



THE ECHO

Sharing God's Love at PVUMC - A place to worship, serve, and belong.

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December 2011 - February 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 18 – Christmas Open House

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Services

Dec 25 – Christmas Day

Jan 8 – Christianity & Finances Sermon Series Begins

Jan 20-22 – UMYF Retreat

Feb 5 – Super Bowl Sunday Hot Dog Sale

Feb 24-25 – UMYF 30 Hour Famine

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 p.m. – Children and Family Service

7:00 p.m. – Cantata and Communion

11:00 p.m. Carols, Candles, and Communion

Christmas and New Year's Day

Please note that there will be one service at 10 am on Christmas and New Year's Day.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANTATA

The Pleasant Valley UMC Chancel Choir will present "*Come, Let Us Worship the King*" on December 24th at 7pm. Arranged by Russell

Mauldin, the cantata reminds us that long ago a King made His journey from Heaven to earth. At the moment of His birth, Jesus would begin to fulfill every prophecy ever made about His coming. "Come, Let Us Worship the King" includes beautiful original songs, as well as a few favorite carols that close with a short rendition of the Messiah. We hope you will invite your friends and family for this joyous event.

FROM THE PASTOR

My PVUMC Family,

After all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season draws to a close, I encourage you to invite friends to our worship services in January. We will try to get the new year off to a good start with a sermon series about God's priorities in how we approach finances as Christians.

Jan. 1 One Service at 10 am with Communion

Jan. 8 What Would Jesus Buy? New Year's Priorities

Jan. 15 If its God's Stuff, Why is It in My Garage?

Jan. 22 Stewardship- Just a Christian Word No One Understands?

Jan. 29 What Would Jesus Give? Generosity in an Age of Fear

See you Sunday,
Pastor Justin

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

 New Members	<p>Lauren Wester Nancy Wester November 20, 2011</p>
 Baptisms	<p>Graeson Ashford DuBose September 25, 2011</p> <p>Max Joseph Denniston October 30, 2011</p> <p>Chelsea Elizabeth Gonzalez November 13, 2011</p> <p>Lauren Wester November 20, 2011</p>
 Births	<p>Beatrice Noelle Skypek September 15, 2011</p> <p>Abel Cameron Knudson September 16, 2011</p>

Annual Christmas Open House!

Please join Pastor Justin and Katy for their annual Christmas Open House at the Parsonage (25508 Upper Clubhouse Drive, South Riding, VA, 20152). All are welcome!

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sunday School for all ages meets each week at 10:00 am.

UMYF (Youth Fellowship) meets each Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

"Children's Church" is available for children of all ages during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Children gather near the back of the Sanctuary and leave together following the Children's Sharing Time. Children's Church focuses on helping children develop an understanding of how to worship God. As a reminder, children will have an opportunity to give an offering just like in the regular Worship Service. Hopefully, this practice will instill a sense of stewardship and the importance of mission work.

ADULTS

Adult Small Groups!

Disciple I – A new study group is a Disciple I class, led by Cecelia Taylor on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, beginning September 14th. Three people have already signed up for this 32 week class that provides an overview of the Bible. Although there is homework, those who have taken this course report that the benefits far outweigh the effort. Contact Cecelia with questions.

WOW (Women of Wonders) – This study group meets from 9:30 – 11 am on Friday mornings in Room 205. Sandi Sorrow is the leader, although all participants join in the discussion. Contact Sandi with questions.

God 101 – God 101, led by Pastor Justin, meets on Thursdays from 7 – 8 pm in Room 205. They are currently studying World Religions. All are welcome – no experience necessary and no homework! Come join the fun.

Men's Bible Study – Join the men of the church for Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This group studies selected topics on a short term basis, so if you have an interest in a particular topic, please contact **Loren Epton** for more information.

Music Notes



The **Chancel Choir** presents vocal selections during the 11 am worship service. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Please contact Trace Stokes for more information.

The **Praise Worship Music Team** leads the music at the 9 am worship service each Sunday morning and is eager to have additional vocalists and musicians. The group rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 8 pm in the church sanctuary. Please contact Trace Stokes or Dale Turner (dalet@cawins.com or 703-830-9533) with questions or to join in the fun.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Search "Pleasant Valley UMC" on Facebook for updates, pictures, and community!

FROM THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) wants to hear from you! Members of the SPRC are here to serve the church family and would like to hear your praise, general concerns and anything else regarding the paid staff of Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church. Voice your opinion by contacting a member of the SPRC directly, emailing us at sprc@pleasantvalleyumc.net or attending one of our monthly meetings. For concerns regarding paid staff members, we ask that you also present us with a possible solution to the problem. All concerns will be kept confidential by the SPRC. Words of praise will be delivered to the person or persons directly involved. We encourage you to be heard!

