


The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church June 2011

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.
Children and Youth
Sunday School 10:20 a.m.

Fellowship and Coffee, 11:15 a.m.

June

5 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday

12 Pentecost Sunday
Youth Confirmation
Youth Mission Trip
Commissioning

19 Trinity Sunday
Father's Day

26 Sunday School Teacher
Recognition
Children's Musical
Congregational Meeting for
Elections

July

3 Communion Sunday



Interested in Valley membership?



Are you interested in joining the Valley congregation as a church member? Or do you know someone who is? Beginning June 12, and every second Sunday of each month thereafter, the Session (a quorum of elders and pastors) will meet in the Fireside Room to receive new members following 10 a.m. worship. While all people are invited to participate fully in the life of this congregation—in worship, fellowship, education, and service—it can be meaningful to join the church as a member. Members are received by baptism, affirmation of faith, or by transfer of letter from another congregation. If you have any questions or want more information, please talk to one of the pastors, or contact Marilyn Conforti, Elder for Membership, mconforti3@comcast.net.

Music & Drama Camp 2011



This summer marks the 15th year of Music & Drama Camp at Valley! This year, like each one past, kids will have a great time working together with old friends and new friends to put on a musical by the end of the week. The musical for this year's camp, "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics," is both funny and *fun*.

It has great music, opportunities for solos, and lines for everyone. Children who will enter 2nd-7th grades next fall are encouraged to sign up and join in the fun. The camp will take place June 20-24 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day and will include a performance of the musical in worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 26. For more information, contact Amy Rheingans at amy@valleycommunity.org or call her at 503.296.1079.

New early bird coffee time begins June 12



Stop by the church library about 9:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee or tea before going to worship beginning June 12. Membership Committee looks forward to greeting you.

Pastor René Minshew's column

By now you have heard that a majority of the Presbyteries within the Presbyterian Church, USA, of which we are part, have voted in favor of changing the ordination standards.

The new language reads, **“Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.”**

The new provision reaffirms the long-held right and responsibility of ordaining bodies (local church sessions for deacons and elders or presbyteries for ministers) to determine the suitability of each candidate for ordination. The effect of the new language also opens up the possibility that persons in same-gender relationships can be considered for ordination. The 219th General Assembly (2010) of the PC(USA) approved Amendment 10-A last summer, but required a majority of presbyteries to ratify the provision for it to become part of the church’s Constitution. The change will take effect July 10, 2011, one year after the adjournment of last summer’s assembly.

There is not enough space here to tell you all the history and ramifications of this action. Elders, both Ruling and Teaching (Pastors) have been making speeches before their presbyteries prior to the vote in their particular presbytery.

One speech went like this: “As ministers of Word and Sacrament or

Elders...all of us have answered the ordination questions in the Book of Order. The fourth ordination question, letter d, reads as follows: **‘Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?’”**

Note the order: obedience to Christ, under the authority of Scripture, guided by the confessions. G-6.0106b mixes up that order, putting obedience to Scripture first and then, conforming to the confessions. The current language is: **Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.** From a constitutional point of view, the provision is poorly worded. In particular, the third sentence creates a standard that is impossible for any officer, Elder, Deacon or minister to meet. In practice, however, that sentence is usually applied only to sexual behavior. This kind of selective application of a provision raises its own issues for constitutional obedience and authority. There is no mention of Christ whatever – none. Therefore it conflicts with the fourth ordination question and...is not in accordance with Reformed theology. One of the things I like best about the new wording is that it gets the order right in terms of Reformed theology and in sync with that ordination question...Christ, Scripture, confessions. And it specifically ties the examination of candidates for ordination to the ordination questions.

Instead of being a modern or even a “politically correct” way of dealing with the issue of ordination, more than

any previous attempt, the new amendment seeks to return the church to the historic compromise forged in the **Adopting Act of 1729**, a compromise that served the church effectively for nearly 250 years. Time and again, whenever the Church has faced polarization and division on matters of ordination standards, it has turned to the middle way forged in 1729. Therefore, the new amendment is not a departure from historic Presbyterian practices, but rather a return to them.

