


The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church December 2011

Worship Schedule

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Informal Service 8:30 a.m.
Early Bird Coffee in Library
9:30 a.m.
Traditional Service 10 a.m.
Nursery care 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday
School 10 a.m. on
December 11
Fellowship and Coffee after
Worship

December

4 Second Sunday of Advent
Communion
St. Nicholas' visit
Advent Fair, 11:30 a.m.

11 Third Sunday of Advent
Cents-Ability Offering
Session meeting with new
members, 11:15 a.m.

18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
"Tiny Bethlehem" musical
Christmas Joy Offering

24 Christmas Eve
Family Service 6 p.m.
Candlelight Service 8 p.m.

25 Christmas Day
Worship 11 a.m.

January

1 New Year's Day
Communion

Advent and Christmas at Valley

Welcome to the Worship and Music celebration of Advent and Christmas at Valley. Each worship service will feature a Valley family leading the blessing and lighting the Advent Candles.

☞ **December 4** is the second Sunday of Advent. At 10 a.m. worship, St. Nicholas will visit and deliver a special message to the congregation. Children will receive a personal blessing and a gift. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated this day. Following worship, continue the spirit of Advent to Davis Hall for the annual **Advent Fair**.

☞ **December 11** - 10 a.m. Valley's Royal Ringers Bell Choir will ring in the third Sunday of Advent. Pastor Rebecca Chancellor will preach as we continue to celebrate the coming birth of Christ Jesus.

☞ **December 18** - The story of Jesus' birth is celebrated in Valley's musical production, "Tiny Bethlehem." The Sanctuary Choir, youth and children's choirs present this annual worship pageant. Song, dance, and costumes combine many skills and talents to tell this sacred story of Advent at 10 a.m. worship.

☞ **December 24 - Christmas Eve** offers two distinctly different services.
6 p.m. Family Worship features a Nativity Tableau enacted by Valley children.
8 p.m. Candlelight Service will feature the Sanctuary Choir, English Handbell Choir, and communion.

☞ **December 25 - Christmas Day.** Come as you are Christmas morning to a casual celebratory worship of Lessons and Carols and Blessings of the Gifts. This special service will begin conveniently at **11 a.m.**



Christmas Joy Offering

- Provides financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families
- Enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools

Your generous gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will bring Good News of Great Joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Send checks to Valley office.

Pastor's column



Pastor René Minshew

Advent begins a new church year. The season is so deep with meaning, but we are often so busy with our lives that we either don't have the time or take the time to ponder its full

meaning. I offer two poems by Ann Weems for your reflection. I hope they help you focus your attention on part of the meaning of this time of year.

Shalom,



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THE NEWSLETTER STAFF RETAINS
PERMISSION TO MODIFY SUBMISSIONS FOR
CLARITY, SPACE, CONTENT AND STYLE.

In December Darkness

The whole world waits in December darkness
for a glimpse of the Light of God.
Even those who snarl "humbug!"
and chase away the carolers
have been seen looking toward the skies.
The one who declared he never would forgive
has forgiven,
and those who left home
have returned,
and even wars are halted,
if briefly,
as the whole world looks starward.
In the December darkness
we peer from our windows
watching for an angel with rainbow wings
to announce the Hope of the World.

In Search of Our Kneeling Places

In each heart lies a Bethlehem,
an inn where we must ultimately answer
whether there is room or not.
When we are Bethlehem-bound
we experience our own advent in his.
When we are Bethlehem-bound
we can no longer look the other way
conveniently not seeing stars
not hearing angel voices.
We can no longer excuse ourselves by busily
tending our sheep or our kingdoms.

This Advent let's go to Bethlehem
and see this thing that the Lord has made known to us.
In the midst of shopping sprees
let's ponder in our hearts the Gift of Gifts.
Through the tinsel
let's look for the gold of the Christmas Star.
In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos,
let's listen for the brush of angels' wings.

Finance Report

In October, Valley's operating deficit was \$4,320. Year to date as of the end of October, our expenses have been \$4,800 under budget; again, thank you to the careful management of those overseeing program areas. Some additional good news is that adult giving year to date is approximately \$2,500 above this same time last year. However, this remains a little below where we would expect to be relative to our budget target for giving, based upon recent history.

Given the above, we currently forecast to end the year about \$8,200 below our budgeted giving for 2011, and this would leave Valley with a \$43,000 deficit for the full year. We would prayerfully ask those who are able to help meet giving commitments for 2011 to improve this situation.

