CORNERSTONE

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

November
2026

We Got Here From There!

From the Desk of
Reverend Joel Weible

It's always a bit tricky to write a pastoral epistle for this month of the year because we move so far and travel so fast from the very first day to the last day.

All Saints' Day, November 1, always starts us out. This year that day is Sunday! And by the time we reach the end of this month, we most often have begun our Advent season of waiting and watching. In between is Stewardship Dedication, Reign of Christ Sunday which is the end of the church year, and Thanksgiving. So, you will look for a different message from this letter depending on what day of the month you read it! But this year, it occurred to me, that no matter when you read or remember this month's "from the desk" letter, it will be accurate to say *We Got Here from There.*

We are journeying always. **Your stewardship** – the giving of your time, your talents, and your tithes – to this congregation happens year 'round. **Our remembrance of the Saints** in this community and in our lives happens every day. **Giving thanks** happens far more often than the fourth Thursday of the eleventh month. We are journeying always. And no matter where we are, we got here from every place we've been before – from every memory we've had and commitment we've made to this beloved, beguiling, comforting and challenging community that is Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church.

So, you have a beautiful tool before your eyes right now that will inform you where we are now: this newsletter. There is a lot of "road" and a ton of "travel" ahead of us this month. Climb aboard and let's go. We got here from there. And we'll get there from here. Always together …

See you in Church,

Pastor Joel

Ministry Team Updates

Congregational Life

The Congregational Life Team makes it possible for members of the church to get together on a casual basis to get to know each other better and more fully enjoy fun and fellowship.

This instills a deeper friendship among members and allows all to feel valued and like they are a part of the overall congregation.

Finance/Personnel

The Finance Team manages the money that is generously given by our congregation. Our congregation, through the various teams, tells the Finance Team what they want to accomplish in the upcoming year and we prepare a budget based on that information. The Finance Team invests the church's money to make sure we have long-term growth to provide for the church in the future. We also work closely with the Property Team. For example, this year we have continued to make improvements to the Parish House by modifying upstairs space to serve as a rental office.

Property

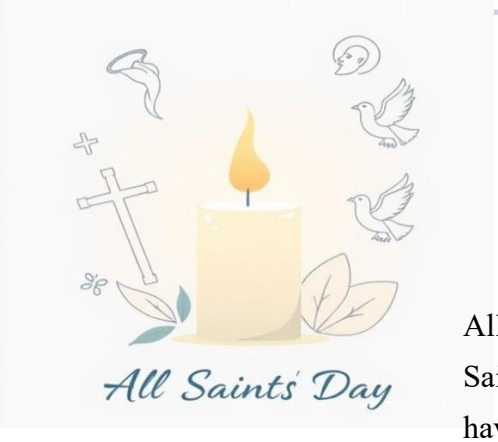
During their "every other Wednesday workdays", the Property Team has pruned trees, cared for Vivien's Garden, fixed up the firepit area for Fall gatherings, and sealed the cellar door! They have been overseeing two Eagle Scout projects this past month that are reimagining the Patio between the Sanctuary and Parish House, and the Central Ave. side of the Sanctuary. There is a Fall Cleanup Day scheduled for Saturday, November 14th from 9-10a that everyone can come out for! Thanks to all who are a part the Property Team for helping to make this campus a place of peace and inspiration for us all.

Worship & Christian Formation

The Worship Team works with our ministers to plan for our services and for educational opportunities for the congregation. We also plan Rally Day to kick off the start of our educational season, decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season and other special holidays, and support the Organist and Choir Director. In addition, the committee works to gather volunteers for ushering and for helping lead worship.

Mission & Social Responsibility

The PVPC Mission Team puts our faith into action by bringing our congregation together to care for our neighbors. Through our shared lunch-packing efforts for HighPoint Charitable Services, we prepare meals and deliver them directly to families, offering not only nourishment but also a reminder that their community cares. We also collect food for The Mission House Food Pantry, helping local families meet a basic need with dignity and compassion. As we consider "Where Do We Go from Here?" we invite our congregation to continue showing up, serving alongside one another, and finding new ways to meet the needs of our neighbors. Together, we can turn our faith into action and extend God's love beyond our church walls; one meal, one family, and one act of kindness at a time.



ALL SAINTS' DAY REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, November 1st during Worship

We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses … Hebrews 12:1

All Saints' Day (November 1) is Sunday this year! And in addition to all the Saints in our lives, we will once again remember those church members who have died in the past year: Mary Boone, Gary Torrens, Larry McCarson. Their pictures will be placed on the easel in the front of the Sanctuary. During the hymn For All the Saints, sung after the sermon, you will have the opportunity to bring forward any names you wish to write down and place them on this board. All are warmly invited to be part of this meaningful time together. We hope to see you there.

