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# The Messenger

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Valley Community Presbyterian Church July 2011

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## Worship Schedule

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Informal Service 8:30 a.m.  
 Coffee in Library 9:30 a.m.  
 Traditional Service 10 a.m.  
 Nursery care 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Fellowship and Coffee, 11:15 a.m.**

## July

**3 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Communion Sunday**

**10 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Ordination and Installation of church officers**

**17 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Vacation Bible School Sunday  
 All-Church Picnic**

**24 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**31 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## August

**7 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Communion Sunday**



## All-Church Picnic July 17

The annual all-church picnic will be Sunday, July 17 following 10 a.m. Worship. Come to church in your casual picnic clothes and be prepared for an afternoon of fun and delicious food. The picnic is the grand finale to Vacation Bible School and will be on the church front lawn. In addition to good food, there will be entertainment, door prizes, games for all ages and, most importantly, a chance to mix with Valley friends and families for fun and fellowship.

Those with last names beginning A-H are asked to bring a dessert and those from I-Z a salad or veggie dish. The rest of the menu will be provided. This is one of the highlights of Valley's year and a fitting culmination for VBS.

## New Valley members welcomed

The following new members were welcomed by the congregation June 19 (see photo on page 8):

**Don and Jean Sowers** moved to Portland in January to be closer to their daughter in Portland, son in Seattle and grandchildren after living most of their lives in Ohio and Michigan. Don is a retired engineer and Jean retired as a public health nutritionist. Jean is a deacon and has served on a pastor nominating committee and as Youth Club Director. At Valley, she is already serving with the Prayer Shawl Ministry and Vacation Bible School. Don is an elder and has served on mission committee and a pastor nominating committee. Don attends men's Bible study, and both are now in a Mariner's group. Their memberships are transferred from First Presbyterian, Jackson, MI.

**Charlene C. Stansbury** lives in Tigard and is employed in an attorney's office. She has two sons. Charlene loves reading and music and has served as an elder and a deacon. She is uniting with Valley by transfer of membership from Calvin Presbyterian, Tigard.

**Mary G. Dolan** lives at The Courtyard near Valley Church. She loves to read and has enjoyed needlework and helping on church membership committees. Mary has one daughter. Her membership is transferred from Calvin Presbyterian in Tigard.

**Norma J. Weber** has three grown children—two sons in Olympia and Idaho Falls and a daughter in Portland. She lives in The Courtyard and enjoys a zumba fitness class. She has also enjoyed square dancing and singing in church choirs, and she's retired from working in women's apparel. She loves to wear hats! Her membership is transferred from Eugene.

## Pastor's column



Pastor René Minshew

Not long ago someone asked me a question that is asked of me often, "What is the difference between preaching and teaching?" If we think of

preaching as scolding, pointing fingers, telling people what to do, laying on the guilt, then preaching is of a kind that I did not learn and will not participate in. If we think of preaching as teaching, then that is my intention and style. For many years, I tried to separate the two in my thinking but was never able to do that.

Within the last decade there have been published a series of books titled, *Teaching sermons on...*, and the subject matter is then given – suffering, hope, etc. The point of the series is that sermons are teachings. They are the opportunity to lay out the Biblical story and try to make sense of it for our day. The fundamental principle of a sermon is to teach and to allow people to enter

the story to the point where that story lives in the hearts and minds of the people for the entire week between Sundays.

Some have asked me why I read the sermon scripture text (or ask a liturgist to read it) and then turn right around and essentially repeat it during the sermon. My answer is that the purpose of preaching is to teach the Biblical story and that can't be done with one reading or hearing. It must be repeated, even, especially, on the same Sunday morning.

But Sunday morning is more than the sermon. It is about the worship – thanksgiving and praise – of God.

I wrote when I first arrived here seven years ago: "*What is the most important activity of our church?*" **Worship.** Everything else the church is and does comes from that.

- In church school, we study the God we worship.
- In service to others and to our community, we serve the God we worship.
- In fellowship, we enjoy one another in the presence of the God we worship.
- Worship is like the main family meal, the one time the whole family gets together.
- Worship is that wonderful time when we remember who and whose we are. In worship, God's love in Christ motivates us to be and do all the rest of the family activities.
- When we do not worship, we are not the church.

Valley has a rich history in claiming the importance of Worship in its life together. I am pleased by the percentage of members and friends who make Sunday worship part of their commitment to live the life of faith together.

