

April 24, 2016

## VOLUNTEERING

Imagine the transformation that would happen in our families, church, and community if we all took the time to do what God uniquely designed each of us to do to serve others. Whether you have lots of time to volunteer each week or only a few hours every once in awhile, consider making the kind of difference that only you can make. Contact the facilitator listed.

### Current serving opportunities include:

Kids' Church (serving Preschool-Kindergarten) [kirsten@pvwinona.com](mailto:kirsten@pvwinona.com)  
Kids' Church (serving 1st-4th grade) [kirsten@pvwinona.com](mailto:kirsten@pvwinona.com)  
Middle School (serving grades 5-8) [james@pvwinona.com](mailto:james@pvwinona.com)  
High School (serving grades 9-12) [brian@pvwinona.com](mailto:brian@pvwinona.com)  
Tech Ministry (sound, lights, video) and Arts (music, drama, or set design) [chad@pvwinona.com](mailto:chad@pvwinona.com)  
Guest Services: Ushering - [kevinjewert@gmail.com](mailto:kevinjewert@gmail.com)  
Greeting - Joyce, [jgulbrandsen@outlook.com](mailto:jgulbrandsen@outlook.com)  
Parking - Bill Braun, [bhbraun@hbci.com](mailto:bhbraun@hbci.com)  
Building & Grounds - [cindy@pvwinona.com](mailto:cindy@pvwinona.com)



## OWNERSHIP

Will you MERGE (to become combined, united, swallowed up, or absorbed; lose identity by uniting or blending) with us at PV to join us as we glorify God by becoming alive in order to make disciples? We believe that as you MERGE with us, you will begin to understand the Gospel better, PV's DNA better, and how you can join us in achieving the vision that God has given to PV. Because the reality is, when we do this together, WE are BETTER because of it.

**Meet the Zieskes** - Informal time to meet the Senior Pastor and his family. Dessert and childcare are on us! Sunday, May 22, 6:30-8pm.

**Engage** - We are Better Together! First step toward becoming an owner Sunday, June 5, 5-8pm. Childcare is available!

**Revolve** - A 3 week Learning Community on how to Abide & Abound. Next opportunity, Tuesdays, October 4, 11, & 18.

**Grow** - 7 week series based on PV's values. Series is available online for groups or individuals to participate in anytime. Visit [pvwinona.com/merge/grow](http://pvwinona.com/merge/grow)

**Empower** - A 1 day Learning Community discovering your spiritual gifts, and how your life experiences have uniquely shaped you for Kingdom influence. At the end of this session, participants will be asked to discover what's next for them; that may be serving, volunteering, going on a mission trip, or interning. Next opportunity will be Saturday, November 12.

## WAYS TO GIVE AT PLEASANT VALLEY:

**Cash or Check:** Place your check or cash in a secure giving box during any Sunday service. Contributions may also be sent to the PV office.

**Automatic Giving:** Fill out a green form from the brochure kiosk to consistently give weekly/monthly via checking or savings account. This is the most cost-effective method of automatic giving for the church.



**Online Giving:** Scan this QR code or visit [pvwinona.com](http://pvwinona.com) to set up an online account to give one-time or consistent weekly/monthly via credit card\*, debit card, checking or savings account.

**Text Giving:** With your smartphone or device, text a dollar amount to 507.697.1988. You'll receive a text with a link. Tap the link, enter your information, and the credit\* or debit card you'd like to use for all future gifts. Next time you're ready to give, text the dollar amount to the number above. (To give to Irresistible, include the code "II") Example: text "\$50 II" if you want to give \$50 to Irresistible.

**Stock Transfer:** Please call the office for details, 507.452.5518.

*\*Why do we accept credit cards? When used responsibly, credit and debit cards are an efficient tool for payments and purchases. Many people utilize them in place of checks or cash and then pay the balance off in full. We strongly discourage those who have credit card debt from exercising this option.*

**2016 is the Year of Prayer!** Visit [pvwinona.com/prayer/](http://pvwinona.com/prayer/) to read about how you can participate: a prayer calendar which includes a daily devotional, a prayer wall where you can submit your prayer requests, and a prayer events page where opportunities will be posted as they are scheduled.

