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Wesleyan Church

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Church**

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PWC MINISTRY IMPACT

Below are just some of the ways that God is at work at PWC and equipping us to impact Marshall County and beyond!

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SALVATIONS

BAPTISMS & CHILD DEDICATIONS

36

24

PEOPLE IN ONE-TO-ONE DISCIPLESHIP

PEOPLE IN WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE GROUPS

134

48

PEOPLE IN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

107

218

HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED BY FOOD PANTRY & ANGEL TREE

KIDS ENROLLED IN OUR DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

50

A LETTER FROM CHRIS

CHRIS TAYLOR - LEAD PASTOR



Hello PWC Family!

It's hard to believe that my family and I have been here for almost year! We are so blessed to be able to do life and ministry with this great church in this amazing community! I am so thankful for our congregation. You all have intentionally and consistently made my wife, my children, and myself feel welcome, loved, and cared for. And thanks to everyone who donated time and money for the beautiful home we get to live in.

My goal with this letter is to share some highlights with you all. I'm having a hard time narrowing them all down to a one page document! First and foremost, the Holy Spirit is moving and active in our worship services! Whether it's people accepting Christ, getting baptized, or praying at the altar, it's clear that we are a church that loves the Lord.

I am thankful for the opportunity to preach and teach. The sermon series we've been doing have been impactful, and spending the first three months of 2024 in the Sermon on the Mount will be something I cherish forever. And I'm so grateful to be able to share the pulpit with Pastor Taylor and Pastor Levi.

Speaking of Taylor and Levi, I want to make sure everyone at PWC knows we have an amazing staff! I have introduced monthly staff meetings and weekly worship planning meetings. The entire staff has bonded as a team that supports and encourages one another.

Of course our staff can only do so much. Our ministries would be ineffective without so many passionate volunteers! Dozens of people serve at PWC each week. There's an old saying that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. I don't think that's true here!

God has been so generous in His provision to PWC. Thanks to Him and all the faithful givers in our congregation, we have the means to support our staff, appreciate our volunteers, reach out into the community, provide for global missions, meet local needs, care for this facility, and all while managing our debt well. Speaking of our facility, we've been able to get some pretty big projects done such as the Sanctuary carpet and Cafe Lobby makeover. Plus the new projector and screen that was donated.

In January we started having monthly Prayer Gatherings. I just know that these are going to be the catalyst to so many miraculous works of God's power. If you haven't joined us for one of these yet I strongly encourage you to do so. They're the first Wednesday night of each month...even during the summer!

There's so much more I could share and God is just getting started!

AN UPDATE FROM TANYALE

TANYALE HANDLEY - KIDS MINISTRY PASTOR

It has been a joy to serve as the children's pastor this year at PWC. Our mission is to equip children to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through biblical teachings and empower them to help make Christ known to others. I have enjoyed connecting and serving the children and families that have attended PWC this year. As we look back over this past year, I am so thankful for the many people who serve so faithfully in our ministry & help disciple the next generation.

We have seen continued growth on Sundays. The Gospel Project curriculum continues to be a cornerstone of our Sunday programs, providing interactive and engaging lessons that instill biblical truths in our children's hearts and minds. We have continued to journey through the New Testament this year as part of our 3-year cycle. Wednesday night small groups have also been a highlight this year. With lots of enthusiasm in children learning their memory verses, inviting their friends, playing fun games, and continuing to deepen their faith through biblical teachings.

We have had many kids ask Jesus to come into their heart this year and decide to get baptized as their next step in their faith journey.

We also had many great events this year; Fall Fest, Kids Late Night, Easter Egg Hunt, and 6th grade event to Sky Zone. These events helped foster community, connection, and fellowship as we continue to be on a mission to reach our community for Jesus. As we look ahead I am excited to continue to grow our ministry. I am so excited for VBS this summer and to welcome more families from our community at PWC.



AN UPDATE FROM LEVI

LEVI LEHMAN - STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR

This year was full of highs and lows as I transitioned from the role of Children's Pastor and stepped into the Students and Technical Pastor role.

While Children's Pastor, we had 58 kids and adults go to Bear Lake Bible Camp. Thank you to all those who helped as counselors, Jr. counselors, and nurses. Our theme was "Ready Up" in which we talked about salvation, forgiveness, prayer, and worship. We were able to put on a great blueberry festival pop booth which will contribute to sending 20 students to NTS Camp with some left over.