Since I will be on Sabbatical July 1-September 30, I won't be in worship with you for a few months. But worship will continue in all its fullness and faithfulness during my time away. I plan to be a participant in worship in the time I am away rather than a leader of worship. I hope it gives me a new and different perspective of what worship is and can be. I look forward to visiting other congregations but also already look forward to being back among you in the near future.

May we continue to worship together and apart so that we can continue to be the church.

*Peace, Shalom, Salaam, Namaste,*

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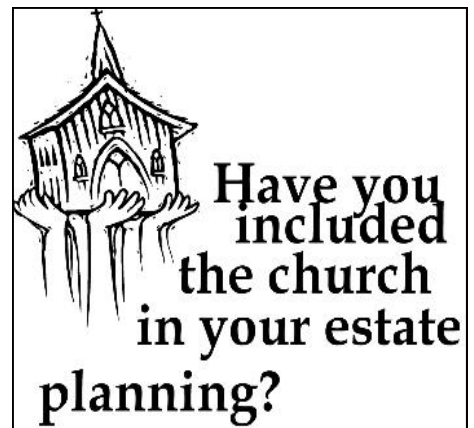
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## Finance Report



The financial position of Valley both within the month of May and year to date were below our budget expectations. First, let's look at the month of May. We expected to show a deficit for the month of May of \$5,300, but instead finished the month with a

deficit of \$8,200. Key contributors for this larger deficit included higher utility charges, some needed repairs to the Youth House, and higher expenses for the Middle and High school programs than we budgeted. We would expect that some of these higher May expenses in the youth areas will "self-correct" with timing of other income and expenses in these programs in coming months. On a positive note, adult giving in the month of May was at the level we forecasted for the month.

For the year to date, Valley is showing a deficit of \$37,000, which is \$13,000 worse than budgeted. Looking at the full year so far, the key contributors to this higher than budgeted deficit include adult giving behind our forecast, rental houses showing higher net expenses due to vacancies and lower rent collections, and utility costs for the church continuing to remain higher than forecast for 2011.

Thank you again to all the members and friends of Valley who continue to support the church and its programs, both financially and otherwise. We are particularly grateful for the giving levels we saw in May, and would prayerfully ask those who may be slightly behind in their pledged giving to continue to help us recover some of the shortfall. As always, please notify the church office if your ability to meet your pledge for 2011 has changed; if you have questions on the above, please contact the finance committee.

As mentioned last month, the Session has initiated special work and activities to address the longer term financial situation of Valley. You can expect to begin to hear more about this in the coming months.

Lyle Chadwick, Treasurer

Eben Jenkins, Finance Committee Elder

## Summer and fall Tai Chi at Valley



Interested in improving your balance? In improving flexibility? In reducing stress? Try Tai Chi For Health. This fall we will begin a new sequence based on Sun style tai chi. Tai chi has been shown in evidence-based studies to be effective in improving arthritis, diabetes, osteoporosis, balance, depression, fibromyalgia, and heart function. It does take patience; it's a process not a pill. Classes also include warm-up exercises to improve balance and flexibility, and to strengthen core and legs.

Tai chi will be on a summer schedule for July and August; we will have class only on Tuesday mornings, 10-11 a.m. (no class July 11 or August 2). Fall classes will resume Tuesday, Sept. 6. Come join us! Questions? Contact Diane Harris, [dianeharris@mac.com](mailto:dianeharris@mac.com), 503.805.6011.

## Faith groups join to build new Habitat house

*All invited to wall raising of new house on July 10 at 2 p.m.*

Something new and significant is taking place with Willamette West Habitat for Humanity. House number 8 at Ramble Glen will be a Faith Build house. On the next Valley build day, October 8, we will work with another church group.

On Sunday, July 10, at 2 p.m., there will be a wall raising and commemoration for this house which is being built for Ahmed and Mana Abi-Mohamed and their family. You are invited to attend.

## Gamble Library News

When was the last time *you* visited the church library? We continue to add new items to the collection including "religious" books, biographies, novels, children's books and many others. One of the newest books is *The Pastor: A Memoir*, by Eugene H. Peterson, the author of *The Message* and many other books. Be sure to check out the *new* books on the round table and enjoy some good summer reading.

### Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Friday, July 29, at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room for a lively discussion of the book, *Major Pettygrew's Last Stand*, by Helen Simonson. The book is a charming English comedy of manners that also touches on many big issues, and in the end is a love story. All are welcome to join the group. Remember to bring your own coffee.