**Join us as we celebrate Communion** next Sunday. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. If your diet requires no gluten, we welcome you to celebrate communion by selecting an individually wrapped gluten-free wafer when the tray passes.

### Congratulations to those who were baptized last Sunday:

Justin Barton, Haley Brandes, Kim Harmston, Georgia Karmue, Mariah Langerud, Hannah Lefebvre, Mark Loeffler, Dan Medin, Brock Rutzen, Elijah Vieth.

**Financial Peace University** - Mondays, May 2-June 27, 6-7:30pm at PV. FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get rid of debt and manage your money. \$100/kit (couples can share). Childcare is available, free will offering accepted. Register at [pvwinona.com](http://pvwinona.com). **Free preview today at 10am and 12pm in room 111.** For one-on-one financial coaching, contact Phil Huerta, [huerta.phillip@gmail.com](mailto:huerta.phillip@gmail.com).

**Compassion International** - Today, after each service. Compassion International pairs compassionate people with children in poverty. When you support a child, your monthly contribution will provide medical checkups, nutritious food, educational assistance, mentoring, and encouragement to develop a lifelong relationship with Jesus. To get involved, stop by the table in the entryway.

**H2o Project 5K** - Today, 2:30pm at Lake Winona Lodge. Help SAVE LIVES! It's simple: sign up, run/walk a 5K, and your money will help bring clean drinking water to Liberia, Africa. Registration is \$30. All participants get a t-shirt. Check-in begins at 1:30pm with snacks and beverages after the race.

**Parent/Child Dedication** - Sunday, May 8 at 8:30 & 10:30am. The Bible teaches that parents have the primary responsibility to nurture the faith of their children. The church family receives the privilege to join families in prayer and encouragement. Register on your bulletin response card. Please plan to attend the prep class Sunday, May 1 at 9:45am in room 111. We will attempt to schedule your family at your desired service, although adjustments may be necessary to create a balanced morning. Your service time will be confirmed at the class. Please register on your bulletin response card.

**Worship and Prayer Night** - Sunday, May 15, 6:30-8pm. Come together for a time of worship and prayer! Childcare will be available, free will donations will be accepted.

**Camp Awesome** - June 22-24, 9am-4pm. A sports or arts camp for children entering first grade through fifth grade. Sports: soccer, basketball, and field hockey. Arts: dance, visual arts, and theatre. \$10 for the first child in the family, \$5 for each additional child. Registration deadline is Sunday, June 12. Registration details at [pvwinona.com](http://pvwinona.com)

**Camp Awesome Staff Needs** - PV's Camp Awesome, a sports and arts camp, is scheduled for June 22-24. Opportunities are available for adults and teens, that love Jesus and children, to serve as huddle coaches (small group leaders). No athletic or artistic ability is needed to serve. This is a great way to bless our community and have a lot of fun. Contact Kirsten for more information, [kirsten@pvwinona.com](mailto:kirsten@pvwinona.com).



**PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH**

*Every generation, fully alive in Jesus.*

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Worship Celebrations: Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30am



In April of 2014, the PV family was invited to partner in an initiative called Irresistible. The goal remains the same: to connect more people to Jesus and align

more Christ followers to His purpose.

We set out to accomplish three things that would require sacrifice, commitment, and financial resources: eliminate the \$1,000,000 debt, re-purpose the facility, and bless local ministries.

\$4,372,525 of the \$3.6 million goal has been pledged!

We have already accomplished much. In Phase 1, we installed a new Audio/Video/Lighting system in the Ministry Center.

In Phase 2, the long-standing debt was eliminated. Local ministries have been financially blessed.

