


The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church November 2011

Worship Schedule

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

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Informal Service 8:30 a.m.
Youth Breakfast Club 9 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.
Fellowship and Coffee,
11:15 a.m.

Valley's Fall Stewardship Campaign is officially underway! We are asking all Valley members and friends to help us plan for next year's budget by making a financial commitment in the form of a pledge for the coming year. Your pledge makes a significant difference in the programs we are able to offer. This year our theme is "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart." Our goal is to raise \$20,000 more than last year's budget.

Stewardship Sunday is on November 6, when worshipers return their pledge cards for the coming year. Campaign letters and pledge cards with further instructions and information have been mailed. See Finance Report on p. 3 and Stewardship Reflections on p. 3 in this issue.

Fall Fellowship Brunch Nov. 6

Adults and children invited to the congregational event!

All are invited to the Fall Fellowship gathering, a Potluck Brunch following the 10 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, November 6. The summer picnics held right after church have been very successful, so the Fellowship Committee chose to continue that time for the Fall Potluck.

A breakfast casserole will be provided along with coffee, tea and juice. Cereal and milk will be available for children. If possible, please bring a side dish to share:

<p>Last names A-L: fruit, fruit salad or bagels/cream cheese Last names M-Z: muffins, sweet rolls or scones</p>

Face painting and games are planned for children. Adults and children will also play Mingo Bingo, a type of Bingo that helps us get to know each other better. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to share time together with our church family.

Mission Market set for Nov. 13

Valley's Mission Market, on Sunday, November 13, 9 a.m.– noon, features organizations supported by our mission budget throughout the year. Come and see your mission dollars at work! It's a great opportunity to learn about these projects and to buy a meaningful gift in honor of someone special. Some organizations have products available for sale; most offer donation opportunities. This year the market coincides with Kirkin' o' the Tartan, so join us in Davis Hall for special entertainment while you browse the tables.

Several volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 12 for set-up (10 a.m. – noon) and Sunday, November 13 for table hosting and clean-up. Hosting a table is easy – we just need your smiling face. Please contact Michelle Blair, mlgblair@gmail.com.

November

**6 Daylight Savings Time ends
Communion
Stewardship Sunday
Fall Congregational Brunch,
following the 10 a.m.
Worship Service**

**13 Kirkin' o' the Tartan
Cents-Ability Offering
Mission Market, 9 a.m.-noon
Session meeting with new
members, 11:15 a.m.**

**20 Christ the King Sunday
King's Kids Choir**

**27 First Sunday of Advent
Presbyterian Women Thank
Offering**

December

**4 Second Sunday of Advent
Communion
St. Nicholas visits
Advent Fair, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Pastor's column



Pastor René Minshew

A big thank you is in order. You may or may not recall that almost eight years ago you granted me, as part of my terms of call when I came to Valley, a sabbatical of three months after seven years of service. I took that sabbatical during the months of July through September. You were gracious in granting and supporting my sabbatical. Thank you.

I also owe a thank you to Pastors Ben and Rebecca for filling in while I was away. The Elders and Deacons also stepped up in unique ways. So thank you all around.

The Presbyterian Church decided a number of years ago that there is wisdom in granting such leave for rest and renewal. It follows the model of the university system as well as some corporations in allowing and encouraging time

away. The genesis of the sabbatical, however, is not in education or business but the Bible. I told a young man prior to my sabbatical that I was going on one. It gave me an opportunity to give a short Biblical lesson on the need for rest, re-creation and renewal and that life goes on without us. It permits humans to realize that we are not ultimately in charge but that God is. It allows us to witness the creative activity of God in new and unique ways. It permits greater perspective on who we are and whose we are.

For part of my sabbatical, I traveled to Italy to see and experience the land where so much church history was born and codified. I visited churches, chapels, shrines, holy sites, convents and abbeys as well as famous historical sites that gave birth and continued to challenge the church through the centuries. It is difficult to understand church history without understanding, at least in part, the history of the land in which so much church history was made.

Ellen and I have been asked to speak at the Senior Luncheon in January. We will present some of our experiences there.