We are also now well into our Fall Stewardship campaign for 2012. Our grateful thanks to those who have already pledged, for only through pledging are we able to better forecast what 2012 will look like for Valley. While Session will again consider expense cuts as made a few years ago to avoid a structural deficit, this has an immediate impact upon program areas that benefit the congregation and our greater mission. Therefore, we are also setting a 2012 goal of an additional \$20,000 of pledges. We prayerfully ask you to consider Valley's ministries during this campaign. We do so again with our deep gratitude for everyone's ongoing contributions to Valley.

Eben Jenkins, Finance Committee Elder
Lyle Chadwick, Treasurer



**Have you
included
the church
in your estate
planning?**

Welcome new members



*Daniel Nyounai-Herrera, Imma Herrera, Véronique Nyounai-Herrera,
and Daniel Nyounai,*

Daniel Nyounai and Imma Herrera were welcomed as new members by the Valley congregation November 20. Their memberships are transferred from First Presbyterian, Portland. The couple's teenage children are Daniel Nyounai-Herrera, middle school, and Véronique Nyounai-Herrera, high school. Welcome!

Session Highlights

At the November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting, Valley's Session:

- Adopted the proposed standard photo permission form to authorize use of pictures and videos in Valley's website and publications.
- Approved the Youth and Children's Mission Statement: *"Using Christ's love as our example, we seek to INSPIRE, CELEBRATE, and EQUIP children and youth as together we explore and live out our relationship with God."*
- Approved two youth fundraisers – third annual Sock Hop April 14, 2012 and Parents' Night Out December 3, 2011.
- Moved that Pastor Ben Paroulek's 10th anniversary at Valley be celebrated at a reception during coffee fellowship on January 22, 2012.
- Agreed that Session provide a statement of support to Ruthann Marquis to pursue research and education/outreach to the congregation in preparation for implementing a switch to durables during coffee hour.
- Approved Connie Brenner and Ellen Minshew as commissioners to the Presbytery of the Cascades meeting November 11-12 in Corvallis.
- Approved baptism of Ainsley Piper Killian on January 8, 2012 at 10 a.m. worship.

Meet your family of faith

The Membership Committee will re-introduce members (and friends) to the congregation through The Valley Messenger. If you know you'd like to be re-introduced to the Valley congregation, feel free to send a quick paragraph about yourself and your family to mconforti3@comcast.net.



Sophia, Fran, Bob, Ty, Anne and David Scarce

The Scarce Family

For 50 years the Scarce family has called Valley their home. Bob and Fran Scarce first started attending Valley in 1961. Bob's parents, Thelma and RJ, were also members at Valley. Bob has served as a Deacon and an Elder, and Fran as a Deacon and as Valley's wedding coordinator. Both played for many years in Valley's English handbell choir and traveled overseas on three congregational trips.

David Scarce has been an active part of Valley's congregation his entire life. Fran recounts nervously watching 4-year-old David sing his hair with a candle while standing in front of the congregation during the Christmas Eve service. David's memories include attending Sunday school, participating in the youth choir, handbell choir, and playing foosball at the Youth House.

David and Anne were married at Valley in 1991 and both Sophia and Ty were baptized there. Anne has been very involved in Valley's Children's Ministries programs the last 10 years including directing the Nursery, Preschool, Wednesday Family Night and Vacation Bible School. Most recently, David and Anne have been running the Upward Basketball program at Valley. They are preparing to kick off Valley's 5th season of Upward in January.

Sophia, a freshman at Jesuit High School, is an avid soccer player and played on Jesuit's JV soccer team this year. Ty is a 5th grader at Montclair Elementary and a passionate football player and fan. He plays in Beaverton's Youth Football league and in the Upward basketball program.

Both Sophia and Ty have grown up participating in Valley's many programs and traditions. The holidays are always special at Valley. We have many memories and photos of Sophia and Ty as sheep, shepherds, angels, and even assistants to the Wise Kings in the Christmas services. The Scarce family is looking forward to sharing the holiday traditions at Valley with all of you.

Knitters keeping needles busy



Going up, up, up... It was reported last month that Valley's Prayer Shawl Ministry has given more than 700 shawls since the ministry began. New people are always welcome at either of the "knit-togethers" on the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the church, or 7 p.m. at Marilyn Tuffs' home. Watch the bulletin for any change of location.

Several of the knitters assisted in Legacy Emanuel's Click for Babies by knitting for "The Period of Purple Crying Caps" project. (This is to help prevent infant abuse.) Mary Beth Tyler, who works at Legacy, presented the idea and delivered 32 darling purple caps. Thanks to Sue Koning, Mary Jean Baumhofer, Shirley Anderson, Pat Bird, Roberta Hahn, Jean Armstrong and Mary Beth for their dedication to this challenge. Legacy's collection of 1,800 hats were sent to 16 hospitals and clinics around the state working on educating people about this period in an infants life.