Phase 3, Building plans are in process. Copies are available on the brochure kiosk and at [pvwinona.com/irresistible](http://pvwinona.com/irresistible).

**Policy Change** - Thank you for your generosity to the Lord's work at Pleasant Valley Church. As you may know, the 2016-17 budget reflected a policy change. Since Benevolence and Missions are such a high priority, we are now including support for them in the General Budget. This means Benevolence and Missions expenditures are no longer dependent upon designated giving. Therefore, please continue to support benevolence and missions through generosity to the general fund. Beginning with gifts received after April 1, 2016, all gifts designated to Missions and or Benevolence will be directed to the general fund.

Please do continue to support any particular intern and or the Irresistible Initiative by specific designation.

The Missions and Benevolence policy change allows Pleasant Valley Church:

1. To increase expenditures on Missions and Benevolence, when desired, without depending on designated giving.
2. To increase flexibility regarding the use of funds, so funds can be targeted to needs as the Spirit leads.
3. To fully comply with IRS regulations: if a person wants to give a contribution to a church and get a tax deduction, the donor must relinquish control and allow the church to use the contribution however the church best decides. (Designated gifts prior to April 1, 2016 will still be tax deductible.)

**Ownership** - The Governance Board will vote on church ownership for Wes Woodward at an upcoming meeting. In accordance with our Constitution, any PV owner with reasons why their ownerships should not be approved, contact Pastor Brandon or Governance Board Chair, Ben Ekern.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

**The Baby/Toddler Zones (BTZ)** are located in the hallway on our lower level. The Baby Zone welcomes birth through steady walkers. The Toddler Zone is for walkers through 33 months.

**Kids' Church Pre & K** - Preschoolers (age 24-33 mos) through Kindergarten, meet Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30am in room 206.

**Kids' Church Grades 1-4**, Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30am, room 209 (SMC). Students enjoy worship, teaching and fun team challenges, plus small groups for talking points and prayer.

**Awana** - is on break and will resume in September.

**Summer Camp Opportunities** - God is using Christian camping in the lives of children and youth! Stop by the table entryway on May 1 or 8 for details. Scholarship forms are also available.

**Mom's Day Off** - Tuesday, May 10, 9am-1pm. A time for mom's to enjoy a break from the stresses of daily life, while their children, birth - 4th grade, are loved and cared for at PV. Babies will be rocked and fed in the nursery and older kids will enjoy fun games, crafts, and more. Please provide a sack lunch for each child attending. Invite your friends! Registration begins next week.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

**Sunday Morning Youth** - 8:30 & 10:30am in room 203 (Chapel). 5th-8th grade students are welcome. Adult leaders challenge them to grow deeper in their faith; plus they enjoy games and donuts!

**Wednesday Night Youth Group** - Open gym at 6:30pm, start time 7pm, end time 9pm. 5th-8th grade students enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time. Our hope is that the students will be refreshed in Jesus.

**Laser Tag** - Saturday, April 30, 7-9:50pm at PV.

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

**Wednesday Night Youth Group** - 7pm at PV. 9th-12th grade students are welcome to enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time.

**HSM Sunday Night Life Groups** - If you are interested in "moving forward in life together" with other HSM students, contact Pastor Brian, [brian@pvwinona.com](mailto:brian@pvwinona.com).

**HSM Boundary Waters Trip** - June 17-21. Cost \$310, scholarships are available. Registration deadline is June 1. Get away and slow down to focus on God. Register: [pvwinona.com/highschool](http://pvwinona.com/highschool). Questions? Contact Pastor Brian, [brian@pvwinona.com](mailto:brian@pvwinona.com).

*Students, stop by the Next Steps area for more information.*

## COLLEGE MINISTRIES

**Breathe (College Church)** - Monday, 7pm at PV. This is the last Breathe of the school year. Need a ride? Cars waiting at Kryszko Commons and Lourdes, 6:45pm.