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## Meet your family of faith

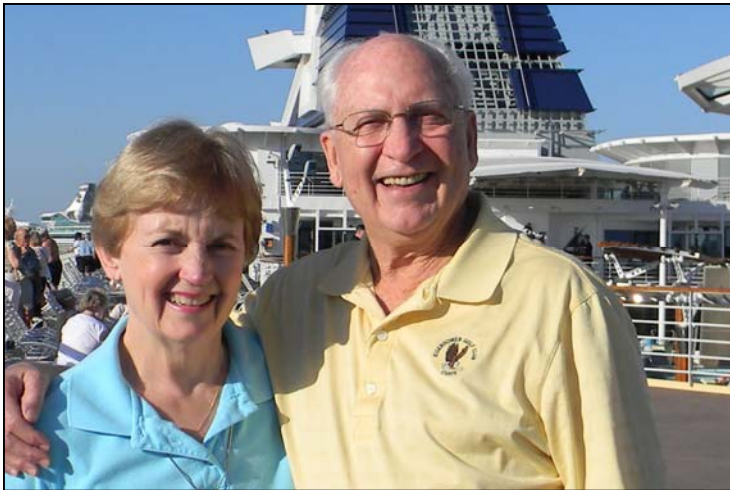
The Membership Committee will re-introduce members (and friends) to the congregation through an article each month. The committee will contact people to see if they'd like to be featured in this article. Feedback is always welcome. If you know you'd like to be re-introduced to the Valley congregation, feel free to send a quick paragraph about yourself and your family to [mconforti3@comcast.net](mailto:mconforti3@comcast.net).



*Craig and Terri with their daughters Macy and Sophie.*

### **Craig and Terri Vermillion Family**

When Craig and I met 10 years ago in an outdoor adventure club, he was working in IT at Nike, and I was a cell biologist working for Providence Health Services. We never dreamed that God would bless us with two adorable little girls. We've since traded in our kayaks, bikes and snowboards for swing sets, tricycles, and snowshoes. While Craig is now in his 14th year at Nike, I've since given up the microscope to manage our small "farm" and two mischievous girls. Macy is now 5; Sophie is almost 4, and both were excited to participate in Valley choir this year. They absolutely adore the children's ministries at Valley. Being relatively new to Portland, we searched for years for a church that was a good fit for us. God guided us to Valley where we finally feel at home. We look forward to watching our children grow with the church.



*Jim and Karen Sandberg*

### **Jim and Karen Sandberg**

We were raised in Chicago and moved to Portland in 1973 when Tektronix transferred Jim from his field engineer position to a two-year rotation in Beaverton. Obviously we like it here and have been here ever since.

Our children Eric and Sandy were 3 and 7 years old at the time and we immediately became involved in Valley's many programs. Jim Mead was a new Assistant Pastor at the same time, and approached us to be advisors to the college-age Seeker group. Those first few years at Valley were a special time in our lives and helped us get over occasional homesickness.

Valley has been an important part of our lives over the last 38 years. We have served the church as elders, deacons, ushers, and Sunday School teachers. Karen has served on two Pastor Nominating Committees and worked in the church office as a program assistant to

Pastor Don Ludwig, which involved "escorting" five teenage bicyclists across part of the U.S. to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. We have developed close friends through participation in the Navigator Mariner ship and have helped with the Soup Kitchen and the Upward Basketball program.

Our children are both married with families. Eric and Andrea have a son Evan and live in Monument, Colorado. Sandy and Bryn have twin boys, Silas and Griffin, and live in Eugene, Oregon.

We are currently enjoying retirement, although Jim continues to do some consulting. He tries to find time to fish, tie flies and is learning to golf. Recently he has enjoyed working with 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the Math Lab at Terra Linda Elementary School. Karen enjoys quilting (especially the senior high quilt ministry), golf in the summertime and volunteering with the Assistance League. Travels to various parts of the world have been especially rewarding.

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## Mission Endowment distributes funds

Established in 1979, Valley's Mission Endowment fund grants awards to individuals or organizations twice each year. The Mission Endowment committee attempts to consider a diversity of projects and recipients, local, regional, national, and world-wide. The committee's decision criteria include (but are not limited to):

1. Support of hunger, food and health needs of people around the world.
2. Denomination-related programs of outreach, service and proclamation. These may include Presbyterian programs within the Presbytery, Synod or the General Assembly.
3. Secular and social organizations that aid in the care of people. These programs, though not Christian-oriented, can be a channel through which we can give witness both verbally and in action to leaders and workers of our community of faith we have in Jesus Christ.
4. Promoting the evangelistic thrust of our denomination.