Gamble Library features Christmas

Be sure to stop in the library during this holiday season. What a wonderful time to share the Christmas story with your children through the books and videos in the library. Many Christmas books are on display and more are on the shelves marked on the spine with a green "Christmas" sticker. There are stories for adults also marked with the stickers in the fiction section.

Book Discussion Group meets Dec. 9

Date change! The Book Discussion Group will meet in the Fireside Room at 10 a.m. on December 9 to discuss the book, *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*, by Gayle Lemmon. This true story, set in Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover, tells the story of five sisters and what they did to survive and keep safe. New members are always welcome to join this group.

News of Valley Seminarians



The Revs. Ken Henry and Craig Roberts in front of El Estero Presbyterian Church in Monterey, CA.

- **Jennifer S. Pratt** will serve as Director of Member Services at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, pending her ordination at Valley in January. Jenny is a Valley member, seminarian and former high school youth director at Valley. Her ordination was approved at the November meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades.

- **The Rev. Elizabeth Smith Leavitt** and her husband are moving from New England to Eugene where Liz will be Interim Pastor at Peace Presbyterian Church beginning January 1. Liz was a church member and staff for children and youth at Valley before attending Harvard Divinity School as a Valley seminarian.

- **The Rev. Craig Roberts** was recently installed as Pastor of El Estero Presbyterian Church in Monterey, CA. Craig was a Valley member and seminarian before serving as a pastor in

Japan for several years. He filled some Interim Pastor positions in the Portland area before moving with his family to Monterey.

- **The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry** from Stone Church of Willow Glen in San Jose, CA delivered the Reflecting Together Meditation in Craig's Installation Service. Ken was a youth member and seminarian at Valley. (see photo)

'Tiny Bethlehem' musical presented Dec. 18

"Tiny Bethlehem" is a stunning presentation of the Christmas story. A peaceful and joyful experience, "Tiny Bethlehem" includes beautiful choral music, sung by the Sanctuary Choir, King's Kids, and Youth Choir, along with graceful movement and pantomime by various youth and adults. Gorgeous costumes by Jini DeVries complete the picture. Come, enjoy this tradition of Valley, on Sunday, December 18, during the 10 a.m. worship service.

Earth Care help for churches

Did you know that the Presbyterian Church (USA) has a publication for Earth Care Congregations called "A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches"?

Did you know that Energy Star has a guide for congregations called "Putting Energy into Stewardship"?

What shade of green do you think Valley is now?

What shade of green would you like Valley to be?



Come to Advent Fair Dec. 4



Don't miss Valley's annual Advent Fair on Sunday, December 4 from 11:30-2 p.m. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. There will be holiday music and goodies to enjoy while making a wreath. Be sure to bring your gloves, clippers and wreath ring and a few dollars if you plan to make a wreath or centerpiece. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Andrea Murdoch. If you are able, please bring a hearty snack to contribute to coffee hour.



Advent, Christmas music in Dec.

December begins with "Advent Carol" by Dale Wood. The 11th brings "Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Is Come" by Kenneth Jennings. The following week we have our annual presentation of "Tiny Bethlehem," involving the sanctuary choir, soloists, the youth and children's choir, as well as guest instrumentalists. The Christmas Eve 8 p.m. service will see the sanctuary choir singing in Swahili. Three anthems for Christmas Eve include "Betelehemu" with percussion, as well as a lovely setting of "Balulalow." The next day is Christmas Day. We will enjoy a lessons and carols-style service, with plenty of Christmas carols to sing at the single 11 a.m. service. That brings us to 2012, with a simple setting on January 1 of "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day."



The Sanctuary and Youth Choirs on All Saints Sunday.

Green tips for the holidays

The holidays can strain any budget. As you prepare for the season of feasting and gift-giving, these tips will help you maintain your green standards without spending a fortune.

Tip: Know your organics. In a perfect world, you'd always eat organic. But when money's tight, it's worth knowing which fruits and vegetables are coated with the most pesticide residue so that you allot funds accordingly. Save a few bucks by settling for non-organic onions, avocados, cabbage, pineapples, mangoes, asparagus, sweet peas (frozen), kiwis, eggplant, papayas, and watermelons. However, peaches, apples, bell peppers, celery, nectarines, strawberries, cherries, kale, lettuce, grapes (imported), carrots, and pears are among the "dirty dozen," which means you should always spring for the organic kind.



Preschool Corner



"Learning, growing, sharing in God's love."

