

We are Pleasant View



From My Perspective

Last weekend, I officially put away most of my Winter gear. I'm tired of gloves. I'm tired of knit hats. I'm tired of lugging coats around. I did leave out a couple of things in case Old Man Winter is not truly gone yet. But, the first day of Spring was last Wednesday. Easter has passed. It's warm weather from this point forward, right? Right?

This morning, I pulled one of my sweaters out of the closet. Not happily, but out of self-interest. I didn't want to freeze when I go outside. Now, the weather folks are talking about snow showers and ice for the next couple of days like we're back in January again. This is enough to give a bald guy a big headache! Every year I promise myself that I'm not going to pin my hopes on an early Spring. Then when we start having warm days, I pin my hopes on an early Spring. Then, Old Man Winter whispers in my ear: "I'm not gone yet!" Soon enough, these cooler days will finally surrender to the reality of the new season. Spring will have sprung, and those days of blue ears will finally be past.

For three days, the chilling winds of adversity blew on the followers of Jesus. They could not imagine that their Winter of grief and hardship would ever end. As Jesus gave up his spirit, the disciples had given up their hope. The sun would never shine on those who missed the light of the Son.

Three days later, Spring had fully sprung. It began with the words "The Tomb is empty," and it grew into the words "the Lord is Risen indeed!" The cold and snow of the soul's Winter had departed. New life sprang up everywhere. I hope to see you Sunday. We'll celebrate eternal Spring. Jesus is alive!

What we do here matters. Dale

From the Second Chair

We find ourselves living in an era of “soundbites.” The Cambridge Dictionary defines soundbites as, “A short sentence or phrase that is easy to remember, often included in a speech made by a politician and repeated in newspapers and on television and radio. Most politicians want to master the art of the soundbite.”

We traveled through the season of Lent with a little book by Max Lucado entitled, “On Calvary’s Hill” and experienced him as a master of soundbites. Over the years I have made a compilation of his and others who are gifted in this art of communication. Here are some of my favorites – short phrases that carry a message in a few words:

- **God dispenses His goodness not with an eyedropper but a fire hydrant**
- **Our faith does not earn God’s love any more than our stupidity jeopardizes it**
- **Fear exhausting God’s grace?**

A sardine will swallow the Atlantic first

And how many of us remember Stan Green with his benediction, “Go be the Church”? And now I’ll share some of my all-time favorites:

- **Fear tolerated is Faith contaminated**
- **Life is uncertain - death is sure**
- **The hurrier I go, the behinder I get**
- **Forgive ‘em, it’ll teach ‘em a lesson**

And now my dear friends, go change the world. If not you, then who? If not now, then when? And if now here, then where?

**Blessings,
Barbara**

WINGS AT PV

We gather as women walking in faith and working together In the light of the immeasurable, Never-ending love of our Lord Jesus Christ. We live in GratITUDE for God's goodness and gifts of grace and salvation; Seeking always to honor him and to serve others by lifting them as on eagles' wings wherever we can.

We have an exciting couple of months ahead! Here is what has:

Already Happened!

Our first WINGS Appreciation celebration of the men of PV was held on **March 10th from 4-6 pm**. It was a big success with over 30 men in attendance. Our theme for this celebration was "Grill and Chill" with Kenny Dea of Patriotic Pitmaster Barbecue providing his delicious pulled pork for the event. Our WINGS group is pleased to have had the opportunity to "give back" to the men and women of PV who make what we do possible. Your support and generosity has not gone unnoticed and we appreciate all of you!

Our monthly meeting was held on **Tuesday, April 2nd**. It was an exciting evening with members of the Heart House in Belize delivering an inspirational and heartfelt message to our women. There are several opportunities for our WINGS group to be a part of their mission and we look forward to sharing these opportunities with our congregation as we more fully develop these plans.

Additionally, we hope to share some exciting news in the May newsletter as our group has the opportunity to take on more new endeavors including assisting with the many needs of the Isaiah House and Mended Women in the upcoming months.

Please join us every first Tuesday of the month **in Room 804 at 6:30 pm**, **Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 7th**. We would love to have you come as WINGS continues to "Soar in 2024"!

"But, those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

Cathy Matthews
President, WINGS at Pleasant View



April 2024 Newsletter

Children's Ministries

@ Pleasant View Church

Excite Children's Bible Study

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in ... And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" Matthew 28:19-20. In April, our children will study the scriptures surrounding the Great Commission and the Assentation of Jesus. We will explore this scriptures through games, videos, art, music lessons. Join us on Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm. We meet in room # 303. Bring a friend!