As the Rev William Chapman, of Palisades Presbytery has written: **“No session or presbytery would be required to ordain or install — and no presbytery would be required to receive into membership — individuals whom they judged do not meet the standards expressed in the scriptures and the Constitution.”**

If our denomination is ever to move beyond the divisions and polarities that have paralyzed us for more than 30 years, it will be, as before, by returning to the wisdom and healing found in the balance established in 1729. Amendment 10-A restores that balance.

I have for years had a quote attached to one of my office doors. It is by the philosopher, Arthur Schopenhauer: All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

If there were a regularly scheduled adult class time for me to address questions and concerns about this important issue, we could discuss it then. I will depend upon you to ask me (or Ben or Rebecca while I am away on sabbatical July 1 - Oct. 1) to help you with this topic. Suggestions for times for discussions of this topic are also welcome. A helpful document may be found in the church office or at www.pcusa.org/news/2011/5/10/churchwide-letter-concerning-amendment-10-/.

Peace, Rene

Finance Report

Valley finished April with improvement in our financial position over the preceding months, with a net surplus of \$6,579 compared with a budgeted surplus of \$3,913 for the month. For the year to date through April, giving and other sources of income to the church remain below our budgeted levels by \$15,000, however this is an almost \$10,000 improvement over where we finished March. Key contributors for this recovery were an increase in adult giving and gifts in April, and also some additional rental income from the homes that Valley owns.

Our expenses for the year through April remain below our budgeted levels by more than \$4,700. The net result of the above is that Valley finished 2011 through April with a deficit of \$28,768 compared with a budgeted deficit for this period of \$18,624. While this is a concern for the overall financial health of the church, it is worth noting that this is an improvement of nearly \$7,000 compared with where we ended March.

At the Session meeting in May, the budget that we have been sharing as “provisional” was formally approved for 2011. If expenses and giving come in as forecast through the year, then the church would end 2011 with an operational deficit of \$37,200. In the coming month, the Session will be meeting to determine options to consider improving our financial condition. Again, we remain grateful for everyone’s support of Valley and its mission, and we prayerfully ask those who may be a bit behind in their giving relative to pledged amounts to remember Valley. 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, or other financial matters, please contact the finance committee or direct your questions to the Session.

~ Lyle Chadwick, Treasurer

~ Eben Jenkins, Finance Committee

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Library News

New books

Thanks to the support of Valley people, the library has added several new titles to the collection. A few of these are: *The Will of God in an Unwilling World*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas, a book helping us understand and struggle with the questions of God’s will for our lives. *To Do Justice: A Guide for Progressive Christians*, edited by Rebecca Todd Peters and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, a book on a wide range of social justice issues. *99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children*, by Kathleen Long Bostrom, listing 99 fun and practical ways to nurture a child’s faith. Be sure to check out other new titles in the library. They are identified with a “new” sticker.



Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Friday, June 24, at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room for a lively discussion of the book, *Molokai*, by Allen Brennert. The story is about a seven-year-old Hawaiian leper banished to Molokai at the turn of the last century. This book was scheduled for May, but was rescheduled for the June meeting. All are welcome.



Getting to know our family of faith

The Membership Committee will re-introduce members (and friends) to the congregation through an article each month because there are so many new faces, many of whom are long time friends of Valley. 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.



Mary Lee Marshall

I came to Valley from Seattle when I married Stan Marshall. I am a life-long Presbyterian so felt welcomed and at home here. Due to Stan's health, we weren't able to participate in the work of the church as we would like. Since his death I have been more active, particularly as a deacon. My responsibilities are mainly the Red Cross blood drives, memorial receptions, and Maundy Thursday meals. I do some Meals on Wheels and Soup Kitchens when I can. Those activities and the Supper Clubs have fostered many friendships for me.

