's Reports

### A. Outreach – Kathy H.

- Thank you for all the donations for The Trinity House
- January- Brainstorming with Robert K.'s brother on how to assist Tornado Victims

### B. Facility and Grounds – Jon S.

- Fellowship hall – HVAC electrical issue have been repaired (outstanding work for FH units to be addressed)
- Edward's update: No response even after the last email
- Brown Outs – contacting IPL about this issue
- Charlie – great job on cleaning around the property

### C. Staff – Jennifer M.

- Christmas Gift discussion

### D. Additional Discussion

- Succession Planning and Documentation
- Google Drive and drop box option for council

Newsletter: January 2nd, 2022 11:59 pm deadline — send to Karen M.

Motion to adjourn: Jane B.

Second: Karen M.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Mtg: Monday January 17th, 2022 @ 6:30pm

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Date	Attendance	Offering
12/4	24	Hanging of Greens
12/5	32	\$7804.50
12/12	29	\$5960.00
12/19	38	\$5887.00
12/21	13	Blue Christmas
12/24	42	Christmas Eve
12/26	12	\$3345.00
*Online offerings not included in weekly totals.		