

The VIEW

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church January 2022

Happy New Year!

As the new year starts for the church and in the workplace, we look back to the year that has passed and forward to the year to come. I wonder if you know that Christians living in the Eastern part of the world go by a different calendar. Many Orthodox Christians annually celebrate Christmas Day on or near January 7 to remember Jesus Christ's birth according to the Julian calendar, or the one used by Julius Caesar since 475 B.C.E. which pre-dates the Gregorian or civil calendar used by most people in the world today. So, if you would like to celebrate Christmas again and in a different way you could visit the closest Eastern Orthodox Church.

No matter when we celebrate the Lord's birth or the days we use to mark the events of his life, a life with Jesus at the center of it is one that makes a difference wherever and whenever we live. He is the centerpiece of time and all creation circles around him. You may have heard that when we make plans, God laughs. This has to do with our role as satellites around the Son. Yes, son, not sun for from God's perspective all that will be is known to God now as well as all that has happened in the past. For God, our lives and all time is laid out as a roll of film with the pictures of the times of our lives shown in one piece from start to finish. I pray that you will find comfort in this as I do for all of our times are known to God. God stands ready to help because there are no surprises for God. As Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer there are no mysteries to unravel for all is known to God who is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega.

This, of course, is not the case for us. We cannot see the future and our memories of the past are fuzzy. What we do is walk by faith into the unknown trusting that God is there for us, God knows what will happen and God is calling and supporting us all along this journey of life. For this reason, we do make plans. We do know God's presence and have a road map laid out for us in the scripture. We are fed at God's table, cleansed in the waters of baptism and equipped by the Holy Spirit for the work for today and for the new year. So, let's make some plans even if God might laugh at some of them. Let's dig in and get our hands dirty as we do God's work with our very own hands. Look out, 2022! We're just getting started!

Your traveling partner,

Pastor Phyllis

If you are interested in how we have marked the days and time, check out the links below.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/gregorian-calendar.html>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/julian-calendar.html>

Sunday, December 26, at 11 a.m.: Celebration of Christmas with Lessons and Carols.

The Twelve (12) Days of Christmas: In Christian tradition, the true 12 days of Christmas is a holy time of celebration. The period begins Christmas Day and concludes January 6 with Epiphany.

Change for Hope/"Red Bucket Collections" The Council has approved the following "Red Bucket" collections: **January 2, 16, and 30 - General Outreach:** Within PVELC's approved 2022 budget, our Congregation has agreed to annually support the Virginia Synod (benevolence), Weekday Religious Education, the Valley Mission, SACRA, the Augusta Free Clinic, and the Verona Community Food Pantry.

Sunday, January 2: Pastor William Stewart will lead our worship service.

Birthday and Anniversary Celebration (cupcakes will be distributed following the Worship service).

Thursday, January 6, Epiphany of Our LORD: The feast of Epiphany concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

Saturday, January 8, at 9 a.m.: The **Blessings Group** will meet the second Saturday each month at Kathy's Restaurant. Anyone interested should contact Joy Landes.

Pastor Phyllis will be on vacation from December 26 through January 8. If pastoral care is needed during this time, please contact Carol Troxell.

Sunday, January 9, 10 a.m.: Open Door Class resumes in the Social Hall. All are welcome to join in reading and in studying the Gospel of John. Teachers are Larry Landes, Rosemary Spell, and Steve Troxell. On January 9, the class will resume with the study of John and Isaiah.

Thursday, January 13: Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m.: The Church Council has ongoing issues that must be addressed to ensure the appropriate planning for in-person worship services, overseeing the operations of our Church, and discussing issues for the February 13 Congregational Meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Council's consideration, please submit them to Carol Troxell (preferably in writing) no later than January 9.

Thursday, January 13, at 10 a.m.: **WELCA** will meet at Rowe's Family Restaurant for its annual planning meeting; lunch will follow. All are welcome. For further information on WELCA activities, please contact either Goldie Shiflett or Linda Page.

Sunday, February 13, PVELC Congregational Meeting, will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Sunday, January 16, Committee Reports for 2021 and Directory Updates:

- **Committee and Group Reports:** All Council Committee and PVELC groups (e.g., WELCA, Call Committee, Memorial Committee) should email their 2021 activities and initiatives report to Stephen Dickerson no later than January 16.
- **Updating Email and Church Directory:** Please provide any changes to names, phone numbers (landline and cell), and email addresses to either Becci Page or Stephen Dickerson no later than January 16. The updated Directory will be part of release at the Congregational Meeting scheduled on February 13.

Sunday, January 30, at 9 a.m.: Worship and Music Committee will meet in the Social Hall. The committee will discuss dates and planning for regular worship and Lent services.

PVELC Contributions: Please mail your contributions (or correspondence) to: **PVELC, P.O. Box 346, Verona, VA 24482**. If you wish a contribution designated to a special fund (e.g., Outreach, HVAC, Change for Hope request), please make a note in the memo section of your check or include a note along with the contribution. Thank you for your ongoing support of PVELC.