CDC THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON
Thursday, November 19th beginning at 11:00 a.m.

It's that time of the year when the CDC begins seeking volunteers for the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. This will take place on Thursday, November 19th at 11:00 am. Our Congregational Life Team will head up our church volunteers to help out the CDC staff. If you are interested in helping out, please let Statia or Marissa know by calling the CDC at (502) 241-0177 or sending an email to cdc@pvpres.org. Your help is very much appreciated!

SOICC THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Sunday, November 22 at 6:30p

Crestwood United Methodist Church
7214 Kavanaugh Road, Crestwood, KY

Offering and donations will be collected for the Barry Stoess Christmas Food Baskets.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY
November 8th

Don't forget: After five weeks of discernment and discovery during our 2026 Stewardship Season, everyone is asked to bring a completed pledge card to worship on Sunday, November 8th to "dedicate your tithes" to the ministry and mission of PVPC in 2027!

We are blessed as a congregation and faithfully seek to be a blessing to our community and to the world. Please prayerfully consider **pledging for the first time** or **increasing your pledge** from last year.

Where do We Go From Here? … Anywhere we choose to go!
Choose this day whom you will serve. *Joshua 24:15*

Your financial contributions to the coming year will increase our church's presence in and promise to a world in need of all we enjoy as a community here!

First Evens
Faith & Family

An every other month gathering of families to explore our faith together through shared meals, play, & music throughout the year.

The Parish House
December 6, 2026
11:45a–1:45p

December Gathering Focus:
Advent & Christmas

Nominating Committee announces the …
ELDER CLASS OF 2029

The Nominating Committee is happy to announce that Clare Grant has agreed to serve on the Session in the Class of 2029! She is the only Elder currently in this class because we elected *three* Elders last year. Claire will be the Elder Liaison and Chair of the Mission and Social Responsibility Team, filling that roll as her husband, Rick Fletcher, rotates off the Session after 6 years of service. A Congregational meeting to elect Clare will be held in the months ahead so that we may install her next January. We are so blessed by the members of this congregation and your continuing willingness to step in and serve when asked.

ADVENT 2026
Sunday, November 29th through Christmas Eve

Every Advent, we light candles and speak of hope. We wait for the good news that God is born. We prepare with special Advent Worship services, Yule Log Celebrations, *Nightsong* music and meditations, and Christmas Pageants. Yet, in the midst of our waiting, we know all too well that the world is not as it should be. Wars rage on, violence persists, and new ways to keep us divided and angry seem to be everyday headlines. In fact, these realities will almost certainly still exist after Christmas morning again this year. But … ***The promises of God are real!***

This Advent we will be using *A Sanctified Art's* ***Until the Dawn*** resources to focus on the actions we can take as we move through the darkness with hope for tomorrow. Just as sure as the sun rises, God's steadfast love and mercy are made new every morning. So, as we move through Advent we will cry out, start somewhere, speak up, take courage, build up, and choose Joy!

Join us whenever we gather this Advent 2026 and be a part of the promises we are for brighter days ahead!

Community Free Sale

Give What You Can. Take What You Need.

A community gathering where everything is FREE!

Browse donated items, find something you need, and connect with your neighbors. Everyone is welcome!

When and Where

Drop off and early shopping for volunteers:
Friday, December 11 | 5–7 PM

Open Shop:
Saturday, December 12 | 9 AM–12 PM

Location:
Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church
119 Central Ave, Pewee Valley, KY 40056

More Than a Free Sale

Free items for everyone
Find something useful and give pre-loved items a new home.

Coffee & Community
Stay awhile, enjoy a cup of coffee, and share conversation with neighbors.

Pack a Meal Kit
Pack a kit for a neighbor or yourself.

EVERYTHING IS FREE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Hosted in partnership by KY Citizens for Democracy and Oldham County Qonnections

Kentucky Citizens for Democracy

OLDHAM COUNTY Qonnections

November @ The Parish House

WHERE NEIGHBORS GATHER

STRETCH & SIP

A gentle chair yoga practice
followed by a time of socializing.
All levels welcome. Donations accepted.

NOTE DATE CHANGES!

