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**December 14, 2025** 

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#### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Looking for a way to connect? Here are some of the groups, studies, events, and serving opportunities coming up — we hope to see YOU here!

#### Monday, December 15

Bible Study | 10:00-11:00 am | Palm Room (weekly) Vegetable Gardening Group | 6:30-7:30 pm Palm Room (monthly)

#### Tuesday, December 16

Ironmen Study | 7:00-8:15 am | Palm Room (weekly)
Preschool | 9:00 am—2:00 pm (Tues-Thurs)
Quilters | 1:00-3:15 pm | Palm Room (weekly)
Online Bible Study | 5:00-6:30 pm | (weekly-online)
Rejoice! Band Rehearsal | 6:30-8:00 pm | CLC (weekly)

#### Wednesday, December 17

Preschool | 9:00 am—2:00 pm (Tues-Thurs) Youth Group | 6:00-8:00 pm | Room 25 (weekly) Choir Rehearsal | 7:00-9:00 pm | Palm Room (weekly) Hispanic Bible Study | 7:30-8:30 pm (weekly-online)

#### Thursday, December 18

Preschool | 9:00 am—2:00 pm (Tues-Thurs)
Women's Forum | 10:00 am | Back Porch (monthly)
Preschool Christmas Program | 12:45 pm | Sanctuary
Volleyball | 6:30-7:30 pm | CLC (weekly)
(contact Paul Dietz to confirm)

#### Saturday, December 20

Marta's Circle | 2:00-4:00 pm (monthly-online) Las Posadas | 5:00-7:00 pm | Christian Life Center

Please check the current calendar (pvlc.org/weekly-events) for last minute changes to the above list.



#### ALCOHOL POLICY SURVEY— THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

As a follow-up to our December 7 Member Forums and the congregation-wide email that went out earlier this week, we invite all members to continue participating in the anonymous survey regarding the draft Alcohol Use Policy.

Thank you to those who have already replied. Your input is deeply appreciated and will help guide Council's continued discernment.

If you have not yet participated, we ask that you review the **draft policy** (scan QR Code below) and complete the **one-question anonymous** survey (scan QR Code below) no later than **Tuesday, December 16**.

Your voice matters, and we value your feedback.

#### **Draft Alcohol Policy:**



#### **Complete Survey:**



Thank you for your thoughtful engagement and for helping guide this important conversation for our church family.

In His Service, Carolyn Koehn Council President

#### CHRISTMAS OFFERING



As we make preparations both in our hearts and in our homes for this special time of year, remember to give your annual Christmas offering. Special envelopes are available in the Sanctuary lobby and the Christian Life Center. Mark your check for "Christmas" or make a special gift on-line, select "Christmas/Advent Offering."

#### **DECEMBER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Your church staff are working hard during this season of Advent. To support the increased workload of December, accommodate planned staff vacations, and allow time with family, we will follow a holiday office schedule for the weeks of December 22–26 and December 29–January 2.

During these two weeks, our open office hours will be:

9:00 am–3:00 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays (December 22, 23, 29, and 30)

The church office will be closed on:

- December 24–26
- December 31–January 2

We will resume normal office hours on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Staff may be contacted by email or phone/voicemail if you need assistance outside of open office hours.

Thank you for allowing our staff the opportunity to serve the Palm Valley family, and we pray God's blessings over your Advent and Christmas season.

#### LAS POSADAS



Saturday, December 20 5:00-7:00 pm Christian Life Center

Get ready for a joyful, can'tmiss celebration as we gather for **Las Posadas**, a Hispanic tradition that reenacts Mary and Joseph's search for shelter and invites us to practice hospitality and community in a meaningful way.

This bilingual event will be filled with delicious food, festive music, and fun activities for the whole family. All of this creates a warm and welcoming space to celebrate the hope and joy of the season together.

Join us on **December 20 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Christian Life Center** and experience an
unforgettable evening of faith, culture,
and Christmas cheer.

All are invited!



#### VEGETABLE GARDENING GROUP MEETING

#### Monday, December 15 | 6:30 pm | Palm Room

Topics: Growing edible grains and frost protection Frost protection covers by Dalen as giveaways.