Our quiet November turned out to be not-so-quiet after all. A couple of our Halloween Festivals spilled over to November 1, with activities, trick-or-treating, and a pumpkin patch out in the courtyard. We had tons of fun. Thanks to the wonderful parent volunteers who were ready to jump in and help where needed.

We also participated in the Scholastic Book Fair. As educators, our teachers have always valued Scholastic's programs and how important they are to early literacy. We set a goal this year of selling \$700 worth of books, and we surpassed that goal by reaching \$841.31. From this book sale, we were able to expand our school library and buy each child in our program a book for Christmas. We added a craft fair to the book sale. It was nice to do a little Christmas shopping. The response was so positive, we think we'll do it again next year.

November was a time to focus on our families and our experiences together. We'll carry this on through December as we spend time with our Valley community. Pastor Ben has been joining us regularly with his guitar and now we shift over to Christmas songs to prepare for the Senior Adult Luncheon and our family sing-a-long in the Fireside Room.

Children's Ministries

Attention all parents and grandparents

Have you registered your kids for the 2011-12 Sunday School and Valley Church events? Contact Kay Hope Gold for our updated registration form.

Nativity Tableau

All children, K-5th, are invited to participate in the "Nativity Tableau" presented each year on Christmas Eve at the 6 p.m. Family Service. This simple and fun event allows children the chance to dress up as part of the Nativity scene. On Christmas Eve, participants process forward in costume and then sing "Away in a Manger." There is just one rehearsal: Wednesday, December 21, 5-6 p.m. If you are interested, please e-mail director Amy Rheingans at amy@valleycommunity.org with your child's name and grade. All are welcome.

Children's December music schedule

There are no Royal Ringers practices in December. King's Kids and Cherubs will have regular practice December 7 and 14. December 21 is a special practice for those participating in the Christmas Eve Nativity Tableau. No rehearsals on December 28 or January 4. Cherubs, King's Kids, and Royal Ringers resume on January 11.

Kidz Mart

All children are welcome to shop for your families and friends at this year's Kidz Mart in Room 16. Shop hours:

December 14 (Wed.) 4-7 p.m.

December 17 (Sat.) 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

December 18* (Sun.) 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Open if merchandise available.

Wanted

Adults/Teens/Tweens needed as shop keepers and assistants in Kidz Mart:

December 14 (Wed.) 4-7 p.m.

December 17 (Sat.) 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

December 18* (Sun.) 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Open if merchandise available.

Please contact Kay Hope Gold in the Church office or e-mail kay@valleycommunity.org.

Thanks to all who have donated to Kidz Mart! Proceeds will offset the Children's Ministries budget.



Above and below: Creative Classroom Circuit (Kindergarten through Fifth Grades) studied the 10 Commandments. Discovery/ Science Leader: Lynne Fowler, Art Leader: Sylvia Zimmerman-Blikas (a.k.a. Mrs. Z) and Games Leader: Amy Henning-Blair. Pre-K class (Ages 3 and 4) with Sarah Boyle. Nursery (Infants-Under 3 years) with Marilyn Conforti and Pat Gerlach.



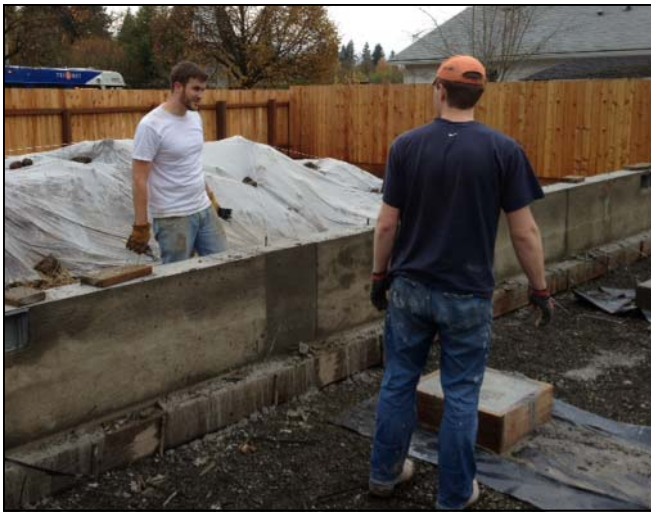
Valley Scrapbook



Many tables displayed what mission dollars help support at the recent Mission Market.



Right: Little ones are the center of attention at Valley's Nursery classroom on Sunday mornings.



Valley family and friends participating in a recent Habitat for Humanity build.



A piper and Scottish Highland dancers performed during coffee hour on Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday.



Left, above, right: The annual Mission Market highlighted projects that Valley's mission dollars support. This was a great opportunity to make a donation in honor of someone special and do some early Christmas shopping.