Sunday:

- ◇ 9:45 Sunday School
- ◇ 11am Kid's Worship

Wednesday:

- ◇ 6pm Excite!

May 5: VBS Planning Meeting at noon in #303

May 15: Excite Picnic
Last Excite Night
6pm at Shelter

June 9-14: Camp Bays Mountain

June 24-27: Scuba VBS
6-8pm Mon-Thurs

July 15-19: Agape Week

Aug 4: Children Ministry Team Meeting at noon

Aug 11: Back to School Bash

Scuba VBS

June 24-27 we will host Scuba VBS for our church and community. Please be in pray about how you can help this year. We will need teachers, helpers, tech support, decorators and lots of prayer. Join us for the planning meeting May 5 after church in room #303.



Excite Picnic

On Wednesday May 15 at 6pm, we will gather for our annual picnic celebration. What are we celebrating? A year of learning about God, new friends, memory verses learned, and a lot of fun. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a picnic food to share.

Text Alerts

For mobile reminders and updates, text @pvckids to 81010.



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2024

Units of Study:

Week 1: Weather/Solar Eclipse

Week 2: Caterpillars/Butterflies

Week 3: Spring Animals

Week 4: Community Helpers

Letters this month:

U, V, W, X

Nursery Rhyme:

Humpty Dumpty

Reminders:

- ❖ Our Snack Sign-up is posted for April. Please take the time to see dates that are needed for sign-up. Thank you for your help!
- ❖ Please note a date change for the end of the year. Due to a scheduling conflict, we will now end on Friday, May 17th. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Let us know if you have any questions.

Important Dates:

- 4/5- Tuition Due
- 4/8- Solar Eclipse
- 4/10- Pajama Day
- 4/15- Share Day
- 4/22-Earth Day/Bubble Day
Extended Day dismiss
@ 1:00 (Snow Makeup)
- 4/26- Dress as your favorite
Community Helper

Birthdays:

4/2- Grayson



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FOUNDATIONS YOUTH MINISTRY

APRIL

Schedule of Events

**VISIT OUR
WEBSITE**

For up-to-date schedules and announcements, be sure to check out our website!!

www.pleasantviewyouth.com

Foundations Youth

Wednesday Nights

Supper at 6pm

Foundations at 6:30pm

**Bring somebody!
Come as you are!!**

Foundations Youth Ministry is the youth ministry of Pleasant View Methodist Church

18416 Lee Highway – Abingdon VA 24210 – (276) 628-6323

Don't Miss Out!

Coming up on April 13!!



Sign up by April 8

Put These 2024 Dates on Your Calendar
Spring Yard Sale
May 3-4
Foundations Spring Revival
Starting May 17
Johns Island
June 15-22
Malawi Africa
July 3-17

Johns Island 2024
Our annual mission trip to South Carolina will be here before you know it!!
YOU need to be on that team!
Johns Island info packets are available from HB



Get your old clothes on and get ready to get dirty!!
It's the Foundations
Messy Games Night
Sunday May 5



We have Life Groups meeting on Thursdays and Sundays! Contact HB for more info!
Not in a Life Group? See HB!!!

Missions Opportunities for 2024

Johns Island South Carolina June 15-22, 2024



Join us as we re-roof a house, build a handicap ramp, or renovate a kitchen. This annual trip to the South Carolina low country helps provide the residents of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands a decent place to live.

Don't miss this life-changing mission trip to the "Warm Heart of Africa"!

We'll spend two weeks ministering to the Yao people in the village of Ntaja through children's ministry, sports ministry, construction, evangelism and more.

Zomba, Malawi Africa

July 3-17, 2024



SERVE

Abingdon VA

July 27-August 3, 2024



Teenagers from all over the USA and Canada come right here to Pleasant View church for a week of local mission projects! It takes an ARMY of volunteers to pull this week off...but it's an incredible blessing! We need your help!

**Where is God
calling you in
2024?**

Items for April's Food Pantry

Peanut butter (16 oz. jars)
Saltine crackers (16 oz. boxes)



Once Upon a Book Women's Book Club

The book club meets at **1 pm in the library**. We will meet next on:

March 18: *The Welcome Committee of Butternut Creek* by Perrine

April 15*: *The Sea Glass Cottage* by Thayne (***date changed again**)

May 20: *The Beach House* by Hanna

June 24: *Among the Innocent* by Alford

July 22: *The Clause in Christmas* by Bloome

August: 26: *The Promise in Poppies* by Bloome

September 30: *Growing Season* by Lageschulte

October 28: *Book Shop by the Bay* by Kelley



Good Time Fellowships' April Meeting

They will put together a mailing for our shut-ins on Monday, April 8, at 1 pm in the library #307.