October 25, 2015

Will you MERGE (to become combined, united, swallowed up, or absorbed; lose identity) by uniting or blending, (often followed by in or into) 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, Nov 15. Watch for sign up opportunities in the weeks to come.

Engage - We are Better Together! First step toward becoming an owner at PV. Today, 5-8pm. Please join us even if you didn't register! Next opportunity will be Dec 13.

**Revolve** - A 3 Week Learning Community on learning how to Abide & Abound. Watch for information on future opportunities.

Grow - 6 Week Small Group based on PV's Values. Video series will be available online for groups to watch anytime.

**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. Saturday, November 14. Watch for sign up opportunities in the weeks to come.

#### WAYS TO GIVE AT PLEASANT VALLEY:

Cash or Check: Place your check or cash in a secure aiving 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 to set up an online account to give one-time or consistent

weekly/monthly via orgality to the control of the cont 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"; Benevolence, "BV"; or Missions, "MI") 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.



Worship and Prayer Night - Tonight, 6:30-8pm. Come together for a time of worship and prayer! Childcare will be available.

Fall Festival - Friday, October 30, 5:30-8pm. Stop in anytime for family fun, food and more. Wear your costumes and tell your friends!

Pleasant Valley Highway & Church Grounds Clean-up Day - Saturday, October 31. Join us at church at 9am for donuts, juice, and prayer before we clean a portion of County Rd 17 and the church grounds. This is a fun family event to serve our church, our community and God! If you can help, contact Bill Braun: 454.3057, braunbiz@hbci.com; or the church office: 452.5518, pv@pvwinona.com.

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.

# Tunnel Vision: Missions Emphasis - November 1-14.

## Sunday, November 1

David Kiamu, Liberian Pastor, will speak during both Worship Celebrations.

6:30pm - Enjoy dessert as David and Lucy Kiamu share about their ministry.

# Thursday, November 5

6-8pm - Mission 21, a Minnesota based agency, will share how they provide resources and restoration services to child victims of sex trafficking.

# Saturday, November 7

6pm - Women are invited to hear from Isik Abla—a former Muslim, called by God to help set the women of the world, and specifically from the Muslim culture, free with the message of redemption in Jesus Christ. Use the postcards in your bulletin to invite your friends!

# Sunday, November 8

Isik Abla will speak during both Worship Celebrations, sharing her story of transformation and, despite the evil taking place in the world, her first-hand experience of God's favor and the Spirit's outpouring to Muslims.

6:30pm - Worship and Prayer Night - Isik will lead a time of prayer, as the Lord leads.

#### Tuesday, November 10

6pm - Local members of our missions family, Lynn Bennett, Alex Blackwell, and Ryan Residence, will bring us up to date with how the Lord is working inside their ministries.

(Childcare will be provided during all evening events.)

David and Lucy Kiamu will be in Winona, Oct 30– Nov 3. If you would like to host a meal during their stay, please contact the church office.

# There will not be a Hymn Sing in October due to Missions Emphasis.

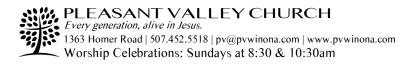
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# RISTMAS Operation Christmas Child Collection Week is coming Collection Week is coming! November 15-22!

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) brings joy and hope to millions of children through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Start planning now by picking up small toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, and accessories! Watch for more information.

Pleasant Valley Church is currently seeking an individual to join our set up team. This paid position would be the back up to the main person who sets up tables and chairs for Worship Celebrations, classes, and events. Starting date would be ASAP. You will be trained. This person will work anywhere from 2-9 hours per week. If you enjoy physical labor, have a heart to serve, have strong attention to detail, and can work evenings and weekends, please contact Cindy in the church office, cindy@pvwinona.com or 452.5518.