## ADULT MINISTRIES

**Softball Players wanted!** Men and boys over 16 years of age interested in playing softball for the Pleasant Valley team this year, please contact Dave Henderson, 454.1383 or [sirhender@gmail.com](mailto:sirhender@gmail.com). The first game is May 5.

**Farewell to Timbers!** (Closing soon) - Tuesday, April 26, 9am. Gathering for all Seniors and any interested friends at Timbers Restaurant for breakfast, conversation, and farewell after many years of serving us. Please RSVP to Bob and Carol Bollant, [bbollant@hbci.com](mailto:bbollant@hbci.com) or 454.4278.

# GROUPS @PV

It is our goal to have every person at PV involved in a Small Group, to develop a meaningful relationship with God and His Word, and meaningful relationships with other Christ-followers. To show interest or inquire about a group, contact the group leader listed, or stop by the Next Steps area.

## GENERAL (any age, gender, and marital status welcome)

2 Sundays/month, 4pm, Jake & Molly Dahl, [jakedahl@hotmail.com](mailto:jakedahl@hotmail.com), Rushford Sundays, 6pm, Richard & Linda Wardwell, [lindeelou@centurylink.net](mailto:lindeelou@centurylink.net), Stockton Tuesdays, 7pm, Todd Ericksen & Owen Warneke, [toddehs@q.com](mailto:toddehs@q.com) Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Matt & Tanya Bollinger, [mrb4686@aol.com](mailto:mrb4686@aol.com), Lewiston Wednesdays, 7pm, Glenn & Michelle Butler, [michelerbutler@gmail.com](mailto:michelerbutler@gmail.com), Arcadia

## WOMEN

Tuesdays, 6pm, Mary Miller-Hyland, [mary.mh0624@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mh0624@gmail.com)  
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, single women, MacKenzie Haugen, [mjhaugen4135@winona.edu](mailto:mjhaugen4135@winona.edu)

## MEN

Mondays, 6:15am, Ben Ekern, [bekern@acegroup.cc](mailto:bekern@acegroup.cc), Burdy's Cafe in Peterson Tuesdays, 7pm, young adult men, Marc-Henry Wakim, [mwakim89@gmail.com](mailto:mwakim89@gmail.com)  
Wednesdays, 6:45am, Jeff Peterson, [jgpeterston03@hotmail.com](mailto:jgpeterston03@hotmail.com), PV Saturdays, 7am, Owen Warneke, 454.7524, [owenowa@hbci.com](mailto:owenowa@hbci.com)

## SPECIFIC

**Starting Point**, one-on-one study for adults who want to get grounded in their relationship with Christ. Meeting times based on participants' schedules.  
Pastor Joe, [joe@pvwinona.com](mailto:joe@pvwinona.com)

**Financial Peace University**, Mondays, 6pm beginning May 2nd - June 27, childcare available (free will offering accepted). Register at [pvwinona.com](http://pvwinona.com). Questions? Phil Huerta, [huerta.phillip@gmail.com](mailto:huerta.phillip@gmail.com).

Every other Sunday, 4:30-6:30pm at PV. **Parenting**, Darrel & Liz Nelson, [denelson07@gmail.com](mailto:denelson07@gmail.com)

Every 4th Wednesday of month, 5-6:30pm, **group for new believers, those new to PV, new to small groups, or those wanting to find out more about faith-based topics**, Christine Woyczik, 608.386.3831 and Mary Jo Kottmann, 608.881.4025

Thursdays, 9:30am, group for **senior adults**, Allen Thompson, 454.0363

Fridays, 6:30pm, **Celebrate Recovery**, this Christ-centered recovery program supports those going through struggles that include: addictions, emotions, relationships etc. CR offers Biblical teaching on experiencing healing and wholeness, as well as relational support needed to work through personal issues. A free will offering is accepted to cover food, materials and leadership training. Visit [pvwinona.com](http://pvwinona.com) for details or contact Pastor Joe, [joe@pvwinona.com](mailto:joe@pvwinona.com).