During the summer we were able to remodel the youth game room and bring a bright, vibrant feel to the room as well as redo the Student Worship area to replace failing projectors with TVs and rewire the stage lighting. We were also able to host 3 summer events for the students: a pool night, a lake night, and a water night. This year we have gone through a series on prayer, Joshua, worship, King David, spiritual disciplines, relationships, and more. Wednesday nights have grown steadily in numbers as well as spiritual steps. Sunday morning bible studies under the leadership of Val continue to grow.

Thank you to Val Relos, Alex Eads, Joel Hartung, Mitchel Dickson, Josh Dingeldein, Ted Brown, and others who have poured into the students over this year. Thank you to Brooke Hundt, Tallie Hundt, Nathan Hundt, Caz Hundt, Natalhy Deleon, and Lily Baggett for your help in remodeling the students' game room. Thank you to Jim Hartung, Don Hill, John Myers, Jason Woods, Davis Jones, Jacob Lungsford, and Joshua Lungsford for all your help in the tech booth. Thank you to Hunter Rust for all your help serving behind the scenes. Thank you for all the support you have given both Katie and myself. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for the upcoming year.



AN UPDATE FROM TAYLOR

TAYLOR HULSE - DISCIPLESHIP & VISITATION PASTOR

This past year was an amazing year! It is so fun to see how God is moving in our church and community! I am so grateful and blessed to be able to serve in this church! I have been blessed to be a part of leading people to the Lord this year and to baptize several as well!

This past year I changed roles from being our Student Pastor to our Discipleship & Visitation Pastor. This has led me to be able to be a part of several different ministries. I have the privilege of leading a men's Bible study on Wednesday nights. This Bible study has been extremely fruitful and a joy to be a part of. It is something I look forward to every Wednesday! Other areas I am involved in are: One-to-One Discipleship, funerals, weddings, visitation, Sunday School, Wednesday night life groups, and our prayer meetings. Pastor Chris is also very gracious in allowing me to preach several times throughout the year.

As I look forward to next year I would love if you could partner and pray for two key areas in our church. We are looking at starting a Men's ministry in our church that will be able to reach men in our church and in our community. Please pray for God's wisdom and grace as we launch this new ministry.

One-to-One Discipleship is a powerful program that we are already seeing produce fruit. We currently have 12 pairs going through 1-1 discipleship together and we are praying for that number to greatly increase this year! If you are interested in being a disciple or a disciple maker please reach out to me at taylor@plymouthwesleyan.com.

Finally, I thank God for being so gracious and faithful, He is so good. And thank you to my wife and kids. You all are such a great support for ministry. I love doing ministry together with you guys. I look forward to what God has in store this coming year for the church!



AN UPDATE FROM LISA

LISA TAYLOR - DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

I am so excited to serve PWC as the new Daycare & Preschool Director! Thank you to the Local Board of Administration for trusting me with this role. Plymouth Wesleyan Church Daycare & Preschool provides a safe, Christ-centered environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive.

We are pleased to report a steady increase in enrollment throughout the year. Our reputation for providing a safe and enriching learning environment has resonated with families in our community, leading to full capacity enrollment in all our age groups. We currently have a waiting list for our infant room!

We are currently working to develop an integrated Christ-centered, play-based curriculum that aligns with early childhood education standards and incorporates best practices from both daycare and preschool settings. Our focus is on finding a curriculum that promotes social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and spiritual development.

In 2024, we want to prioritize staff development initiatives to ensure that our educators are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to provide high-quality care and education. We hope to provide our staff with opportunities for professional development and training. We also created a Program Advisory Board that consists of the Program Director, Program Assistant Director, PWC Bookkeeper, PWC Children's Pastor, LBA liaison, and 2 program parents to help in the decision-making process.

As we look ahead to the future, we are excited about the opportunities God will give us!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MEET THE NOMINEES FOR THE LBA



**NATALIE BRANDA -
LBA SECRETARY**

My husband, Greg and I have 2 kids - Grady (10) and Mabry (almost 8). I was raised in Plymouth, graduated from PHS in 2006, and went to IUSB where I received my degree in Education. I have been a teacher at Plymouth Community School Corporation, Triton School Corporation, and currently teaching virtually for Indiana Connections Academy. I enjoy watching/coaching my kids in all of their activities/sporting events, going on vacation, and spending quality time with my people. I have been attending Plymouth Wesleyan Church since 2008 and have enjoyed serving in our church and watching it grow into what it is today.