RSVP on your app or email Helen at oldveggiegardener@yahoo.com.

#### **WOMEN'S FORUM**



Thursday,
December 18
10:00 am
Back Porch

#### RSVP on your app or call the church office.

We are doing our annual cookie exchange. Please bring two dozen cookies to share along with your recipe.

We will also wrap gifts for the residents of Central Texas Table of Grace. If you have bows or things to make the packages look fancy, please bring them with you.

And...if that's not enough, we are also making snow globes to take home.

Remember to bring your own drink.



### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL BAND & ORCHESTRA STUDENTS!

If you play an instrument, we'd love for you to share your musical talent with us this Christmas Eve and make the celebration even more meaningful and memorable.

Contact Marvin Goad at 512-554-7380.



# WORSHIP SERVING SPOTS OPEN FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

We are looking for Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes, and Crucifers to serve at our Christmas Eve Services.

If you would like to serve, please contact Kelley Adams at volunteer@pvlc.org to let her know at what service you can serve and how.

#### **END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

We are quickly approaching the end of the year. Your financial generosity is greatly appreciated and a blessing to your church's ability to invite people to Christ. Let's end the year strong.

Our year-end contributions for 2025 are due by December 31. If mailed, must be postmarked no later than December 31. If turned in in-person, must be dropped off at the office no later than December 30.



### We still have poinsettias available.

This holiday season beautify our campus and/or your home with a poinsettia for just

\$13.00 each. To purchase your poinsettia(s), use your app (click on "Today's Signups"), scan the QR Code below, fill out an envelope available at worship center entrances

and enclose payment, or mail a check to the church marked "Christmas Poinsettia." If mailing a check, be sure to include the following information with your check:



Name of buyer, number of plants, and indicate your dedication: "To the Glory of God," In memory of, In honor of, or In celebration of.

We will notify you when you can pick up your poinsettia.

The poinsettias are grown and supplied by Down Home Ranch (located near Elgin, TX) downhomeranch.org, a working farm and ranch for adults with disabilities.

#### **HELP WANTED:** PIANO ACCOMPANIST

With the growth in our services on Sunday mornings, our accompanist, Jesus Diaz, is going to change his staff role and focus on the Hispanic ministry. This creates an opportunity to bring on a new pianist for the traditional English services at 8:00 am and 11:15 am.

Find a detailed job description on our website. Resumes: Jen Kendrick at pvlc@pvlc.org.



#### THIRD DAY CONCERT:

30th Anniversary Tour With Special Guest: Zach Williams

Thursday, March 26, 2026 7:30 pm | Moody Center

We are ordering group tickets which cost from \$79-119 each (depending on where we want to sit).

> RSVP by Monday, December 29 by using your app or Member Connect.

Contact Manny Castro with questions at smallgroups@pvlc.org.





If you have not yet completed your Estimate of Giving form, it's not too late! Please do so today by scanning the QR Code, using your app, go to pvlc.org/members, or complete a paper copy available in worship center entrances.

#### SPONSOR WORSHIP FLOWERS

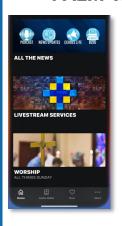


There are still a few dates open for December!

Sign up to sponsor worship flowers, using these three steps: pick your date, provide your dedication, and pay.

Sign up on your app or through Member Connect.

#### PALM VALLEY APP UPDATE



For those who have experienced issues watching the livestream through the app, we have identified the underlying problem and are working to get this resolved within the next few weeks.

We will provide an update once the issue has been fully resolved.

Access to our livestream is available through the website at pvlc.org, click on "LIVESTREAM."



#### ADOPT-A-STREET

Saturday, January 10 1:00-3:00 pm

Be part of something meaningful and fun that benefits our community. Bring the whole family.

Sign up on your app, Member Connect, or contact Kelley Adams at smallgroups@pvlc.org.

#### SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS



#### Donate to the Round **Rock Area Serving Center**

Use the QR Code to make a donation directly to the Round Rock Serving Center or place your non-perishable

food donations at the collection point outside the Parish Hall.

Find a list of items needed at

these collection points.



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