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CANNED GOODS!

Now that holiday giving season is behind us, there is a greater need than ever to provide for the less fortunate families of our community. Please continue to bring in your canned goods to donate to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and help us fill the box!

Want to Be More Involved in the Worship Service?

We need Ushers, Greeters and Acolytes for both Sunday Worship services. If you are interested in serving in this way please contact **Frank** or **Sandi Sorrow** at (703) 263-2555. These opportunities are one way to use your God given gifts in ministry. Pray about it!



2012 LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council Chair:

Katherine Bolton (2014)

Lay Leader:

Linda Bridges (2012)

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:

Bill Walden

Lay Delegate to District Conference:

Cecelia Taylor

Youth Delegate to District Conference:

Emma Roney

Board of Trustees

2012:

Cheryl Cartwright*

Stephanie Teates-Kabacinski

Linda Bridges

2013:

Dale Turner

Bonnie Lusk

Jim Roney

2014:

Bill Walden

Brenda Bell

Chris Lose

Buildings & Grounds Volunteers-

Steve Arsenault, Mike Gleasman, Rob Konczal, Ron Lusk, Frank Sorrow, Ray Wilder

Building Team-

Joe Conradi, Sara Helmke, Bill Walden*, Mike Gleasman, Pastor Justin

Staff/Parish Relations Team

2012:

Sandy Rigsbee

Kelsey Gaber

Mike Gleasman*

2013:

Sandi Oneal

Rob Sakmyster

Jim Vertrees

2014:

Lynda Turner

Jane Wheeler

Lou Cartwright

Nominations & Leadership Development **(Pastor Justin serves as chair)**

2012:

Cecelia Taylor

Steve Arsenault

Sara Helmke

2013:

Amy Hibberd

Mary Hicks

Linda Konczal

2014:

Frank Sorrow

Sarah Shifflett

Pam George

Finance Ministry

Chair: Tom Skypek* (2014)

Financial Secretary: Sally Walden

Treasurer: Mary Roney (staff)

Members at Large:

2012: Linda Bridges

2013: Tamara Sakmyster

2014: Loren Epton

Counters: Jo Ann Bensen, Linda Bridges, Cheryl Cartwright, Eleanor Craig, Lena Curtis, Scott Denniston, Susan Denniston, Becky Epton, Loren Epton, Amy Hibberd, Linda Konczal, Kim Novak, Tamara Sakmyster, Tom Skypek, Lynda Turner

Discipleship Ministry

Chair: Cecelia Taylor (2012)*

Adult Education coordinator: Rob Konczal

Children's Education coordinator: Lee Hyer

Youth Council Chair: Nancy Penn

Worship coordinator: Sandi Sorrow

Memorials coordinator: Brenda Bell

UMM President: TBA

UMW President: Brenda Bell

Team Members: Linda Arsenault, Linda Bridges, Judy Bryant, Lou Cartwright, Eleanor Craig, Lee Hyer, Dorothy Teates, Dale Turner, and YOU- all are welcome to join!

Outreach and Witness Ministry

Co-Chairs: Linda Konczal & Pam George (2012)*

Mission Coordinator: Mary Hicks

Evangelism Coordinator: Sandi Oneal

Communications Coordinator: Shannon Skypek

Congregational Care Coordinator(s): Jim & Natalie Vertrees

Team Members: Judy Alexander, Lou Cartwright, Amy Hibberd, Sandy Rigsbee, Miata Smith, Lynda Turner, Bill Walden, Sally Walden, and YOU- all are welcome to join the Outreach & Witness team!

*indicates chairperson

Homebound Communion

Several of our members are unable to attend church because of physical disabilities. Others become ill and are temporarily hospitalized or recovering in a rehabilitation center. In these situations, our members may be deprived of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, ironically, at a time when they might need it most. If this applies to you, now or in the future, please call the Church Office (703) 327-4461, **Frank Sorrow** (703) 263-2555 or **Cecelia Taylor** (703) 943-0642 and we'll arrange to have the Sacrament brought to you.

RENT THE FLOWERS

As of January 1, 2012, we are no longer going to purchase altar flowers. Rather, our very own Judy Bryant has made seasonal artificial flower arrangements for the altar. The Discipleship Ministry made this decision to save money. However, If you wish to have a loved one or an event recognized in the Sunday bulletin, you still can! You can "rent the flowers" for a Sunday by making a donation to the church and giving Cecelia the information you want in the bulletin. Another option is for you to buy a flower arrangement for the altar and bring it to church by the Saturday before the Sunday you want it on the altar. Of course, you would also need to inform Cecelia about the information you want to appear in the bulletin.