I have five children, 16 grandchildren and nine greats. I include Stan's as my own. All this family and as much traveling as I can manage keep me very busy!

The Value of Valley

By Andrea Murdoch, Mission Elder

While I was "out and about" last week, I was reminded of something that I fondly refer to as a *God Shot*. God Shots are God's positive reinforcement that what we are doing is a good thing.

My earliest *God Shot* memory came as a young mother needing to buy diapers. But, with only two dollars in my pocket, where was the rest to come from? Well, I used the example from Mark 12:41-44 and put my money into the offering plate, just as she did. Later that day at the store, when I opened my car door, there on the ground at my feet was a \$20 bill! I tested my experience, giving more to the Lord, and to this day it seems the busier I get for God, the more time, talent and energy I receive in return.

Now, how does this apply to Valley? In my opinion, it started last August when we stepped outside of our comfort zone. What we did was fully commit to our children, by calling our Youth Pastor, Rebecca; and along with Pastor Ben and Kay Gold for the younger children, we are growing. Did you happen to see all the children up front on Palm Sunday and the 33 youngsters who accompanied the choir, plus three more bell ringers? What a *God Shot*.... all those happy smiling faces.

So, as Valley continues to grow, we will be called upon to support, giving of our time and talents. Watch for your *God Shot*, too...then share your experience.

Presbyterian Women gather at Newport



On Saturday, May 14, women from across the Cascades Presbytery gathered at First Presbyterian Church, Newport, for the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women (PW). The day began with fellowship and continued with a meaningful and imaginative worship service led by Susan Mills, a woman who has completed preparation to be a Certified Lay Pastor. An introduction to the 2011-12 Horizons' Bible study on the Beautitudes was presented, and the 2012 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Orlando, Florida, was previewed. A program about a mission project undertaken by a Corvallis group called "Friendship with Cambodia" was presented. The group focuses on trying to get rural students, especially girls, educated at least through a high school level, with those who qualify supported through college. Cambodian handcrafts were exhibited and sold.

~ by Connie Brenner

Beaverton Youth Second Home

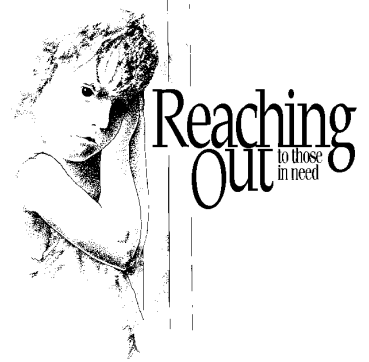
One community's answer to high school homelessness

By Jenny Pratt

Increasingly across the nation, youth, as well as single adults and entire families, have been forced into homelessness. For a high school student, having to worry about where he or she will sleep each night produces great anxiety affecting all areas of life. In a unique and creative partnership that has developed over the past year between the school district, the city of Beaverton, and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, the Beaverton community is working together to support their homeless and unaccompanied high school youth. The program aims to find safe and consistent housing, so that students can focus on their school work, graduate from high school and pursue their goals for the future.

Valley's Jenny Pratt has the privilege of helping to facilitate this new option in the Beaverton High Schools. Her job is to meet with students in their schools, present the details of the program, and if students think Beaverton Youth Second Home (BYSH) is a good fit for them, walk them through the process of finding a stable home. Valley Church's Mission Endowment Committee has helped to fund the program, along with various local churches and interested individuals.

If you would like more information or are interested in supporting the program or in providing a home for a student, please contact Jenny Pratt or Barbara Stone at Shared Housing, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, 503.225.9924, bstone@emoregon.org or jpratt@emoregon.org.



