
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

AS WE COME together in worship and praise of God, we pray that each person present might experience the presence of Christ in a personal way. A warm welcome to one and all.

Friendship Folder - Please sign and pass the friendship folder. If you are a new or frequent worshiper, please sign in so that we will know you are here. The names in the book also allow you to greet those next to you by name.

For the children - Be sure to ask an usher for one of the "Rainbow Bags" which is full of appropriate activities for the worship hour. Parents, please don't retie the bow on the bag handles as we are using this method to figure out which bags have been used. Thank you!

Prayer Concerns - Valley's pastors and staff pray for needs in the church each week. Fill out a prayer request form found in the friendship folder and *place it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor.*

Nursery care is available every Sunday from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM.

Your hosts for the morning fellowship time are the Carlson and Searce Families. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and goodies and the company of your Valley friends and family.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, January 17 at the 8:30 AM service are *Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11* and *John 2:1-11.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR JANUARY 10

Pre-K (3 and 4 yr. olds)

Time: After *Time with the Young Church* until 11:15 AM

Classroom: Room 4

Bible Story: Kindergarten Class will join the Pre-K class for the Bible Story lesson
with Kay Hope Gold

Music: Amy Rheingans will visit during class

Guardian Angel: Terry Vermillion

Lesson: Epiphany

Creative Classroom Circuit (Grades K – 5th)

Time: After *Time with the Young Church* until 11:15 AM

Music: In Armitage Hall with Amy Rheingans and Shepherds for 10 minutes

Classrooms: Kindergarten - Room 16

First/Second - Room 17

Third - Room 15

Fourth/Fifth - Room 14

Shepherds: Amy Henning-Blair, Kristina and Tim Kurtz, Richard and Kay Gold

Lesson: Journaling Advent/Nativity/Epiphany

THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will be meeting on Friday, January 22, at 10:00 AM in Room 15. The book we will be discussing is *Still Alice*, by Lisa Genova. New people are always welcome to join the group for lively and interesting discussion. Remember to bring your own coffee.

NON-RUSH HOUR JANUARY 13 - Our January Non-Rush Hour has been moved to the second Wednesday this month to coincide with the Children's Choir and Bell rehearsal schedules. All grownups, plan to join us from 5:00 - 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room for a relaxing candlelight hour of food for the body and soul. Children are invited to join Kay Hope Gold in room 14 for activities, so that the grownups can totally r-e-l-a-x.

SENIOR LUNCHEON - Come celebrate the New Year with friends old and new. Lunch will have an Italian theme and begin at noon, Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Eli Nicholes, our Youth Ministry Assistant will be giving us an update on all the happenings in the Youth House. We look forward to seeing you all in this new year.

UPWARD BASKETBALL BEGINS - Mark your calendars. The first game day of the Upward basketball season is Saturday, January 16. Valley will be hosting games from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM every Saturday through March 6.

Thanks so much to the *many* people who have already volunteered to come help us again this season. However, we still need many more volunteers to help on game days. If you can share a couple of hours on a Saturday, we'd love to have you join the fun! You could keep score, help in the café or greet kids and their families as they arrive at Valley. Please contact Allison Carlson to volunteer, or come upstairs to coffee hour. Allison will be at coffee hour. Today with the volunteer schedule. She will be happy to sign you up!

Another way you can support the Upward program is by donating specific food items to be sold in the café. Profits made in the Café go into Valley's general budget. Items can be dropped off in the church office during the month of January. We are hoping to receive donations of the following items which are available in bulk at Costco:

- ◆ Full size candy bars
- ◆ Snack size bags of chips
- ◆ Canned soda - Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Root beer, Dr. Pepper
- ◆ Hot dog buns

If nothing else, please stop by to see a game and see what the excitement is all about. Upward games truly are a fun place to be on Saturdays. Valley's café will be serving hot coffee, cinnamon rolls, fruit smoothies and hot dogs. Admission is free, hope to see you all there!

INFORMATIONAL GATHERING - Join us today after the 10:00 AM service for an informational gathering in Armitage Hall for all new worshipers to Valley. Come join us for coffee, snacks and good conversation. Learn about Valley and get answers to your questions.

STOP BY AT COFFEE HOUR to speak to Donna Russell and hear the latest ideas about sustainability at Valley. If you are interested in joining a local green team, please let her know!

PLEDGE ENVELOPES - All members and friends who donate may pick up your giving envelopes in the Fireside Room.

GAIL BAKER SENDS WARM GREETINGS to all his friends at Valley. He regrets that he can no longer attend church but wants to be remembered in your prayers. Mr. Baker celebrated his 103rd birthday last Sunday surrounded by family and friends.

CENTS-ABILITY SUNDAY IS JANUARY 17! We are saving "Nickels for Hunger" and putting 5 cents per meal in our Cents-Ability banks. Plan to bring your Cents-Ability offering next Sunday. Our coins go to Presbyterian Hunger programs, including a local agency, Care to Share, which assists in emergency food boxes.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS - To most it is a delightful nonsense rhyme set to music. But it had a quite serious purpose when it was written. Catholics in England during the period of 1558 to 1829 were prohibited from any practice of their faith by law - public OR private. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith. The song's gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith:

- 1 Partridge in a pear tree = Jesus Christ, the Son of God
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch"
- 6 Geese A-Laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-Swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-Milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-Leaping = the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed origins

STUDENT MINISTRIES - 6th through 12th grade

MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT FRENZY, January 15, 7:00 - 10:00 PM. There will be fun, food and wacky games in the Youth House.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6th through 8th grade:

- ◆ **MIDDLE SCHOOL L.I.F.E.** this Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Join us for a discussion on *Spiritual Gifts* in the Youth House, 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

HIGH SCHOOL - 9th through 12th grade:

- ◆ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** this Tuesday, January 12, 2010. *Dinner and the People's Choice* will be the topic of discussion in the Youth House from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK
January 10, 2010 - January 17, 2010

SUNDAY, January 10

8:30 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
 10:25 AM Youth Sunday School
 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
 11:15 AM Informational Gathering
 4:00 PM New Spirit Ringers
 5:00 PM Youth Choir

MONDAY, January 11

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 3:15 PM Camp Fire Meeting
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
 6:30 PM Capital Improvements Committee
 7:30 PM Troop 592

TUESDAY, January 12

10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40168
 7:00 PM High School Uth Group
 7:00 PM Session

WEDNESDAY, January 13

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 12:00 PM Wednesday Adult Education
 4:15 PM Royal Ringers
 5:00 PM Cherub Choir
 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir
 5:00 PM Non-Rush Hour
 5:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
 6:30 PM Middle School L.I.F.E.
 7:00 PM APNC

THURSDAY, January 14

10:00 AM Alanon
 10:00 AM Piecemakers
 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice
 5:30 PM Preschool Board
 6:15 PM English Handbell Choir
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir
 8:00 PM Mom's Basketball

FRIDAY, January 15

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice

SATURDAY, January 16

8:00 AM Upward Basketball Games

SUNDAY, January 17

8:30 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
 10:25 AM Youth Sunday School
 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
 3:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 592 Den 7
 4:00 PM New Spirit Ringers
 5:00 PM Youth Choir

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