

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., September 28 for fun and group building!

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY (youth in 9th-12th grades) is on **Sundays** at the Youth House, 7-9 PM. Join the High School FAMILY tonight! Youth House opens at 6 PM; dinner and program begin at 7 PM. See you there!

LUKE DORF is in need of men's socks, size 9-11. Please leave your donation in the bins next to the Fireside Room.

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 Tuffs.

THE NEXT VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY build is on Saturday, October 8. Sign-ups will be at coffee hour today, September 25 and October 2.

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.

MISSION ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1! Individuals or organizations may apply for local, national, or international projects in both church-related or secular fields. **No application will be accepted after the deadline.** Please visit the church website (www.valleycommunity.org) or the church office for the most current application. Contact Elaine Rea at if you have any questions.

OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU! Seeking activity leaders for October 23, October 30 and November 13 in art, cooking, computer, drama, games or video! Please contact Kay Hope Gold, kay@valleycommunity.org.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE DEACONS' BOARD in October to see one of the many ways Valley celebrates communion.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
September 25-October 2, 2011		
SUNDAY, September 25	TUESDAY, September 27	FRIDAY, September 30
8:30 AM Worship Service	10:00 AM Tai Chi Class	8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
9:00 AM Youth Breakfast Club	6:00 PM Children's Ministry Committee	2:30 PM Camp Fire Meeting
9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour	6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40168	SATURDAY, October 1
10:00 AM Worship Service	6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team	3:00 PM Youth Pancake Breakfast Set-up
10:00 AM Children's Sunday School	WEDNESDAY, September 28	SUNDAY, October 2
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	8:30 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Acolyte Workshop	8:00 AM Women's Aerobics	9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast for Youth Mission
2:30 PM Cub Scout Den 5	12:00 PM Senior Adult Luncheon	9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour
7:00 PM High School FAMILY	5:00 PM Valley Green Team	10:00 AM Worship Service
MONDAY, September 26	6:30 PM Middle School LIFE	10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
8:00 AM Women's Aerobics	THURSDAY, September 29	11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
1:00 PM Century Club General Meeting	10:00 AM Alanon	5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	10:00 AM Piecemakers	6:00 PM Youth Open House
	10:00 AM Tai Chi Class	7:00 PM High School FAMILY
	6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 592	
	6:15 PM English Handbell Choir	
	7:00 PM Tai Chi Class	
	7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - After Time with the Young Church, children will be escorted to Armitage Hall for music time with Amy Rheingans. Kay and Richard Gold will present the Bible Story. Then kids will go to the activity stations as indicated below:

Pre-K (ages 3 and 4) in Room 4 with Bert and Cheryl Hoffbeck.

Kindergarten, First Grade, Second, Third Grade: Drama with Kay Hope Gold in Room 17.

Fourth Grade: Games with Margaret Johnston in Room 16.

Fifth Grade: Art with Jini DeVries in Room 15.

Note: Children may be picked up at 11:15 AM.

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

AmyAnn Green's Office Hours:		(38 weeks ending 9-18-11)		
		Annual	Budget	Actual
Mon-Thurs, 10:00-2:30	Pledged	\$502,422	\$367,154	\$345,015
	Non-pledge	\$57,578	\$42,076	\$25,003
	Total	\$560,000	\$409,230	\$370,018

Please try to make payments to bring pledges and other giving more current to lower the year to date shortage of \$39,212.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, October 2 are *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14* and *Matthew 21:33-46*.



Serve the Lord with Gladness

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 25, 2011 ☩ 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
Bless God's holy name.

Ben Paroulek

MUSIC TO BEGIN WORSHIP

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

Mendelssohn

ACOLYTES

Josh Gregory and Liz Boyle

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Ben Paroulek

In a world of haves and have-nots,
in a time of disparity and struggle for so many people...

God is present to give life to one and all.

In an age of uncertainty and upset,
in an era of change and restructuring in so many aspects of our lives...

Christ is present to give hope to one and all.

In a community of shifting needs and undiscovered opportunities,
in a place of physical comfort and eternal promise...

The Spirit is present to give assurance to one and all.

Let us give our thanks and praise to the Triune God!

❖ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center No. 2128

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist, Adam Steele

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, as the Christ, you showed us that love looks not to its own interests, but to the interests of others. We lament how little we resemble you in your humility, dedication, and love. We are driven too often by ambition and conceit. We defend our views, arguing without understanding. We speak of love, but resist the sacrifices love requires. Gracious God, you are at work in us. Fill us and shape us with your spirit, that we may will and work for your pleasure, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

...*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's promise, incarnate in Jesus Christ, is that:

We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing No. 356

***Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Chancellor

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM

When We Worship God Through Music

Butler

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Qualifications

Rebecca Chancellor

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S 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.***

❖ LITANY OF DEDICATION

You have given us faith; **we return our faithfulness.**

You have given us life; **we return our energy and vitality.**

You have given us hope; **we return our joy and thanksgiving.**

You have given of your all; **we return but a small part for the
sustenance of your church and for your work in the world.**

Bless our giving, O God, and the work these gifts will do. **Amen.**

SHARE GOD'S WORD

❖ SENDING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

No. 367

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

❖ SUNG RESPONSE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

No. 2129

***I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus- no turning back, no turning back.***

***The world behind me, the cross before me... (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.***

***Though none go with me, still I will follow... (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.***

MUSIC TO CONCLUDE WORSHIP

Impromptu in A flat

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 Navigator's 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.

SUPPER CONNECTION GROUP SIGNUPS continue today for fall/winter. To learn more about this opportunity to get to know others at Valley, visit the Fellowship table at Coffee Hour. Each group will meet three times to share a casual meal together starting in October.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! While many Valley members have been staffing the Nursery for children (infants through 3-year olds) on Sundays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, there is still a need for more to take a turn every three months or be on the substitute list. Please contact Donna Rueff, coordinator.

SENIOR LUNCHEONS are ready to start up again! Please join the "Kitchen Crew" for lunch on Wednesday, September 28 at noon. Valley's Bob Rasmussen will be joining us and talking about his recent trip to South Africa. We are looking forward to seeing you all! A Chef's salad and dessert will be served and we should have time to hear about your summer's happenings. Remember the luncheons are usually, unless noted, on the 4th Wednesday of each month and the cost is \$4. Any questions, please call Sandy Cundiff.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON BOOK STUDY will not meet this Wednesday, September 28. Please join the Senior Luncheon at noon instead.

PUMPKIN PATCH FIELD TRIP is October 9! Limited seating is still available in the church van. Van and private family vehicles will depart the church parking lot at 11:30 AM. All children fifth grade and younger must be escorted by one adult family member. We'll return to the church parking lot by 4 PM. Contact Kay Hope Gold in the church office to reserve your place, kay@valleycommunity.org.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR UPWARD BASKETBALL at www.valleycommunity.org!

THANK YOU donors and volunteers for their time and energy at the Red Cross Blood Drive. We collected 29 pints of blood, which has the potential to help and save 87 people. Highlights of the day: four of our donors were able to give to what is called "Double Red Count." Thank you, Christine Danner and Virginia Grubb.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Remember to clip the Box Tops for Education to support local schools. Collection boxes are on the bookcases in the Narthex.

PASTOR RENÉ MINSHEW'S SABBATICAL ends September 30. We look forward to welcoming him back to our community on Sunday, October 2!