OFRAH Spring Hunger Conference

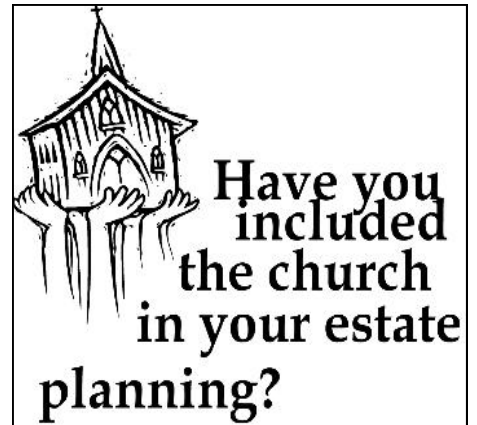


On May 11 a number of people interested in the problem of hunger in Oregon met at the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger Spring Hunger Conference, Fresh Food for Thought: Critical Issues in Low-Income Nutrition. The Conference was held at St. Pius X. The keynote

speaker was Trudy Tolliver, the new Director of Portland's Farmers' Markets, who spoke on the topic "Whole Food Fosters Whole People." She spoke about the importance of eating nutritious locally-grown food, and noted that this summer marks the 20th year of Portland Farmers' Markets, at which 250 vendors sell locally-grown food and other items.

Jenny Holmes of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (and Cascades Presbytery) spoke about Interfaith Food and Farms Partnerships, which help connect congregations with people who may benefit from a particular church's assets. For instance, people who want to start personal produce gardens can be connected with churches that may have extra space. She used the example of a church in Corvallis on 5 acres that wanted to start a community garden for Latino families. After starting with 19 Latino families, the garden became a place to gather, learn food-making and food-processing and preservation skills, and generate contributions to a local food pantry. Soon an OSU professor started a program for youth raising produce to sell, and a Catholic congregation started a gardening ministry that generated produce for its food pantry. Jenny suggested that a congregation can host a farm stand after Sunday services for a low-income farmer or make its kitchen available to help develop a micro-enterprise.

~ by Connie Brenner



Hannah and Brian, the winners of the High School FAMILY After-Easter Egg Hunt around the church grounds and Youth House.

Children's Ministries

Creative Classroom Circuit

Valley's Creative Classroom Circuit is in its final unit for the school year. We've been studying about Philip (a Deacon in the early Christian Church) and an Ethiopian official who wanted to learn about the Lord and became baptized into the Christian faith. The kids enjoyed drama with Donna and Gene Sele, Computer Lab with Margaret Johnston and Tim Kurtz and Games with Cheryl Rees and Kay Hope Gold.

All Guardian Angels, Shepherds and Workshop Leaders will be recognized during the 10 a.m. service on June 26. We are most grateful to all of the folks who stepped up this year to help with the Pre-K and Creative Classroom Circuit Sunday School. Our Pre-K Guardian Angels were: Wayne and Sarah Boyle, Nels and Allison Carlson, Bert and Cheryl Hoffbeck and Craig and Terri Vermillion with Emma White as Consultant.

Workshop Leaders for the Creative Classroom Circuit were: Claudia Askew, Wayne and Sarah Boyle, Jan Bellis-Squires, Ernie and Barb Bootsma, Nels and Allison Carlson, Jini DeVries, Eric and Liz Gregory, Amy Henning—Blair, Beverly Hubbard, Margaret Johnston, Kevin and Alisha Killian, Tim Kurtz, Cheryl Rees, Steve and Yvonne Caputo-Rees, Gene and Donna Sele, Brad and Kimberly Smith and Sylvia Zimmerman-Blikas.

If you'd like to help next year in the Creative Classroom Circuit or our Pre-K Sunday School Class, please contact Kay Hope Gold in the church office or simply sign up on Kick Off Sunday on September 11, 2011. It is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience with very little prep time involved.



Gene Sele as "Deacon Philip" in Sunday School Drama Class.