**DON WENDEL -
BUILDING & GROUNDS CHAIR**

I grew up in the Catholic faith and became a Christian at 16 years old when I went to St. Michael's and then to Sunrise Chapel with my then girlfriend, who later became my wife. It was then that I more fully understood and accepted what a Christian was and vowed, to the best of my ability, to follow Christ. Through friends I found Plymouth Wesleyan Church and started going here around 2009 and became a member in May of 2013. I am widowed, have three grown married daughters and nine grandchildren. I am retired from a job I had done for 42 years in the construction industry. I have learned many things and have met many people from this career.

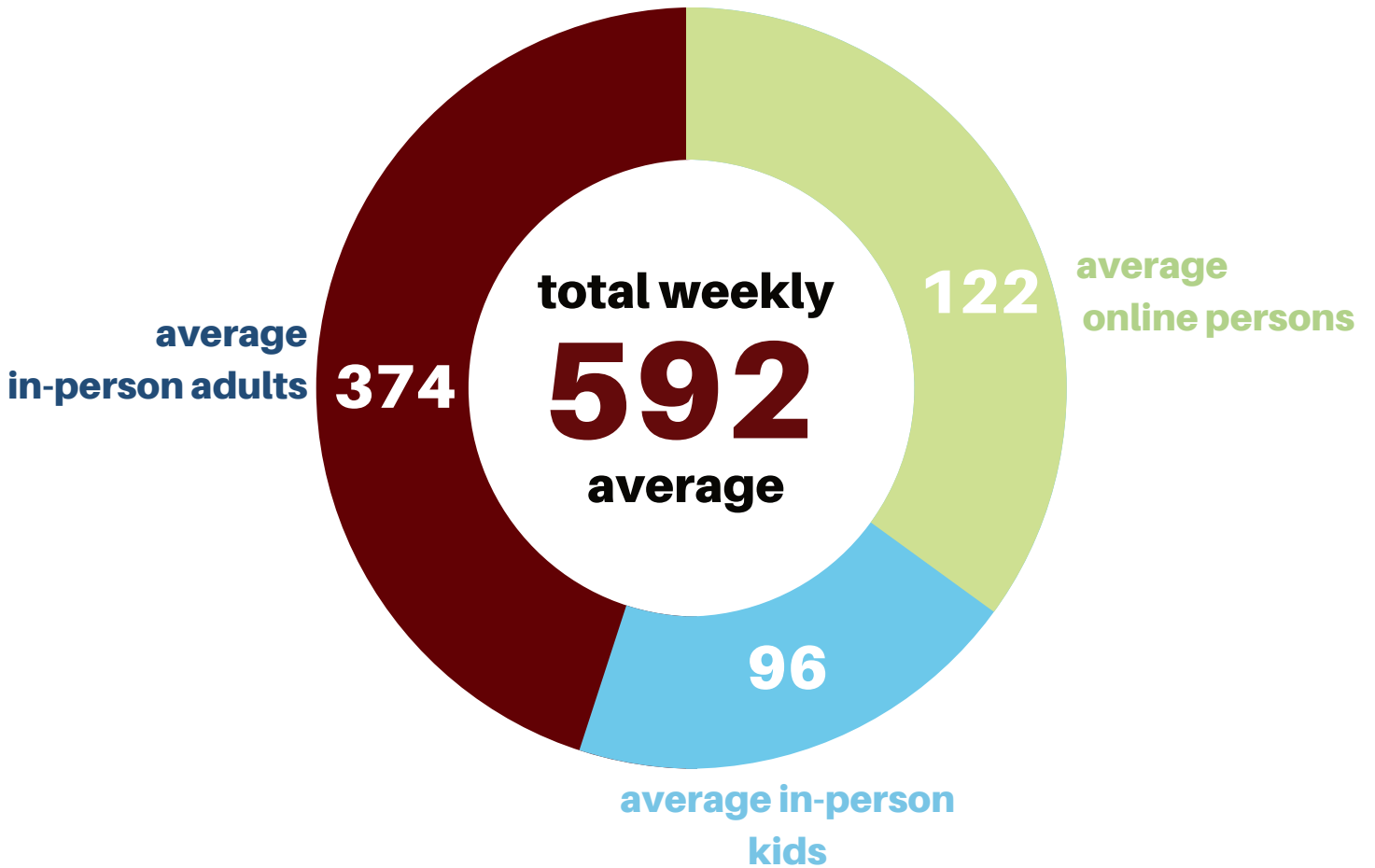


**CHRISTY CRAWFORD -
MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

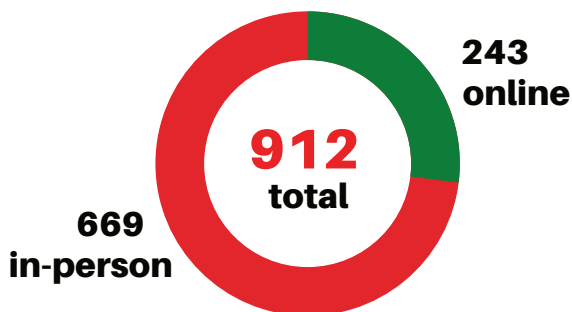
I would like to thank the nominating committee for the recommendation to be on the LBA. As a previous secretarial board member for the LBA, I would be honored to once again, represent PWC. My children have grown up in the youth ministry and my husband and I have deepened our spiritual roots through this ministry for almost twenty years. This is our church home and I welcome the opportunity to help the church in this role.

PWC ATTENDANCE

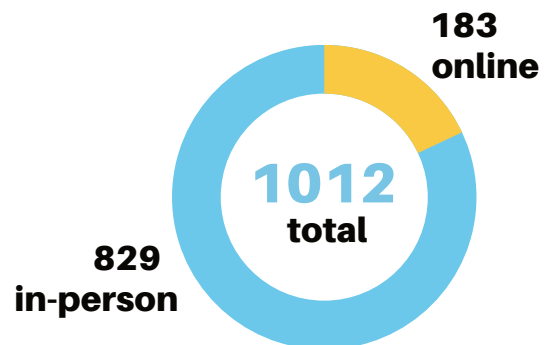
MAY 2023 - APRIL 2024 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



Christmas Eve Services



