

PLEASANT VALLEY

MISSION:

"Pleasant Valley Church exists to glorify God and advance His Kingdom."

VISION:

"To guide people to become fully devoted followers of Christ Jesus."

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December 14th, 2025

Speaker: Rev Jack Ritsema

Scripture: Isaiah 42: 1-12

Message: "The Faithful Love of God"

- #123 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- #124 - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
- #138 - Go Tell it on the Mountain
- #141 - O Little Town of Bethlehem vs 4

12/14/2025 Third Sundry of Advent		12/21/2025 Fourth Sundry of Advent
Rev. Jack Ritsema	SPEAKER	Randy Aalderks
Calvin	PVC Assist	Ross
	Musician	Randy
Praise Team	Song Leader	Randy
Sara & Jerry	Hospitality	Yvonne & Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pleasant Valley Church "Caroling" TODAY A pizza lunch after fellowship will be held, along with a short program for anyone wishing to stay and then depart around 1 p.m. All help welcome.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service!! - Wed. 12/24 "Volunteers needed to read. We'll do the 4 Advent Readings & the Christmas Eve Reading, lighting each of the 5 Wreath Candles. Also, we are going to attempt an impromptu children's program, so if you know your grandchildren or other family/friends children will be present Christmas Eve, please let them know we're doing this. No rehearsal, hoping the children can act through the Christmas story with help from a few adults. If you are willing to help do the Candles, read a part in the Eve program, and/or, know of children that will be present, please let Pastor Rick or Betsy know. Your help is essential and this will be the final Christmas Eve we share together, so *Thank You!*"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group: Wed. Dec. 17th at 8:30 am in Parkersburg.

Bible Babes Study Group - Meeting Wed. Dec. 17th at 1 pm. We will be finishing up our study in Exodus and then taking a few week break and starting a study in Proverbs.

****PVC Holy Communion** - Sunday, Dec. 21st, the 4th Sunday of Advent.

****Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Wed. Dec. 24th at 5:00 pm**

****PVC Chili Oyster Supper** is planned for Monday, January 26th at the Grundy County Memorial Bldg from 4:30 to 7 pm. This year we will be a Free Will offering. Mark your calendars and spread the news. Calvin is taking donations for the oysters and other food items needed.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Victoria Vollema will be making a medical mission trip to Cambodia in late January. Her team will be dropping by small villages offering healthcare. The cost of the trip is \$3500. If you are moved to support her, there is information on the bulletin board or please talk to Pastor Rick and Betsy.

Paul Lentfer has the 2026 St. Mark's "Church Sign"

Calendar available. Cost is \$20 and proceeds, after printing costs, will go to the 2026 Mission of Americans For Independent Living. Please talk with Paul about obtaining a copy 319-240-7968.

PVRC Giving methods

- 1) Offering plates will NOT be passed - Drop your tithes & gifts in the box on the half-wall in the lobby, near the front door.
- 2) Mail your check directly to the church address or Wendy Lage, PVC treasurer via U.S. Postal service at—P.O. Box 424 Wellsburg, IA 50680
- 3) On-line Giving on the PVC website: www.pleasantvalleyonline.org. Front page "Give" button. Clicking on it brings up a window on top of our webpage. It is a very secure place to enter the necessary information to tithe via credit card or direct bank debit. A small processing fee will be deducted from your gift, so if you want to also cover that fee cost, check the appropriate box.

ELDERS (term expires) / Phone

VP-Calvin Voss (2026) / 319-415-1307
Paul Engelkes (2026) / 319-215-0738
Dale Akkerman (2027) / 319-243-9890

DEACONS (term expires) / Phone

Wendy Lage (2026) / 641-373-0049
Jerry Freese (2027) / 319-240-4178
Mary Arends (2028) / 319-230-5986

"PRAISE AND PRAYER LIST"

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land"

Charles Freese: Fell on Dec. 2 and broke his hip. He had surgery to place a plate at Allen Hospital and is now in the Grundy Hospital SNF unit for rehab. Prayers that he regains strength and mobility.

Pastor Rick: Had meeting with Head of the Movement Disorder Clinic at UIHC on Thursday, Dec. 11.

Denise Akkerman: Having a rough time. Suffered a bruised rib in PT this past week. Prayers for increased strength and more stamina; a hedge of protection to prevent falling especially with winter weather conditions.

Virginia Ritsema: Successful second cataract surgery done on Thursday.

Jon Meester Family: sudden passing of Jon with the rapid advancement of intestinal/colon cancer. Jon died on Dec. 11 in Cedar Falls. Celebration of Life service later this year.

Katie Dittmer: Prayers for her mother, "Mary" who has rapidly progressing dementia.

Faith White and Family: Marlys Wilts passed away at Creekside on Monday after struggle with cancer. Marlys was a long-time and very dear friend of the family.

"THANK YOU PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH FAMILY for your thoughts, prayers, cards and condolences of our mother's passing. Thank you for your service to make the funeral go well. May God Bless all of you for your caring hearts.....The Family of Alvina Voss"

Delight in the Lord, for He is near.

Emmanuel has come - God with us.

Choose Joy, even in the waiting.

Extend kindness as a gift to others.

Meditate on His promises of peace.

Believe His love is greater than your fears.

Embrace the stillness of His presence.

Rejoice! - Our Savior is born!!