Sunday School

June 5 – Review and Celebrate

June 12, 19 – 23rd Psalm with Kay Hope Gold

June 26 – Children remain in worship for musical by Music & Drama Camp

Vacation Bible School

Rainforest Adventure is June 11-15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Kids entering Kindergarten through entering Fifth Grade will travel throughout the church to experience the day's Bible story through a variety of activities. Pre-K (children age four as of September 1) will experience Vacation Bible school in their own self-contained environment and will join the older kids in the Sanctuary every day. We expect 150-160 children again this year and will need about 100 volunteers from entering Sixth Grade through adults. We *still have* some volunteer positions available. To find out how you can help, contact Kay Hope Gold at kay@valleycommunity.org or contact our VBS Co-Director, Shannon Blair at slblairn@yahoo.com.



Candace C. Hill with Kay Hope Gold.

Curriculum Introductory Workshop

Candace C. Hill, Coordinator of Educational Ministries of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. General Assembly Council presented our denomination's latest curriculum at a workshop at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church in Portland on May 14. The curriculum is entitled, *Feasting on the Word!* Kay Hope Gold will present samples of this new curriculum along with samples from other Protestant denomination publishers to the Children's Ministries Committee in planning for next year's Creative Classroom Circuit and Pre-K Sunday School.

Congratulations, Class of 2011



On May 15, these High School Seniors were recognized in worship and gifted with beautiful hand-made quilts by Valley quilters. Graduates: we are so proud of you! We wish you well in your future endeavors, and we hope you will remain connected to Valley and know that you always have a home here. Photo on page 9.

Kate Baumgartner graduates from St. Mary's Academy June 4. Her favorite high school subject was government, and she participated in Politics without Borders and Mock Trial (captain). Kate also did volunteer work, dragon boats, and served on the Ambassador Board for Blanchet House. Her role model is Jenny Pratt. Kate's favorite memories at Valley include the mission trips, especially last summer's trip to Pasadena. Kate says, "The members of the youth group have become my brothers and sisters. I don't know what I'll do without them." Kate looks forward to attending Seattle University where she plans to major in political science/pre-law, traveling the world, meeting new and exciting people, and learning new things.

Taylor Rawlings graduates from Beaverton High School in June. His favorite high school subject was math, and he played football and lacrosse. Taylor's role model is Jenny Pratt. His favorite memories from high school include "Man Nights" with Corbett and CJ and making it into playoffs in lacrosse. Taylor's favorite memory at Valley is the Harambee mission trip from summer 2010. While attending Oregon State University in Corvallis next year, Taylor will miss the people at Valley, VBS, and youth group. This summer, Taylor will go on the mission trip, serve as a camp counselor, work, and enjoy outings with friends. Taylor plans to major in Engineering.

Kate Rodman also graduates from Beaverton High School, where her favorite subject was European History. Kate is a member of the National Honor Society; she played water polo and was on the swim team. Kate's best high school memory is when her water polo team played in the state tournament. At Valley, Kate enjoyed volunteering with VBS. This summer, Kate plans to work as a lifeguard and spend time with friends, before leaving for college at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Brian Russell graduates from the School of Science and Technology at Merlo Station June 11. His favorite high school subjects included: Physics, Calculus, and Chemistry! Brian participated in Yearbook and the State Science Fair. He also helped start an Environmental Science Club at Raleigh Park Elementary School and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. Brian's role models are his parents. Brian's favorite memories at Valley include being the Sheep for Christmas Eve Pageant and helping with Science at VBS. Brian will most miss the food and talking to friends at Coffee Hour. This summer, Brian plans to take trips to Sun River and California, attend Family Camp, prepare for college, and get a job. Next year, Brian will attend California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo, where he plans to major in Materials Engineering.

CJ Spisla graduates from Sunset High School on June 14. His favorite high school subject was History. CJ ran both cross country and track at Sunset. His role model is his mom. CJ's favorite high school memories include "Man Nights" with Corbett and Diesel and winning the metro title for track this year. At Valley, CJ most especially enjoyed the mission trips with the youth group, and he will miss the people and VBS. CJ's summer plans include the mission trip, VBHS, and training for cross country. Next year, CJ looks forward to being on his own and running in college at Northwest Christian University in Eugene. CJ plans to major in History and Education.

