
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 - Check out the "Rainbow Bags" found in the large basket in the Narthex area. Our thanks to the Friends of the West Slope Library for donating "discontinued" books so we could add a new selection of books to the bags. Enjoy!!

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.

The Dee and Freeborg Families will be hosting the coffee/fellowship time this morning upstairs in Davis Hall after the 10:00 AM service. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and goodies while getting to know some of Valley's friends and families.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, January 31 at the 8:30 AM service are *Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13* and *Luke 4:21-30.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR JANUARY 24

Pre-K (3 and 4 yr. olds)

Time: After the Children's Message 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 and "Gigot" the puppet

Music: Amy Rheingans will visit during class

Guardian Angel: Wendy Jenkins

Lesson: Baptism of our Lord

Creative Classroom Circuit (Grades K – 5th)

Time: After the Children's Message until 11:15 AM*

Music: Led by Amy Rheingans in Armitage Hall during the first 15 minutes

Classrooms: Kindergarten - Drama in Room 17 with Jan Bellis-Squires

First/Second - Science in Room 14 with Wayne Boyle

Third - Art/Video in Room 15 with Jeff and Shannon Blair

Fourth/Fifth - Cooking with Claudia Askew in the Fireside Kitchen

*Parents, as a courtesy to the activity leaders and shepherds, please pick up your children promptly at the end of class.

DIGGING SOME PRESBYTERIAN MUSICAL ROOTS - Our Presbyterian, Congregational, and Reformed ancestors limited the use of music in worship to versified psalm texts sung to simple melodies by the congregation in unison without accompaniment. No organs or choirs. To those accustomed to the rich tradition of Protestant hymn singing and the contribution of choral and organ works to the experience of Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican worship, the Reformed use of music seems austere and odd. Many assume that this music reflected the dour disposition of Geneva's reformer John Calvin. A closer look, however, suggests that the music of Reformed worship was an extraordinary expression of Christian humanist ideals. It also appears that the liturgical musical practices initiated in Geneva were carefully deployed to maximize the spiritual growth of the congregation. Join Ross Miller, retired senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Portland, for a special Adult Education class Sunday, February 14 at 11:30 AM in Armitage Hall and explore the musical roots of the Presbyterian faith.

LUKE-DORF has shared with me that they really appreciate all the support Valley has given. We are helping Luke-Dorf by donating canned food and other items for those in need. Please remember to bring your food on Communion Sunday and place them in the bins next to the Fireside Room.

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.

GET THE YEAR OFF TO A GOOD START by attending the Cascades Leadership Fair, February 27. Stimulating keynoter, Margaret Marcuson, will help us learn how to avoid burnout and last as a leader. That will be followed by a wide variety of helpful workshops for church leaders and members. Visit the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org or contact your church office for more information.

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

DISASTER ASSISTANCE IN HAITI - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has already sent funds and is working in cooperation with our ecumenical partners on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies. Please pray for those affected. To contribute to the fund, make the notation "Haiti" on checks to Valley Community Presbyterian Church and send to the church office or put in the offering plate.

Valley is again collecting supplies to replenish the PDA warehouse with Hygiene Kits that have already been flown to Haiti. Supplies and/or completed kits may be left in the marked box in the church office through February 21. Please note specific requirements below. Contact Shirley Hercher or Michelle Blair with questions. For more about the disaster response, visit www.pcusa.org.

Hygiene Kit (previously Health Kit)

- 1 — hand towel (approximately 16" x 28," no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 — washcloth
- 1 — wide-tooth comb
- 1 — nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- 1 — bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 — toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 6 — Band-Aids[®] or other adhesive bandage strips

Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste which has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. Thank you!

THE KEY CARD SYSTEM has been in effect for a few months now and seems to be working well. Below are some reminders for groups using Valley Community facilities.

During your event or activity:

- Please do not attempt to prop open the East doors as this interferes with the locking mechanism.
- Please turn off the lights in any room as you exit. (i.e. meeting room, bathroom, kitchen, gym)
- Please make sure windows and doors are closed.

We are pleased to have so many wonderful groups and organizations meeting here at Valley Community Church and would like to thank everyone for their assistance in keeping Valley's buildings and grounds safe and secure for everyone to use and enjoy.

STUDENT MINISTRIES - 6th through 12th grade

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6th through 8th grade:

- ◆ **SORRY, NO MIDDLE SCHOOL L.I.F.E.** this Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Join us again next week and see what L.I.F.E. is all about!

- ◆ **MIDDLE SCHOOL GUYS' NIGHT, JANUARY 29** - That's right, it's a guys only hang time. Join Eli and a group of High School staff guys for our first Man's Night of 2010. Movies, video games and guaranteed fun from 7:00 - 11:00 PM in the Youth House.

HIGH SCHOOL - 9th through 12th grade:

- ◆ **SORRY, NO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** this Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Meetings will resume next week. Join us for fellowship and fun!

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK January 24 - January 31, 2010

SUNDAY, January 24

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
 4:00 PM New Spirit Ringers
 5:00 PM Youth Choir

MONDAY, January 25

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 1:00 PM Century Club General Meeting
 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 26

10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40168
 7:00 PM Children's Ministry Comm.

WEDNESDAY, January 27

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 12:00 PM Wednesday Adult Education
 12:00 PM Senior Adult Education
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice
 4:15 PM Royal Ringers
 5:00 PM Cherub Choir
 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir
 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 592
 7:00 PM APNC

THURSDAY, January 28

10:00 AM Alanon
 10:00 AM Piecemakers
 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 3:30 PM Mission Endowment Fund Investment Committee
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice
 6:15 PM English Handbell Choir
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, January 29

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

SATURDAY, January 30

9:00 AM Upward Basketball Games

SUNDAY, January 31

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
 4:00 PM New Spirit Ringers
 5:00 PM Youth Choir

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