Easter Services



PWC FINANCIALS

MAY 2023 - APRIL 2024 FISCAL YEAR REPORTING

GENERAL FUND

TOTAL OFFERINGS & INCOME RECEIVED = \$1,009,567.36

TOTAL BUDGETED = \$918,927.96

TOTAL EXPENSES = \$918,060.81

YEAR TO DATE REPORTING A SURPLUS OF \$91,506.55

MISSIONS

OFFERINGS RECEIVED = \$23,753

FUNDS PAID = \$8,800

YEAR TO DATE REPORTING A SURPLUS OF \$39,026.74

BENEVOLENCE & FOOD PANTRY

OFFERINGS RECEIVED = \$3,607

TOTAL EXPENSES = \$4,808.54

YEAR TO DATE REPORTING A SURPLUS OF \$9,629.58



APPROVED BUDGET 2024 - 2025

	2023 - 2024 Budget	2024 - 2025 Budget
Administrative Expenses	\$51,050	\$44,100
Budget Assessment	\$68,000	\$68,000
Church Multiplication Fund	-0-	\$9,182
Budget Assessment Contribution	\$-22,667	\$-22,667
Janitorial Expense	\$4,000	\$7,500
Maintenance (Church & Parsonage)	\$46,500	\$44,000
Mortgage Interest	\$118,000	\$106,000
Mortgage Principal	\$96,000	\$108,000
Property Insurance	\$40,000	\$40,000
Utilities	\$119,000	\$120,500
Van Insurance	\$5,850	\$1,500
Ministerial & Professional Expenses	\$334,894.96	\$347,363.88
Leadership Development	-0-	\$10,000
Childrens Ministry	\$10,000	\$11,000
Discipleship & Pastoral Care	\$14,550	\$10,900
Worship Arts	\$10,000	\$9,100
Youth Ministry	\$7,000	\$8,250
Matching College Grants	\$5,000	\$5,000
Special Events/Wednesday Night Meals/Funerals	\$11,750	\$12,250
2023 - 2024 Budget Total = \$918,927.96		
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