Over the past 12 years, nearly \$250,000 or an average of \$20,000 per year has been awarded to grant applicants. The Mission Endowment Committee distributed eight grants totaling \$8,100 in the spring 2011 award cycle. The recipients were:

- Interserve – funds to cover mission-preparation costs for the Jesse Montes family's service in the Himalayan region.
- United Nations Foundation – donation to Nothing But Nets for purchase and distribution of treated anti-malarial bed nets.
- Valley Prayer Shawl Ministry – funds to cover packaging supplies for the mailing of prayer shawls.
- Valley High School Youth Mission Trip – support for expenses to travel to Cedar Ridge Presbyterian Camp in Louisville, KY.
- Care to Share – funds for the Back to School project which provides supply-filled backpacks to grade 1-5, low-income students in Beaverton Public Schools.
- 5Rock Ranch – support funds for Kelsey Rawlings' living expenses as an unpaid staff member at the ranch.
- Andando Foundation – donation in support of the Mt. Barclay Christian School's feeding program in refugee camps near Monrovia, Liberia.
- Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger – funds to assist in the establishment of new hunger roundtables around the state through faith communities.

The current committee members are Mary Kelly, Bob Hayes, David Marquis, Kay Phillips and Jan Bellis-Squires. Janet Adkins is the Mission Committee liaison and Elaine Rea is the committee chair. Applications for Mission Endowment funds are available on Valley's website, [valleycommunity.org](http://valleycommunity.org), and the deadline for the fall grant cycle is October 1, 2011. Questions? Contact Elaine at [elaine@iname.com](mailto:elaine@iname.com).

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## 'Training' the congregation to spot new people

Taking a few minutes to share a welcoming smile and handshake with a new person is a wonderful way to meet members you didn't know before and welcome new faces.

From Valley's Mission Statement - "We are called, and we have committed: to throw open our doors, to invite in and welcome all our neighbors." While we all have busy lives and like to hang out with our friends, stopping for a moment to include an unfamiliar face could make a huge difference in someone's day. Don't know if they are already members? If some worshipers are unfamiliar to you, don't hesitate to introduce yourself. Even if they are church members, chances are that if you don't know them, they don't know you and would be interested in meeting you.

Watch for new worshipers, introduce yourself as soon as possible after the worship service has ended, and invite them to join you for coffee hour. You can also invite them to an event outside the church such as a Mariner's meeting or home bible study.

Don't assume someone else will welcome the visitors. You might be the only one who noticed them. If several persons welcome a newcomer, it reinforces our Mission Statement.

The Membership Committee is supporting Valley's Mission by having greeters welcome everyone before 10 a.m. Worship Service (contact Ron Leland if interested in volunteering).

The committee is also planning a Bring a Friend to Church Sunday on September 11. Everyone will be asked to bring a friend to Valley that day. Save the date! Questions? Contact Marilyn Conforti.

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## It isn't all about me!



**By David Jimerson**

As I end my service on Session as the Elder in charge of Worship, I want to thank the congregation for the opportunity to serve Jesus and His Church through the ministry of Valley. I have been a Presbyterian for 30 years, yet these past two years have taught me much about the polity and inner workings of our denomination.

When I was Minister of Music at Valley, I came to terms with the fact that (sadly), “It isn’t all about me.” My job was to serve the musical needs of the congregation. True, I was hired by a committee that fully understood my musical taste, and they knew the direction that I would lead, but in the last analysis, “It isn’t all about me.”

When I was ordained an Elder, I began to work harder than I ever did as Minister of Music. The big difference was that I was no longer being paid for my services! Yet, I did appreciate the chance for service in a new and exciting role. During my two years of service, I became even more aware of the diverse nature of our people. I enjoyed many, many conversations about the length of the service, the length and type of music, should there be applause, the atmosphere that we try to create for Worship, the way communion is served, the paraments in the sanctuary, the special observance services, the way the bulletin is put together, what items are in the pew racks, etc, etc, etc.