Financial Giving: Please contact Becci Page to request a copy of your personal 2021 PVELC Financial Giving.

Giving Envelopes: Please let Becci Page know as soon as possible, if you want to change your current contribution method of giving. If you would like to stop receiving envelopes in lieu of using a “giving number” or do not have envelopes but would like to use them, let her know. Otherwise, Becci will continue your current method for 2022.

Prayer Chain Requests: To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page by phone at 540-294-6596 or by email. To be included in the prayer chain text list, please contact Linda Page. In addition, please refer to the “Our Prayers” section of the weekly Announcements.

PVELC Communications: If you need pastoral consultation, please contact Pastor Phyllis either by phone or by email. If you have issues for the Church Council, please contact Carol Troxell. For additions or corrections to the bulletin prayer list or email distribution, please contact Stephen Dickerson.

Bulletins, Newsletters, Emails. If you are having difficulty accessing the email distributions or are not receiving emails, please contact either Stephen Dickerson or Becci Page. “Word in Season” (January, February, March devotions) are available in the Narthex and Main Hall.

Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church: search website and Facebook posts: <http://www.pvelc.org/> and [Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church - Posts | Facebook](#)

Verona Community Food Pantry: The VCFP needs plastic bags. Contact: Goldie Shiflett

January 31 – February 2, 5:45 to 7 p.m.: Midwinter Power in the Spirit

Online Event The keynote presenter will be The Rev. Kevin Strickland, Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA. Registration will open on January 3; more details to follow.
Source: VA Synod

COVID Information: The church council has agreed to follow current CDC and Virginia Synod guidelines regarding COVID-19 restrictions. The Council will be using the following websites (CDC COVID Data Tracker and www.vasynod.org) when making decisions concerning necessary restrictions during our Sunday morning worship services and all other church related activities. CDC guidance encourages the wearing of masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status, when the COVID Data Tracker indicates Augusta County's COVID-19 transmission rate is in the "Substantial" or "High" categories. This week's transmission rate for Augusta County remains at "High" with a positivity rate of 20.14% for COVID-19 testing in Augusta County during the week of December 13 - 19. The COVID-19 transmission rate will be provided in the weekly announcements and/or the monthly newsletter.

Our Prayers

For the good of the church: Our bishops, Elizabeth and Robert, and all pastors.

For those serving on military active duty: Chapman Toman and Alex Rankin

For healing and recovery: Linda Zullig, Bill Braithwaite, Betty Cox, Gladys Fockler, Kenneth Landes, Pat Luders, Michael Thompson, Rebecca & Duane Perrin, Bill & Mary Tueting, Martha Arehart and David Simmons

For our friends and neighbors: **Helen Berry**, sister of Hunter Fauber; **Virginia Roudabush**, mother of Gary Roudabush; **Michael Adkins**, grandson of Jimmy and Carolyn Cox; **Michael Suter**, nephew of Bill Braithwaite; **Jeff Henderson**, friend of Gene and Mandy Lilly; **Rob Blanton**, friend of Debbie Hastert; **Peter Harrison**, brother-in-law of Rebecca Perrin; **Francie Suter**, sister of Bill Braithwaite; **Lilly Myers**, granddaughter of a friend of Joy Landes; **Ellen Webb**, daughter of Judy Shuey and Ted Shuey; **Charlie Bell**, friend of Gene and Mandy Lilly; **Lisa Fauber**, friend of Sue Cook; **Cathy Toman** and **Becky Bruce**, aunts of Shawn Toman; **Julian Roe**, grandson of retired boss of Linda Page

Church Contacts

Parish Secretary: Stephen Dickerson 434-996-0934

Music Director: Gary Flavin 885-8479

Organist: Stephen Dickerson 434-996-0934

Parish Nurse: Sue Cook 292-0327

Financial Secretary: Becci Page Home 886-3220; Cell 255-3887

Assistant Financial Secretary: Janet Braithwaite 886-5880 Cell (540)448-3466

Sexton: Jimmy Cox 241-8500

Church Leadership Contact information

Pastor: Phyllis Diamond: 540-589-6988
Treasurer: Karen Fauber 290-1999
Council President: Carol Troxell 294-1559
Council Vice President: Rebecca Perrin 434-981-5587
Council Secretary: Linda Page 885-0539

Committee Representatives

Education: Debbie Hastert 430-0000
Evangelism: Mary Garber 480-0444
Finance and Stewardship: Rebecca Perrin 434-981-5587
Hospitality and Social Ministry: Terry Bunch 292-1086
Property: Doug Painter 280-0882; Forester Wright 337-6408
Worship and Music: Linda Page 885-0539
Youth and Recreation: Robyn Dean 490-1884

