

YOUTH MINISTRIES: All youth in 6th through 12th grades are encouraged to remain in worship with the congregation. Be sure to join us for *Breakfast Club* at the Youth House on Sunday mornings at 9 AM before worship.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LIFE (youth in 6th-8th grades) is on **Wednesdays** from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Youth House. Join us this Wed., October 12 as we head to the Oregon Food Bank! NOTE: We will meet an hour early, at 5:30 p.m., to leave for service at the food bank. We will finish by 8:30.

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY (youth in 9th-12th grades) is on **Sundays** at the Youth House, 7-9 PM. Due to the FAMILY retreat this weekend, there will be no meeting tonight. Join us for Tuesday night Bible Study this week, 6-7 p.m. at the Youth House. Our next FAMILY meeting will be next Sunday, October 16 at 7 PM. NOTE: Registration for CPYA (fall presbytery retreat) is due to Rebecca or Kate by October 16!!!

TAKE A LOOK AT THE DEACONS' BOARD (by the Fireside Room) to see one of the many ways Valley celebrates the sacrament of Communion.

SENIOR LUNCH: We are excited and honored to have Valley's Darlene Cusick joining us to play Chopin on the sanctuary piano after lunch. She will also tell us about the Van Cliburn competition. Please join us for lunch (\$4) at noon on Wednesday, October 26. Also, please note that there will be no Senior Luncheon in November, and the December Christmas Luncheon will be on December 7.

THE MESSENGER DUE DATE is the 15th of every month. Please send your articles and photos for the November newsletter to messenger@valleycommunity.org *no later than Saturday, October 15.* Thank you!

A YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COMMITTEE is forming under the direction of Marilyn Hartzell, Elder for Young Adult Ministry. If you are interested in supporting this new ministry, please contact Marilyn.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

October 9-October 16, 2011

SUNDAY, October 9

High School FAMILY Retreat
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:00 AM Youth Breakfast Club
9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour
10:00 AM Worship Service
10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:15 AM Session Meeting with New Members
11:30 AM Valley Pumpkin Patch Trip
2:00 PM Camp Fire Meeting
5:00 PM Youth Choir

MONDAY, October 10

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
12:00 PM Facilities Committee
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
7:30 PM Scout Troop 592

TUESDAY, October 11

10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40168
6:00 PM High School Bible Study
6:00 PM Session Website Writing Workshop
7:00 PM Session

WEDNESDAY, October 12

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
12:00 PM Wednesday Adult Education
3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 45531
6:30 PM Middle School LIFE

THURSDAY, October 13

10:00 AM Alanon
10:00 AM Piecemakers
10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
6:15 PM English Handbell Choir
7:00 PM Tai Chi Class
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, October 14

Middle School Mania
8:00 AM Women's Aerobics

SATURDAY, October 15

Middle School Mania

SUNDAY, October 16

Middle School Mania
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:00 AM Youth Breakfast Club
9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour
10:00 AM Worship Service
10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Open House
7:00 PM High School FAMILY

TREASURER'S REPORT - Budgeting for 2011 has been finalized.

AmyAnn Green's Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10:00-2:30		(40 weeks ending 10-2-11)		
		Annual	Budget	Actual
	Pledged	\$502,422	\$386,478	\$374,028
	Non-pledge	\$57,578	\$44,290	\$25,974
	Total	\$560,000	\$430,768	\$400,002

Please try to make payments to bring pledges and other giving more current to lower the year to date shortage of \$30,766.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL begins after *Time with the Young Church*. Children will be escorted to Armitage Hall for the Bible Story with Kay and Richard Gold. Kids will then go to their individual activity stations as indicated below:

- Pre-K (ages 3 and 4) with Wayne and Sarah Boyle in Room 4.
- Kindergarten and First Grade - games with Margaret Johnston in Room 16.
- Second and Third Grade - art with Jini DeVries in Room 15.
- Fourth Grade - cooking with Wendy Jenkins in the Fireside Kitchen.
- Fifth Grade - drama with Donna Russell in Room 17.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, October 16 are *Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and Matthew 22:15-22.*



"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."

John 14:1 NRSV

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, OR 97225

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 9, 2011 ☩ 10:00 AM

❖ Please stand as you are able

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

O come let us sing to God;

let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

Ben Paroulek

MUSIC TO BEGIN WORSHIP

Shepherd's Complaint

Mendelssohn

If you must whisper, let it be into the ear of God.

ACOLYTES

Elizabeth Boyle and Olivia Hoffbeck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PURPOSE IN ACTION: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Marilyn Hartzell

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

We are not here, O God, to be preoccupied with our own needs;

but to offer you our thanks and praise.

We are not here, O God, to prove our own faithfulness;

but to think carefully about how we may proclaim the good news.