Molly Tyler graduates from Beaverton High School, where her favorite subject was Biology. At BHS, Molly was involved with GATA (Global Awareness to Action) and NHS (National Honor Society). Molly also played varsity softball, sang in the Valley Youth Choir, and enjoyed sewing. Her role models include her softball coaches. Molly's favorite memory from high school was Homecoming her senior year with all of her friends; her favorite memory at Valley was riding the tram with the Youth Choir when they sang at the hospital. Molly will most miss the Christmas pageant at Valley. This summer, she plans to play softball, help with Music and Drama Camp, and go on vacation, before leaving for Regis University in Denver, Colorado. Molly plans to major in Psychology.

Maisie Wilson graduates from Lincoln High School on June 6. Her favorite subject was Psychology, and she participated in yearbook, the Invisible Children Club, Model United Nations, and the STARS/4REAL Program. Maisie also enjoyed photography in high school. Her role model is her dad. Her favorite memory at Valley is the mission trips. While away for college, Maisie will miss participating in worship services at Valley, and she will also miss all of the people. This summer, Maisie plans to work before heading up to Tacoma, WA to learn new and exciting things at Pacific Lutheran University. She plans to major in the sciences.

Middle School Spring Explosion

Our middle school youth and adult leaders participated with other Portland area Presbyterian churches in a Spring Explosion retreat held at Trout Creek Camp in Corbett at the end of April. The theme for the weekend was "Squirrel!" (If you have ever seen the movie *Up*, then this might make sense to you.) The theme had to do with distractions that get in the way of our relationship with God, and we talked about ways we can be intentional in seeking time with God to grow in our relationship with God. The Valley group was in charge of stage decorations, and Rebecca and Kate created and painted a backdrop for the stage. We took a beloved flying squirrel puppet for part of the décor. Many thanks to Jini DeVries for letting us borrow the squirrel which was used for VBS at Valley a few years ago. We had a wonderful weekend of fellowship, meaningful conversation, games, and worship. And...if you want to see our squirrel banner, come on over to the Youth House for a visit to see where it now hangs.

Children's Lock-In = lots of fun

On Friday, May 13, 15 children in 4th and 5th grades crossed the threshold into the Youth House for an overnight lock-in. This was an event to provide fellowship for the upper elementary children, as well as to help them begin to think about Middle School youth group. The group enjoyed pizza and ice cream sundaes, played lots of games, talked about the fruits of the Spirit, explored the Youth House and the church building, and became more acquainted with each other. We hope to make this an annual event. This July, all current 5th graders will transition into the Middle School youth group as they look toward beginning 6th grade.

Pancake Breakfast for Youth Mission

Thank you to the Clippers Mariner Ship and to Steve Bird for their leadership and work for the Pancake Breakfast in May. And, thank you to all of **you** who came to eat pancakes, sausage, and fruit and to make a donation to the Youth Mission Fund. We raised another \$665 for the Youth Mission Fund. As the youth groups prepare for their mission trips this month, we are especially grateful for all of the financial support and prayers of this congregation. And we look forward to sharing our mission trip journeys with you later this summer. Thank you!



June Calendar/Events for Youth Ministry

- 1- Middle School LIFE- Dinner Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 7- High School FAMILY End-of-School-Year Celebration, 7-9 p.m.
- 8- Middle School LIFE Picnic in the Park, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 12- Confirmation Sunday! Mission Team Commissioning Sunday!
- 15- Youth Ministry Team Meeting, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 18-24—High School Mission Trip to Louisville, Kentucky
- 26-30—Middle School Mission Camp to Salem



The Valley group at Spring Explosion with a furry friend from a previous Valley VBS! Thanks to Jini DeVries for letting us borrow the squirrel for stage decorations.