In April of 2014, the PV family was invited to partner in a 3-year 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. To date, \$2,158,395 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, we have, to date, decreased the debt to \$177,003, and have begun updating the children's areas. We are now excited to reveal plans for Phase 3, the re-purposing of the facility. New 3-D design plans are on display in the Fellowship area. If you have not partnered with PV in this way, please consider understanding the need and stepping out in faith to be part of something great. Pick up a pledge card from the back of the Ministry Center or from the brochure kiosk in the Next Steps Area and drop it in one of the black giving boxes.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month - 1 Timothy 5:17 tells us that our pastors "are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." May we be a congregation that honors those who work diligently for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church. We would like to encourage the entire PV family to show love and appreciation to our pastoral staff in special ways throughout October. Be creative, have fun, and take time in whatever way the Lord leads you to demonstrate your gratefulness for the unselfish work of our pastors and staff. Pleasant Valley Governance Board

Do you love kids? God has an amazing opportunity for you to serve the kids at PV. There are openings for regular staff and subs for the Pre/K and 1st-4th grade Sunday morning classrooms at 8:30 and 10:30am. Please contact Kirsten, 452.5518 or kirsten@pvwinona.com.

#### **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, a ministry for kids, grades K-6, meets at the Peterson Middle School on Wednesdays at 6pm. For more information email jprinsen99@gmail.com or facebook.com/RushfordPetersonAWANA.

## 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 - 7pm at PV. 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.

#### **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.

HSM Mall of America (MOA) Lock-In - Saturday, November 14-15. Students and leaders will leave PV at 8pm and return Sunday at 5am. Cost is \$60 which includes: ticket, transportation, and pizza and soda for the night. Register by November 4 at Wednesday Night Youth Group or contact Brian, brian@pvwinona.com.

# **COLLEGE MINISTRIES**

Breathe (College Church) - Mondays, 7pm at PV. Need a ride? Cars will be waiting at Kryszko Commons and Lourdes at 6:45pm.

Want to join a small group? Email h2o@pvwinona.com and let us know you are interested in joining a Village Group!



Breathe Worship Team is recording an album! God has been birthing songs through worship and an overflow of their lives with God that the team wants to share with others! To help support them financially, scan this QR code or visit www.h2ocollegeministries.com for more information.

# GROUPS @

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)

e/o Sunday, 5:30pm, Jake & Molly Dahl, jakedahll@hotmail.com, Rushford Tuesdays, 7pm, Gabe & Erika Ericksen, gtericksen@gmail.com Tuesdays, 7pm, Todd Ericksen & Owen Warneke, toddehs@q.com Tuesdays, 7pm, Chuck & Stephanie Orr, stephanie\_jorr@hotmail.com Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Bob & Andrea Reinert, robertfreinert@gmail.com Wednesdays, 7pm, Glenn & Michelle Butler, michelerbutler@gmail.com, Arcadia

#### WOMEN

Tuesdays, 6pm, beginning October 27, Mary Miller-Hyland, mary.mh0624@gmail.com

Tuesdays, 6:30pm, at PV, single women, MacKenzie Haugen, mjhaugen4135@winona.edu

## MEN

Mondays, 6:15am, Ben Ekern, bekern@acegroup.cc, Burdy's Cafe in Peterson Wednesdays, 6:45am, Jeff Peterson, jgpeterson03@hotmail.com, PV Tuesdays, 7pm, young adult men, Marc-Henry Wakim, mwakim89@gmail.com Saturdays, 7am, Owen Warneke, 454.7524, 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

Tuesdays, 7pm, Love & Respect, Dave & Gayle Steinquist, gayle@mediascopeinc.com

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

Fridays, 6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, where adults find healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups; childcare is no longer available at this time. Pastor Joe, joe@pvwinona.com

# 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 Kids' Church (serving 1st-4th grade) kirsten@pvwinona.com Middle School (serving grades 5-8) james@pvwinona.com High School (serving grades 9-12) brian@pvwinona.com Tech Ministry (sound, lights, video) and Arts (music, drama, or set design) chad@pvwinona.com

First Impressions:

Ushering - kevinjewert@gmail.com Greeting - Joyce, jgulbrandsen@outlook.com Parking - Bill Braun, bhbraun@hbci.com Building & Grounds (hospitality team, cleaning, projects, grounds) michael@pvwinona.com