Pastors René Minshew and Rebecca Chancellor prepare for the Kirkin' o' the Tartan service which celebrates Scottish Presbyterian heritage. Included in the service was a blessing of the tartans and the clans they represented.



Many wore their tartans with pride on Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

December 2014

L.I.F.E. - Living in Faith Everyday (Middle School)
Night Strike - mission in downtown Portland

<p>4</p> <p>8:30a Worship 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship 11:15a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a Advent Fair</p> <p>5:00p Youth Choir 7:00p H.S. FAMILY</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00a Women's Aerobics</p> <p>6:00p Girl Scout Troop 6:30p Girl Scout Troop 41406 7:30p Portland Highland Games Association</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00a Tai Chi Class 10:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00p Girl Scout Troop 40168 6:30p Cub Scout Wolf Pack</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics 12:00p Senior Adult Luncheon</p> <p>5:00p Cherub Choir 5:00p King's Kids Choir 5:00p Non-Rush Hour 6:30p Middle School L.I.F.E. 7:00p Liturgical Arts Comm.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00a Alanon 10:00a Piecemakers 10:00a Tai Chi Class</p> <p>6:00p Worship and Music Committee 6:15p English Handbell Choir 7:00p Tai Chi Class 7:15p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00a Women's Aerobics</p> <p>2:30p Camp Fire Mtg.</p>	<p>3</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day 11:00a Christmas Worship Service Coffee Fellowship following Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Church Office Closed 8:00a Women's Aerobics</p> <p>6:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:00p Personnel Comm. 7:30p Scout Troop 592</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00p Mission Committee 7:00p Deacons Ministry</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics</p> <p>6:00p Middle School L.I.F.E.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00a Alanon 10:00a Piecemakers</p> <p>6:15p English Handbell Choir 7:15p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00a Women's Aerobics</p>	<p>31</p>

Valley Notes

Opportunities

Bring a friend to church during Advent and Christmas! The Membership Committee is hosting "Bring a Friend to Church" Sundays through Advent and Christmas, especially highlighting all of our special worship services and activities. Remember to invite your friends. Postcards with information about Advent and Christmas at Valley this year are available at the church for you to pick-up and deliver to friends.

Deacons' Red Cross Blood Drive. Be a "Holiday Hero" and donate needed blood on Wednesday, December 14, 2-7 p.m. Sign up at Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hour or contact Virginia Grubb or Christine Danner.

Upward Basketball games are played at Valley on Saturdays, January 21-March 10. If you would like to help on game days, contact Anne Scarce. Thank you!

Thanks

Thank you to the Valley seamstresses who created 35 cute little sundresses and four pair of shorts for children in places such as Haiti, Uganda and Panama. Many are sent with church groups and missionaries to be given to orphanages, where the need is great. The Valley sewers who made the early fall project successful were Karen Smith, Barbara Symons, Karen Sandberg, Marilyn Tuffs and Linda DeLacy.

Thank you to the Valley drivers who faithfully drive nine routes for Meals on Wheels once a month from the Stuhr Center in Beaverton. Thanks to everyone who helps. Substitute drivers are needed at this time. If you are available once in awhile, please call Marilyn Tuffs.

Thank you to all my Valley Family for your support during my recent surgery and hospital stay. I had your prayers and I truly felt them, for I had a feeling of peace that I have *never* had before surgery. I have had emails, phone calls, a

visit from Pastor Ben, and company. It's an honor to be a part of this church.
~ Christine Danner

In Memoriam

Barbra C. Harman
November 19, 2011

Don G. Stave
November 29, 2011

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns: Evelyn Page, Isabelle Adams, Myrill Frazier, Sophia Bird, Jessica Stewart, Christine Danner, Wendy Archibald, Jack Hamilton, and Ronda Lindsay.

We pray for those who mourn
- Friends and family of Barbra Harman who died November 19, 2011. A memorial service will be at the church on December 13 at 2 p.m.

- Family and friends of Don Stave who died November 29, 2011. A memorial service has not yet been planned.



Above: Enjoying a tasty breakfast as well as fellowship at a recent Fall Congregational Brunch.



Right: Butterfly wings, along with other creations, were made by a balloon artist at the Fall Congregational Brunch.



'Tiny Bethlehem,'
 musical of the
 Christmas story
Sunday, December 18
10:00 a.m.

Bring a guest
 to this beautiful service.
(More information on page 5)

Christmas Joy Offering



Sunday, December 18
10:00 a.m. service

*Special
 Offering*

*See
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Advent Fair

Sunday, December 4
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 pm

Everyone is invited!



Crafts



Wreaths, decorations



Treats

See page 5

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