We believe this is a great way for our altar to be beautified while saving money at the same time.



Wednesday Night Prayer Ministry

As Christians we all have been called to pray for others in need and to pray for our church. Doing so not only helps those for whom we are praying but also helps those who pray. So plan to join the prayer group each **Wednesday at 6:45 p.m** in Room 205 for a time of intercessory prayer and bring a friend. If you have questions, contact **Lou Cartwright**.



DATE		LAY READERS	GREETERS	USHERS
December 18	9:00		Jean Meyer, Sandi Sorrow	Mary and Kelly Hicks
	11:00	Sandi O'Neal	Pam George Abbey Roney	Ray Wilder, Scott Denniston Jim and Abbey Roney
December 24 Christmas Eve	5:00	Cecelia Taylor Nancy Penn		
	7:00	N/A	Jerry and Val Butkus Jim and Natalie Vertrees	Rob Konczal, Michael Gleasman Mary and Kelly Hicks
	11:00	Pastor Justin	Lynda Turner	Pam George, Sandy Rigsbee
December 25	10:00	Cecelia Taylor	Linda Konczal	Frank and Sandi Sorrow
January 1	10:00	Jim Bolton	Mary and Kelly Hicks	Jean Meyer, Brenda Bell
January 8	9:00	Brenda Bell	Brenda Bell, Lynda Turner	Mary and Kelly Hicks
	11:00	Lou Cartwright	Kim Novak, Judy Bryant	Abbey Roney, Scott Denniston Jim and Natalie Vertrees
January 15	9:00	Rob Konczal	Jean Meyer, Val Butkus	Jerry and Val Butkus
	11:00	Laura Sakmyster	Rob Konczal, Sara Helmke	Lou and Jenny Cartwright Pam George, Ray Wilder
January 22	9:00	Jim Bolton	Brenda Bell	Sandi Sorrow, Lynda Turner
	11:00	Sandi O'Neal	Lou Cartwright, Pam George	Michael Gleasman, Sandy Rigsbee, Rob & Tamara Sakmeyster
February 5	9:00	Jerry Butkus	Katherine Bolton	Jerry and Val Butkus
	11:00	Abby Roney	Judy Bryant, Kim Novak	Jim and Abbey Roney Jim and Natalie Vertrees
February 12	9:00	Brenda Bell	Lynda Turner	Brenda Bell, Lynda Turner
	11:00	Lou Cartwright	Jim and Natalie Vertrees	Ray Wilder, Pam George Tom Skypek, Sandy Rigsbee
February 19	9:00	Kelly Hicks	Linda Konczal	Mary and Kelly Hicks
	11:00	Laura Sakmyster	Lou and Jenny Cartwright	Michael Gleasman, Kim Novak Loren Epton, Pam George
February 25	9:00	Lynda Turner	Jean Meyer	Sandi Sorrow, Linda Konczal
	11:00	Jenny Cartwright	Pam George, Loren Epton	Josephine Bowen, Scott Denniston Tamara and Rob Sakmeyster



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SCHEDULE OF REGULAR EVENTS			
SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
12:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Church Prayer	6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Prayer Service	6:45 p.m.	Prayer Ministry
9:00 a.m., 11 a.m.	Worship Services & Fellowship (refreshments)	7:00 p.m.	Disciple I
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:40 a.m.	Chancel Choir Practice (Sept.-June)	7:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Children's Church	7:30 p.m.	Korean Bible Study
12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (2 nd Sunday)	8:00 p.m.	Praise Worship Rehearsal
12:30 p.m.	Trustees (3 rd Sunday)		
1:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Worship Service	THURSDAY	
3:30 p.m.	Kids For Christ (1 st & 3 rd Sundays)	6:30 p.m.	Lions Club (1 st Thursday)
4:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Worship Service	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
5:30 p.m.	United Methodist Youth Fellowship	7:00 p.m.	God 101
		7:00 p.m.	Pentecostal Music Rehearsal
MONDAY		FRIDAY	
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
7:15 p.m.	Missions Committee (4 th Monday)		
7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Women (1 st Mon., Sept.-June)		
7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (2 nd Monday)		
TUESDAY		Office Hours:	Monday – Thursday: 10:00 am-3:00 pm
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous		Friday : 10:00 am-2:00 pm
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Church Office:	703-327-4461
7:30 p.m.	Pentecostal Bible Study		
7:30 p.m.	Praise Worship Music Rehearsal		