Wed. Nov. 4th
Wed. Nov. 18th | 1-2p

GOOD ENOUGH Art Society

a time of
community
& connection

Thu. Nov. 12th | 6-8p

Craft of the Month: Fall Themed String Art

The Parish House is open to all. Even if you don't want to participate in the scheduled activity you are welcome to come hang out. Bring a book, a game, your knitting, or nothing at all, and make a new friend!

Chapel Service with the Child Development Center

10:00 a.m. – Wednesdays, November 4th and 18th

This month we have two chapel services for the children in our care five days a week! Any and all who are able are welcome (and encouraged!) to come. Our time together usually lasts about twenty minutes and includes songs, prayers, a sharing from scripture by Pastor Joel and a celebration of the month's birthdays. Love to see you in our sanctuary with the children!

St. James' Episcopal
& Pewee Valley Presbyterian

Bible Study

Mondays

10:15 - 11:45

Coffee & Snacks Provided

St. James' Episcopal Church
November & December
401 LaGrange Road
Pewee Valley, KY 40056

Pewee Valley
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Child Development Center

A NOTE FROM STATIA...

November is here, bringing cozy fall days, time to give thanks, and lots to look forward to! As we enjoy the season, we're also beginning to prepare for some Christmas fun. 🎄 Here's what's coming up at the CDC:

- November 4 & 18: Chapel
- November 17: Picture Day 📸 Get ready for those adorable smiles!
- November 19: Thanksgiving Luncheon 🦃 More information to come!
- November 26 & 27: Closed for Thanksgiving

🎶 **Looking Ahead to Christmas!**

We have two special Christmas events coming up, and our children are getting ready for both!

- **Christmas Pageant** – December 17: All children are expected to participate in our Christmas Pageant! Every class will practice during the school day to prepare for this special event.
- **Pewee Valley Yule Log** – December 6 at 6:30 PM: Our Playschool, Beginnergarten, Pre-K, and Jr. K children will have additional music practices with Mr. Richard, PVPC's Music Director, beginning in November. These older children will have the opportunity to perform at the community's Pewee Valley Yule Log! If your child would like to participate, please sign up to let us know they are available to attend.

We're excited to fill the coming weeks with music, celebration, and a little Christmas magic. Thank you for being part of our CDC family!

NOVEMBER EDUCATIONAL THEMES

INFANTS, TRANSITIONS, TODDLERS, TWOS & EXPLORERS

WEEK 1 – NOVEMBER 2 - 6

FALL

DAVID, THE SHEPHERD BOY

WEEK 2 – NOVEMBER 9 -13

FARM FOODS

DAVID GREW

WEEK 3 – NOVEMBER 16 - 20

THANKFULNESS

GOD'S BEAUTIFUL WORLD

WEEK 4 – NOVEMBER 23-27

THANKSGIVING

AN ANGEL VISITS MARY

PLAYSCHOOL, BEGINNERGARTEN, PRE-K, & JR. K

WEEK 1 – NOVEMBER 2 - 6

FALL

GOD SPEAKS IN STILLNESS

WEEK 2 – NOVEMBER 9 -13

FARM FOODS

GOD CALLS JEREMIAH

WEEK 3 – NOVEMBER 16 - 20

THANKFULNESS

GOD CALLS FOR JUSTICE

WEEK 4 – NOVEMBER 23-27

THANKSGIVING

GOD HEARS DANIEL'S PRAYER

HIGHPOINT WINTER COLLECTION
through February 2027

We have, once again, begun collecting winter wear for High Point Charitable Services and continue through the end of February 2027. Please consider donating your clean, slightly used coats, hats, boots, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, and any other winter clothing. Socks are much needed and greatly appreciated!

There is a container in the entryway of the Family Life Center to place your donated items. They will be delivered to High Point on a regular basis and if anyone wants to help with this, please let one of us know.

Thanks to everyone for your previous commitment to this cause. I know we can depend on your continued generosity.
~ Ed and Barbara Staats

Ed: (502) 777-4428 Barbara: (941) 456-3415

Women of the Church – Let's Gather!

How about taking a bit of time to visit and to learn from each other?

Sunday, November 8th after Worship

Please plan to meet in The Parish House after worship on Sunday, November 8, for a brief gathering to chat and to share some thoughts on bringing the women of the church together on a regular basis.

This gathering would hopefully offer some insight as to what these gatherings could be – a Bible Study, a social time, or a time for needed purpose or prayer.

We have a delightful group of women in our church and what an opportunity to plan to be together regularly, getting to know each other in order to support each other and our church.