Left: A special THANKS to the Clippers Mariner Group for once again providing food and cooking for the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Youth Mission on May 15. We raised \$665, thanks to their hard work in the kitchen.

Valley Scrapbook



Valley's High School graduates were each presented with a handmade quilt on Graduation Sunday.



Marcia Sanderman holds a banner she made with a patch from each of the graduate's quilts.



A group of Middle School girls during our "Fun-Noodle Night" at the Youth House in May.



A great group of 4th-5th grade children plus helper Sarah at the Children's Lock-In on May 13, after playing games in the gym.



The Children's Lock-In group with helper William after an overnight in the Youth House.

June 2011

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 8:30a Worship 10:00a Worship 10:20a Children's Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>6 8:00a Women's Aerobics 3:20p Camp Fire Meeting</p>	<p>7 10:00a Tai Chi Class 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>8 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics 12:00p Wednesday Adult Education 3:30p Girl Scout Troop 45531</p>	<p>9 10:00a Alanon 10:00a Piecemakers 10:00a Tai Chi Class</p>	<p>10 8:00a Women's Aerobics</p>	<p>11 11:00a Gabourel Memorial and Reception 4:00p Eagle Scout Court of Honor</p>
<p>12 8:30a Worship 9:00a Sunday School Teacher Training 9:30a Coffee in Library 10:00a Worship 10:20a Children & Youth Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>13 8:00a Women's Aerobics 12:00p Facilities Committee</p>	<p>14 10:00a Tai Chi Class 7:00p High School FAMILY 7:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>15 "Valley Messenger" Articles Due 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics 12:00p Wednesday Adult Education 2:00p Deacon's Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30p Youth Ministry Team</p>	<p>16 8:00a Soup Kitchen 10:00a Alanon 10:00a Piecemakers 10:00a Tai Chi Class</p>	<p>17 8:00a Women's Aerobics</p>	<p>18 High School Mission Trip 5:00p Donne/Bletscher Wedding</p>
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Valley Notes

Graduates

Congratulations to Grant Bunnage, graduate of Claremont McKenna College, grandson of Bob and Pat Peterson and to Jessica Janes, Oregon State University, granddaughter of Bob and Pat Peterson and to Peik Kristian Wahl, Sandpoint High School in Sandpoint, Idaho, grandson of Bud and Jeannine Bendix.

Graduation Note:

Please send names of graduates in your family to messenger@valleycommunity.org for publication so that all may celebrate.

Thanks

Mission Committee wishes to **thank** bakers and buyers. We raised \$317 for Habitat for Humanity West at our recent Bake Sale. What a tasty way to help others.

~ Andrea Murdoch

Thank you for all the cards and prayers sent my way; they were a great comfort to me on the unexpected death of my sister.

~ Sandy Cundiff

In Memoriam

Carol E. Gabourel
May 20, 2011

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns: LaDonna Miller, Bill Greer, and Liz Mitchell.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- Charlotte Miller and family on the death of Charlotte's husband, Larry Miller, on May 4, 2011

- Family and friends of Carol Gabourel who died on May 20, 2011. A memorial service will be at Valley at 11 a.m. on June 11, 2011.



Part of the Valley group that attended the Middle School Spring Explosion Retreat in Corbett, OR. The weather was good, conversations were great, and lots of fun was had.

Spring Explosion!



Spring Explosion group in front of a mural we brought with us for stage decorations. The theme was "Squirrel," regarding things that distract us from a closer relationship with God.

**Red Cross Blood Drive
June 15**



Sign up at coffee hours.
Up to three people may be helped with
each pint of blood collected.
Please help if you can.

New coffee hour

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



Begins Sunday, June 12.

Picnic Sunday

**July 17 after Worship – food, games
and fun for all ages in church front
yard. Plan to be there!**

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