These conversations offered varied and wonderful differences of opinion. What is very important to one, isn’t so important to the next, and in many instances are in direct conflict with each other. Some folks have a favorite preacher and want that pastor to preach all the time. Some think there is too much music, and others think there is not enough. (If I had my way there would be an organ recital every Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m., but, “It isn’t all about me.”) Many folks really like coming forward for Communion; others would rather be served in the pews. Some members of the congregation want friendly chat, others want an atmosphere of prayer, meditation, and reverence before the service. I hear all sides of the arguments, and seldom does anyone say something that I haven’t heard before (often many, many times). The consistent thing in most conversations is a lack of understanding that “It isn’t all about me.”

Human nature tends to think that “what I desire” or “what I believe” must be what is best. I would like to urge all of us to consider what is important to others as part of the worship experience. The next time announcements are being made and I think, “Why are we wasting time with this,” I need to remember that other people appreciate this information. The next time I am annoyed because an acolyte is wearing sneakers, I need to remember that he/she is learning how to be an important part of the Common Worship experience. The next time I look at my watch and see that it is 11:25 a.m. and think, “We should be out of here!” I need to remember that being in Worship is the high point of the week for many and probably should be for me. Brunch will wait. What!?! You mean, “It isn’t all about me?”

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## Session Highlights

**At the regular meeting on June 14, 2011, Session approved** items to be voted upon at the June 26 congregational meeting and approved Mission Committee’s motion for a can and bottle drive during Vacation Bible School, with proceeds to Living Waters for the World.

**At a special meeting of Session on June 19, 2011,** five new members were received into membership in Valley Community Presbyterian Church (see p. 1)

**At a congregational meeting on June 26, 2011,** moderated by Pastor Ben Paroulek, the following motions were approved:

- Church officers and members of the church nominating committee were elected (see p. 8).
- A by-laws change was approved to allow an additional youth elder and/or youth deacon to be elected for a one-year term when qualified youth are available
- Pastor René Minshew’s sabbatical leave July 1-Sept. 30, 2011 was approved,

### **Sabbatical Leave description (distributed to those at the congregational meeting, June 26, 2011)**

A sabbatical leave is an extension of the biblical concept of a Sabbath day and Sabbath year for renewal. Within the church, a sabbatical time for congregation and the church professional is an opportunity to disengage from regular and normal tasks so that values and directions may be seen in a new light and adjust as that light may reveal.

Pastor Rene Minshew’s sabbatical will be for a period of three months, as per René’s *Terms of Call*, July 1 through September 30, 2011.

## Vacation Bible School

VBS is July 11-15, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. At this writing, 117 children have registered from Nursery through Fifth Grade. Again this year, Sixth graders through adults are volunteers in a variety of assignments. Can't volunteer but still want to help? Stop by the Giving Palm Tree in the church front entrance and select a snack donation tag for specific snack items still needed.

Also needed is someone to create and present a power point slide show for the VBS closing celebration 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, July 15 and for the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 17. Please contact Kay Hope Gold at [kay@valleycommunity.org](mailto:kay@valleycommunity.org) or VBS Co-Director, Shannon Blair at [slblairn@yahoo.com](mailto:slblairn@yahoo.com).

## Arts Exploration Camp

July 11-15, 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.

Arts Exploration Camp for children entering 1st - 5th grade, takes place at the end of each Vacation Bible School (VBS) day. VBS registration is not required to participate. Camp begins with lunch in the gym at noon. After lunch, campers will be taken to the first session in their class rotation of music, art and drama. Between classes there will be snacks available as well as some recess breaks. Please contact Amy Rheingans at [amy@valleycommunity.org](mailto:amy@valleycommunity.org) for more information.



## Sunday School class leader appreciation

Appreciation was expressed to 38 class leaders for Elementary and Pre-K Sunday School Program as they were recognized during 10 a.m. Worship on June 19. Four couples with Pre-K age children participated this year as "Guardian Angels" by leading in Pre-K Sunday School Program for three and four year olds for the entire school year. This year's "Guardian Angels" were Wayne and Sarah Boyle, Nels and Allison Carlson, Bert and Cheryl Hoffbeck and Craig and Terri Vermillion. The couples rotated by leading the Pre-K class one Sunday each month.