We are not here, O God, to put right what cannot be changed;

but to reflect on the possibilities for wholeness and healing.

We are not here, O God, to dwell on our own shortcomings;

but to remember your love for us in Jesus Christ,

and to renew our discipleship in him.

❖ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* No. 285

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist, David Jimerson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous God, in love you call us and in thankfulness we respond.

The beauty of the rivers and forests is awesome. Yet, in our busyness, we don't take enough time to admire the splendor that is all around us. We confess that our lives are cluttered with much activity. Slow us down, so that we might hear the chorus of birds, see the joy in children's faces, and smell the crisp autumn air. Embrace us with life anew, we pray.

...Silence is kept...

KYRIE

No. 2275

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison (2x). Christe, Christe eleison (2x).

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is the love that over and around us lies; the grace that is totally unearned; and the healing that makes the earth whole.

Friends, hear and trust in the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole! Amen.

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Down to Earth, as a Dove* No. 300, v.2

This is love come to light, Now is fear put to flight. God defeats darkest night, Giving for our sorrows Hope of new tomorrows.

Let us sing, sing, sing, Dance and spring, spring, spring,

Christ is here, Ever near! Gloria in excelsis.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

René Minshew

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM

I Am Bound For the Promised Land

Mulholland

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

John 14:1-7

SERMON

Don't Let This Throw You

René Minshew

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER (p.16)

OFFERING AND SIGNING THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

Offertory

Andante

Mendelssohn

(Note: After the offertory, rise as the ushers pass your pew to present the offering for dedication.)

❖ DOXOLOGY

To the tune of Hymn No. 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Through these gifts, O God,

may all heed the voice of justice,

hear the call to compassion,

embrace the way of sharing,

and know solidarity with the loving Christ. Amen.

SHARE GOD'S WORD

❖ SENDING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

No. 361

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

❖ SUNG RESPONSE

The Lord Bless and Keep You

No. 2280

The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious.

The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance on you and give peace, give you peace. Shalom. Shalom.

MUSIC TO CONCLUDE WORSHIP

Etude in F minor

Chopin

You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude or exit after the benediction.

May God bless you as you worship here this morning:

Touch you, Challenge you, Heal you, Inspire you, Direct you to new paths in your unfolding journey.

Valley Community Presbyterian Church is a place for:

Awakening Souls, Sharing Joy, Serving God in Christ, TRANSFORMING LIVES.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

A SPECIAL WELCOME to all newcomers: we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Clippers Mariner group upstairs in the gym after 10 AM worship. Coffee, tea, juice, and goodies will be available.

EARLY BIRD COFFEE TIME will be at about 9:30 AM in Gamble Library for anyone who would like a cup of coffee or tea before going to worship. Stop by and say hello!

NURSERY CARE is available every Sunday from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM on the lower level in room 7.

OUR GUEST CHOIR DIRECTOR TODAY is Bernie Kuehn, while Adam Steele is away. Thanks to Bernie for leading the choir today!

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? You are invited to meet with the Session (elders and pastors) in the Fireside Room following 10 AM worship *today* to join the church. New members may be received by baptism, affirmation of faith, or transfer of membership.

PUMPKIN PATCH FIELD TRIP is today! Children, youth, and families are invited. The Valley van and private family vehicles will depart the church parking lot at 11:30 AM. Each child in fifth grade and younger must be escorted by an adult. We will return to the church parking lot by 4 PM. Look for Kay Hope Gold or Pastor Ben following worship to join the fun!

THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH for your support at last Sunday's Pancake Breakfast for Youth Mission! We raised \$630 for the Youth Mission Fund through ticket sales and donations. A special thanks also to Steve Bird and the Clippers Mariners for their work in the kitchen and beyond!

ARE YOU SEWING "Little dresses for Africa"? A few ladies have made almost 30 pretty dresses and I'll be shipping our first box to Michigan for distribution by the end of October. Need information? Call Marilyn Tufts.

KIDZ MART IS COMING...Seeking gently used household items, office supplies, unopened beauty products and toiletries as gifts to be purchased by children as Christmas gifts for parents, family and friends! Bring your donations to the marked basket on the balcony landing area.

REMEMBER TO REGISTER ONLINE for Upward Basketball. Go to www.valleycommunity.org for more information!

MISSION MARKET is on Sunday, November 13, 9:30 AM - 12 noon in Davis Hall. The Mission Committee will host our 8th annual Mission Market to highlight some of the projects Valley's mission dollars support. This is a perfect opportunity to make a donation in honor of someone special on your Christmas list. Look for all your favorite mission projects. Christmas cards featuring one of Valley's stained glass sanctuary windows will also be available for sale. Contact Michelle Blair with questions.