We will be brief but want to have a few minutes to share some thoughts and some apple bread! Hope you can make it.

If you have questions or preliminary thoughts, please reach out to Claudia Stoess at (502) 548-4646 or claudia@stoessinc.com

Pewee Valley American Red Cross Blood Drive

Hosted by
St. Aloysius &
Pewee Valley Presbyterian

Sunday, December 13. 2026

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church
Family Life Center

9:00a - 2:00p

REGISTER NOW

119 Central Ave., Pewee Valley KY, 40056

Church Birthdays

2	Oscar Kingsley
3	Pat Payne
5	Geoffrey Clark
21	Lynn Stoess
24	Marlo Age
24	Stephanie Willis
27	Holly Clark
27	Raymond New
28	Natalie Pope

Wedding Anniversaries

5	Paula and David Malone
16	Julia and Reece Brown

CDC Birthdays

Lincoln B – Nov 2

Ms. Beth – Nov 4

Evan – Nov 9

Henry – Nov 14

Charlie E – Nov 15

Selah – Nov 23

Parker – Nov 25

Worship Leaders

November 1	Rev. Ashia Stoess
November 8	Sis Sleadd
November 15	Connie Vice
November 22	Barbara Staats
November 29	Hope Cantrell

Communion Serving

November 1	Rick Fletcher
	Randall Moon
	Kim Pappas
	Ron Warren
December 6	Rick Fletcher
	Randall Moon
	Kim Pappas
	Sue Toole

Ushering Schedule

November 1	Larry & Connie Vice, Ron & Carol Warren
November 8	Linda Heleringer, Sue Toole
November 15	Kim Pappas
November 22	Mary Sue Armour, Sharon Shelton
November 29	Volunteers requested

MEMBERS:

Maggie Alderson
Dan Fisher
D.D. Hendrickson
Sandy McCarson
Arlene Torrens
Alan White
LaMont Coverstone
Thom Guilford
Margaret Hill
Bob & Pat Payne
Janey Truman
Mike Yelton
Tom Deibel
Judy Hall
Julia Hood
Ed Staats
Wilma Wayne

Jo Ellen Harvey (Jim Trimpe)
Mike Turner (Jan Beaverson)
Susan Shacklette (Julia Hood)
Jessica & Junior Gibo
Cheryl Hancock (Linda Heleringer)
Martha Bjick (Krista Rue)
Jeanine Arnett (Janey Truman)
Jim Elkins (Jim Trimpe)
Bobby Leet (Karen Swinney)
Ben Feese (Regina Bates)
Cindy Motsinger (Janey Truman)
Jim & Brenda May (Janey Truman)
Sarah Hill (D.D. Hendrickson)
Linda Solmon (Carol Culver)
Foster Lanham (D.D. Hendrickson)
David Goodrich (D.D. Hendrickson)
Mardie & Stan Penn (Karen Wood)
Vivian Dabkowski (Karen Wood)
Gary Coughlin (Tom Deibel)
Arnie Fields (Connie & Larry Vice)
David/Shannon DeBeer (Fletchers)
Missy Elkins (Patty Weeks)
Betsy Hawkins (Shirley Hawkes)
Stewart Ellis (D.D. Hendrickson)
Gene Mueller (D.D. Hendrickson)
Janet Goodman (D.D. Hendrickson)
Michelle Hendrickson (D.D.Hendrickson)
Bill Spaulding (Sue Toole)
Devert Owens (Julia Hood)
Kim Summers (D.D. Hendrickson)
Vivian Smith (Regina Bates)
Madonna Bailey (Randy Moon)
Tery McManus (Christian McManus)
Debbie Eger (Karen Wood)
Sue Keller (D.D. Hendrickson)
Anne Dahlhoff (D.D. Hendrickson)
Ralph Gehlbach (D.D. Hendrickson)
Debbie Rose (Linda Heleringer)
Jeromy Taylor (Janey Truman)
Lynda Worley (Janey Truman)
Rick Collins (Janey Truman)
Larry & Judy Fitzhugh (D.D. Hendrickson)
Bob Christianson (Karen Wood)
Bill Hirtzel (D.D. Hendrickson)
John O. Motsinger, Sr. (Janey Truman)
Ed Macy (Tommy & Mary Sue Armour)
Alice Walser-Booker (J. Walser-White)
Flo Campbell (Clare Grant)
Bryan Moore (R. Moore/M. Hill)
Grace Ellis (D.D. Hendrickson)
Very Loved Family (Shirley Hawkes)
Janet Ciresi (Linda Heleringer)