Volunteers for older children from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade were also recognized. "Creative Classroom Circuit Shepherds" for the 2010-11 season were Wendy Jenkins for Kindergarten and First Grades, Jeff and Shannon Blair for Second and Third Grades, Richard Gold for Fourth Grade and Amy



*Shannon Blair, Liz Gregory, Rich Gold, Terri Vermillion.*

Henning-Blair for Fifth Grade. Yvonne Caputo Rees served as Substitute while Kathryn Caputo, Allison Kurtz and Will Bird helped out as Junior Shepherds this year. All volunteers fully demonstrated the fruit of the Spirit this year with joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. All were presented with a fruit roll up and Certificate of Appreciation thanking them for "rolling with us" this year and demonstrating true "fruit of the Spirit"! If you'd like to participate next year, please drop by the Children's Ministries Table on Kick-Off Sunday, September 11.

## Preschool Corner

We finished up the school year with end-of-the-year parties, a picnic in the gym, and graduation for our soon-to-be kindergarteners. Our teachers also just wrapped up summer camp. We expanded our camps this year and offered three different choices. Kingdom of Kindness, Barnyard Hullabaloo and Solar Express were the themes. Lots of fun and variety in the activities. The children had a big surprise when we invited a couple of chickens to be our special guests for a day.

Now the toys are packed away and the bulletin boards sit empty. It will be a bit quiet around the church for awhile. That is, until Vacation Bible School brings back the excitement of looking ahead and looking for ways to improve. Our bigger projects include playground cleanup and repairs. We're hoping to install a new swing set. The climber we constructed last year is perfect, but the swing portion wasn't as sturdy as we would have liked. As always the church families are welcome to use the playground; just please remember to play safely and be respectful of the equipment.

Since we've had such a late spring, we'll miss our beautiful flowers blooming, so make sure you take a peek and enjoy them for us. See you in September!

## New Valley members welcomed (cont. from page 1)



*Don and Jean Sowers, Charlene Stansbury, Mary Dolan and Norma Weber are new members of Valley. See page 1.*

## Church officers elected for new terms (cont. from page 8)

### **Elected at the congregational meeting on June 26, 2011:**

**Session:** Class of 2012, Cathy Bernhard, Alisha Killian and Hannah Pyle. Class of 2014, Marie Bird, Marilyn Hartzell, David Marquis, Carol Powers, and Marcia Sanderman.

**Deacons:** Class of 2013, Jean Howe. Class of 2014, Amy Henning-Blair, Virginia Grubb, Kathy Martchenke, Frank Powers, Cheryl Sloan Rees, and Laura Sanders.

**Church Nominating Committee** members elected for one-year terms were Gloria Freeborg and Bill Rea.

**Many thanks** to retiring elders Wade Askew, David Jimerson, Donna Sele, and John Whitehurst, and retiring deacons, Rich Gold and Mary Lee Marshall.



*High School mission trip commissioning.*



Vacation Bible School's "Giving Palm Tree" in Valley's entrance hall. Stop by and select a snack donation tag for specific snack items still needed.



A dramatic moment in the Music and Drama Camp presentation of "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics."



Communicants class with elders.



Left: Women of the choir sing, "How Can I Keep From Singing?" on Father's Day.

# JULY 2011

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b> 8:30a <b>Worship</b> 9:30a Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00a <b>Worship</b> 11:15a Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:00a Women's Aerobics 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:00p Portland Highland Games Association</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:00a Tai Chi Class 7:00p High School FAMILY</p>	<p><b>6</b> 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics 12:00p Wednesday Adult Education 1:15p Membership Committee 6:30p Middle School L.I.F.E. 7:00p VBS Orientation</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:00a Alanon 4:00p West Slope Summer Reading Program 6:00p Worship Committee</p>	<p><b>1</b> 8:00a Women's Aerobics 7:00p Youth Summer Movie Night</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:00a VBS Orientation</p>
<p><b>10</b> Middle School Campapaloosa 8:30a <b>Worship</b> 9:30a Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00a <b>Worship</b> 11:15a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a New Member Gathering</p>	<p><b>11</b> Middle School Campapaloosa 8:00a Women's Aerobics 9:00a Vacation Bible School 12:00p Arts Exploration Camp 12:00p Facilities Committee 6:00p Girl Scout Troop</p>	<p><b>12</b> Middle School Campapaloosa 9:00a Vacation Bible School 10:00a Tai Chi Class 12:00p Arts Exploration Camp 7:00p High School FAMILY 7:00p <b>Session</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Middle School Campapaloosa 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics 9:00a Vacation Bible School 12:00p Arts Exploration Camp 12:00p Wednesday Adult Education 6:30p Middle School L.I.F.E.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Middle School Campapaloosa 9:00a Vacation Bible School 10:00a Alanon 12:00p Arts Exploration Camp</p>	<p><b>15</b> "Valley Messenger" Articles Due Middle School Campapaloosa 8:00a Women's Aerobics 9:00a Vacation Bible School 12:00p Arts Exploration Camp</p>	<p><b>16</b> 5:00p Wentworth/Barker Wedding</p>
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# Valley Notes