January Birthdays

Stephanie Jetton	1/1
Brooklyn Burns	1/4
Michael Vayvada	1/5
Noah Mason Roudabush	1/7
Sydney Moyers	1/7
Dale Rankin	1/10
Becci Page	1/12
Gary Flavin	1/20
Dennis Hastert	1/24
Jennifer Cline	1/26
Frances Michael	1/26
Jeremy Roudabush	1/27
Mike Cary	1/28
Von Simmons	1/28
Erika Leach	1/29

January Anniversaries

Jeremy & Tara Magoon	1/1/2000
Howard & June Ratcliffe	1/1/1986
Bill & Rebecca Coffin	1/17/1992
Tom & Betty Cox	1/31/1959



Worship Assistants for January

Assisting Minister: Duane Perrin

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Roger & Goldie Shiflett

January 2, 2022	Lay Reader: Michael Vayvada	Acolyte: Jim Cox
January 9, 2022	Lay Reader: Steve Troxell	Acolyte: Sydney Moyers
January 16, 2022	Lay Reader: Janet Braithwaite	Acolyte: Dylan Moyers
January 23, 2022	Lay Reader: Terry Bunch	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
January 30, 2022	Lay Reader: Joy Landes	Acolyte: Zane Simmons

Poinsettia Project 2021

Thank you to everyone who participated in this project. Your contributions toward various church initiatives are greatly appreciated.

<i>Wanda Bowers</i>	<i>Given in memory of Fred D. Bowers</i>	<i>HVAC Fund</i>
<i>Terry Bunch</i>	<i>Given in honor of First Responders and Law Enforcement Officers</i>	<i>Outreach</i>
<i>Brad & Robyn Dean</i>	<i>Given in memory of Patricia Rexrode</i>	<i>General Fund</i>
<i>Brad & Robyn Dean</i>	<i>Given in honor of Fred Cox</i>	<i>General Fund</i>
<i>Brad & Robyn Dean</i>	<i>Given in honor of Bobby & Betty Dean</i>	<i>General Fund</i>
<i>Stephen Dickerson</i>	<i>Given in honor of Pastor Phyllis Diamond</i>	<i>Outreach</i>
<i>Gary Flavin and Beverly Suter</i>	<i>Given in memory of Mom & Dad and Nony & Pop</i>	<i>Outreach & HVAC Fund</i>
<i>Dennis & Debbie Hastert</i>	<i>Given in memory of Shirley Q. Crawford</i>	<i>Outreach</i>
<i>Vrla & Fred Leach</i>	<i>Given in honor of Rosemary Spell</i>	<i>HVAC Fund</i>
<i>Helen Sue & Jim Marshall</i>	<i>Given in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Theodore G. Shuey</i>	<i>General Fund</i>
<i>Kenneth, Linda & Becci Page</i>	<i>Given in memory of Lacy & Daisy Link</i>	<i>HVAC Fund</i>
<i>Kenneth, Linda & Becci Page</i>	<i>Given in memory of Kenneth Sr. & Edith Page, Betty Magoon and Kenneth Magoon</i>	<i>HVAC Fund</i>
<i>Christine Puffenbarger</i>	<i>Given in memory of Howard Puffenbarger, Lori Puffenbarger and Nellie Grimm</i>	<i>Memorial Fund</i>
<i>Roger & Goldie Shiflett</i>	<i>Given in memory of Golden & Helen Smith and Hansford & Eugenia Shiflett</i>	<i>Building Fund</i>
<i>Rosemary Leach Spell</i>	<i>Given in memory Mr. & Mrs. M. Reginald Leach</i>	<i>HVAC Fund</i>
<i>St. Clair Family</i>	<i>Given in memory of Loved Ones</i>	<i>HVAC Fund</i>

The poinsettias enhancing our worship this Christmas season

Are given by:

Hannelore & Dave Beisner (3)

Terry Bunch

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The Cary Family

James & Carolyn Cox

James & Carolyn Cox

James & Carolyn Cox

Stephen Dickerson

Alice Fauber

Gary Flavin & Beverly Suter

Mary Garber

Leach Family

Leach Family

Urla & Fred Leach

Urla & Fred Leach

Doug & Sandi Painter

Doug & Sandi Painter

Doug & Sandi Painter

Steve & Carol Troxell

Steve & Carol Troxell

Steve & Carol Troxell

Larry & Joy Landes

Larry & Joy Landes

In memory of:

Loved ones

Parents, James & Nancy Campbell

Parents, Russell & Lyn Mays

Lou & Don Cary

Brother, Rodney Lee Cox

Step-brother, Wayne Allen

Nephew, Brian Cox

Parents, Joel & Patricia Dickerson

Husband, Hunter Fauber

Nony & Pop, Sally, and Phyllis & John

Husband, Tim A Garber

Lee & Edith Pence

Reginald & Frances Leach

Our parents

Our grandparents

Mr & Mrs Wilton Ragland

Mr & Mrs Douglas Painter, Sr

Cheri P Collins

Parents, Otis & Yvonne Troxell

Parents, Leigh & Ellen Roberts

Sister, Nancy Mills

In honor of:

Kenneth & Alma Landes

Harold & Sharon Byrd