

# 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**Speaker: Randy Aalderks**

**Scripture: Ephesians 2: 8-10**

**Message: "By Grace!"**

- #138 - Go, Tell It on the Mountain  
Special Music
- #147 - Silent Night, Holy Night.
- #125 - Joy to the World

12/21/2025 Fourth Sundry of Advent		12/28/2025
Randy Aalderks	<b>SPEAKER</b>	Rev. Rus Boersma
Ross	<b>PVC Assist</b>	Dale
Randy	<b>Musician</b>	Deb Fisher
Randy	<b>Song Leader</b>	Paul
Yvonne & Paul	<b>Hospitality</b>	Laurie & Randy

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED TODAY

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service!! - Wed. 12/24 at 5 pm**

Volunteers needed to read. We'll do the 4 Advent Readings & the Christmas Eve Reading, lighting each of the 5 Wreath Candles. If you are willing to help do the Candles, read a part Christmas Eve, please let Pastor Rick or Betsy know.

**Pleasant Valley is responsible for snacks for STUCO kids for the month of January.** They serve around 100 kids weekly. Suggested items: Cookies, crackers, snack bars, individual packs of chips, etc. There is a tote provided in the back of church for donated items. THANK YOU!!

**Victoria Vollema** will be making a medical mission trip to Cambodia in late January. The team will go to small villages offering healthcare. 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 - 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group:** Wed. Dec. 24th at 8:30 am in Parkersburg.

**Bible Babes Study Group** - NO study for the next 2 weeks.

**"NO" Men's 2x4 study on 12/27.** We will resume on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Timothy Christian School "Spec'n Dicken" supper,** Monday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7 pm at Parkersburg Veterans Building. Free will donation. Carry outs available.

**\*\*PVC Chili Oyster Supper** is planned for Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Grundy County Memorial Bldg from 4:30 to 7 pm. This year 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.

## **"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"*

**Greta Cordes:** Fell while on family vacation in Florida, cracking 2 cervical vertebrae in her neck. Thankfully no severe damage was done. She will be in a neck brace as the bones heal. This puts her out of commission as one of our musicians for awhile.

**Shannon Ries:** Had a scary medical event this past week. Got checked out and nothing conclusive found. Feeling good now. Does have follow up doctor visits.

**Charles Freese:** Remains at Grundy Hospital SNF unit for rehab. Prayers that he regains strength and mobility.

**Pastor Rick:** Has had a rough past week.

**Denise Akkerman:** Continues to struggle. Prayers for increased strength and more stamina; a hedge of protection to prevent falling especially with winter weather conditions.

**Faith White and Family:** Marlys Wilts passed away at Creekside on Monday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> after struggle with cancer. Marlys was a long-time and very dear friend of the family.

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

*Come, Lord Jesus, fill our waiting hearts with hope.*

*Heal the weary and bring peace where there is striving*

*Renew our minds to rest in Your promises.*

*Illuminate our darkness with the light of Your Love.*

*Silence the noise so we may hear Your whisper.*

*Teach us to trust in Your perfect timing.*

*Move us to mercy, to love as You first loved us.*

*Abide with us, Emmanuel, God with us.*

*Send us forth as bearers of Your Joy and Grace.*

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### **PVRC Giving methods**

- 1) Offering plates will NOT be passed - Drop your tithe & 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](http://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

## **PRAYER FOR HEALING**

*Gracious Father,  
You are the God who heals.*

*We come to You with humble hearts  
asking for Your mercy and strength.*

*Bring healing to the body, peace to the mind  
and restoration to the soul.*

*According to Your Word, we trust You,  
"For I am the Lord who heals you."*

*Let Your will be done, and may  
all who suffer draw near to You in faith.*

*In Jesus' name, AMEN.*

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