## Opportunities

**Interested in church membership?** You are invited to meet with the Session (elders and pastors) in the Fireside Room following 10 a.m. worship Sunday, July 10 to join the church. New members may be received by baptism, affirmation of faith, or transfer of membership. If you are unable to join us this month, the Session will meet in the Fireside Room following worship, every second Sunday.

**Come sing with the July choir for 10 a.m. Sunday worship.** Director Adam Steele will choose music that is fun, simple, and easy to learn in a short amount of time. We will meet to practice on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m., right before the service. If you love to sing and are interested, please show up any Sunday in July in the sanctuary at 9:15. It will be a blast!

**Appreciating God's Creation – A Faith Exploration in Kayaks!** Come kayak the coastal wetlands at Beaver Creek Natural Area (south of Newport) and share reflections on God's Creation, Saturday, July 23. Information at [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org).

## Graduates

Congratulations to:

- Glenda Burns, graduate of Portland State Univ., daughter-in-law of Gwen Burns.
- Douglas Burns, graduate of The Art Institute in Chicago, grandson of Gwen Burns.
- Erik Eagon, graduate of Beaverton High School, grandson of Gwen Burns.
- Kyla Sele, graduate of Cleveland High School, granddaughter of Gene and Donna Sele.

- Jessica Sele, graduate of Western Washington University, granddaughter of Donna and Gene Sele.
- Jachym Hercher, graduate of Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic, grandson of Terry and Shirley Hercher.
- Parker Webb-Mitchell, graduate of Carrboro High School in Carrboro, NC, grandson of Liz Mitchell.
- Henry David Tuffs, graduate of Haslett High School in Haslett, Michigan, grandson of Marilyn Tuffs and nephew of Linda and Stan Munro.
- Keziah Striplin, graduate of Beaverton High School, daughter of Dan and Nancy Striplin.
- Madeline Rae Schmidt, graduate of Lincoln High School, granddaughter of Jean Gordon.
- Taylor Kathryn Hodge, graduate of Wilson High School, granddaughter of Jean Gordon.

## Thanks

**Thank you to all** who took part in the May 21 Valley Habitat for Humanity build. Twelve people came to the Ramble Glen site and worked on several projects. Your time and energy are appreciated. The next Valley Habitat build will be Saturday, October 8. Please put this date in your schedule.

~ Chuck Falconer

**Dear Valley Family,** Thank you for your outpouring of love and support over the last several weeks. Your cards, prayers, hugs and stories have been a great comfort as together we grieve mom's death. With deep gratitude, Lisa Rawlings

**Thank you to everyone at Valley** for the warm welcome home given to me after returning from the piano

competition in Fort Worth. The huge flower bouquet from the choir and the beautiful (and warm) prayer shawl were lovely surprises and greatly appreciated!

~Darlene Cusick

*Note: Valley's organist and pianist, Darlene Cusick, was a semi-finalist in the Van Cliburn international piano competition this year. Congratulations!*

## New Baby

Welcome Bailey Mac Hutchinson, born May 31 to Carol and Justin Hutchinson. Grandparents are Kay and Wally Phillips.

## Baptisms

**Kate Rodman**, member of the youth Communicants Class and **Gavin John Berens**, son of Jack and Ali Berens were baptized recently.

## Prayers

**We pray for those with health concerns:** LaDonna Miller, Liz Mitchell, Dorothy Benson, and Daryl Duncan.

**We pray for those who mourn:**  
- Anne Foster and family on the death of her sister, Linda Girod Parkhurst, on June 17, 2011.

- John De Vries and family on the death of his brother, Rob De Vries, on June 17, 2011.



*Prayers  
of Thanks*



**New coffee hour**  
before Sunday 10 a.m. worship!  
Stop by the church library  
about 9:30 a.m.



**Arts Exploration Camp**

July 11-15

12 - 3:30 p.m.

Come and have fun! See p. 7



# All-Church Picnic!

Sunday, July 17

After 10 a.m.  
worship

Fun • Food • Games • Entertainment  
(See page 1)



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