Some of the humor from our trip was from overhearing questions to tour guides, such as - "*How did Michelangelo get Moses to pose for him?*" While we were standing before the David statue in Florence, Ellen heard, "*I didn't realize people were that tall in those days.*"

Advent is the beginning of a new church year. Many special events and worship services are planned for our spiritual nurture. St. Nicholas will visit us once again this year on December 4 to provide a blessing and gifts for the children to enjoy

and to share. The "Tiny Bethlehem" musical pageant on December 18 will feature youth and children.

Christmas Eve is on a Saturday this year. Not only are we planning two unique worship services, but we are also planning a single, "come as you are" service at 11 a.m. for Christmas day, Sunday the 25th. Check the Messenger, the weekly e-blast email newsletter and the weekly bulletin for more news to come.

Remember to allow your clocks to **fall back** one hour to Standard Time during the wee hours of November 6.

It is good to be back among the faithful congregation of Valley.

Peace,

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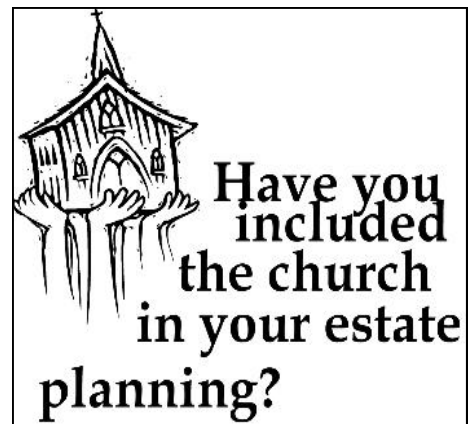
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Finance Report



For the month of September, Valley's income exceeded expenses by almost \$17,000 – a welcome improvement. For the year to date, however, we remain \$20,000 further into deficit than budgeted.

I have received excellent questions in the past month about those two numbers, as well as Adult Giving. Our weekly bulletin has a Treasurer's report on Adult Giving. This is an important "gauge" of our status, since Valley depends primarily on Adult Giving as income to fund programs and ministries. Valley's total "surplus or deficit" for the year is, however, a different number that results from the sum of Adult Giving and all other sources of revenue, less our expenses and giving to outside ministries. For 2011, our budget shows that we will end with a \$34,708 deficit *if* we meet our total year expected Adult Giving of \$560,000 and all other sources of giving and expenses match our budget.

Year to date, our expenses have been 1% below our budget, but giving remains 5% below our budget. This is why our total operating deficit exceeds our budget so far this year, and this figures heavily into the Session's planning for 2012. Eliminating this deficit as we plan for 2012 requires a focus on both spending and giving.

We are now entering our Fall Stewardship campaign. While Session will again consider expense cuts as made a few years ago, 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 can only plan on the basis of pledges received, which is why this season is so important. We prayerfully ask you to consider Valley's ministries during this campaign. We do so, however, with an equal measure of gratitude for everyone's ongoing contributions to Valley.

Eben Jenkins, Finance Committee Elder
Lyle Chadwick, Treasurer

Stewardship reflections



Marilyn Conforti

How I have given to Valley ...and how I have been blessed in return

by Marilyn Conforti

When my family and I joined Valley Church 15 years ago, I was searching for a place where we could worship and obtain a solid Christian education for my children. At that point, although I was a Christian, I had no idea where my spiritual journey would take me. Now I can say that the

Holy Spirit moved in my Christian life and led me to places I never dreamed of being.

I discovered that as I gave Valley my time, talents and treasures, I have been blessed 10-fold. I had always wanted to be a teacher, but never thought I would be qualified to teach Sunday School. Fortunately, Pastor Maling encouraged me. Boy, was I nervous around those four-year-olds! As each week went by and I prepared a lesson, I learned more about the Bible and prayed that I would be a blessing to the children. I soon realized that I was receiving many blessings in return. The children taught me how to experience the love of Jesus and God's word through their eyes and even taught me how to pray. I taught Sunday school for eight years, and to this day I am blessed by the children who are grown up now and still say hello to me when I see them here at Valley.

I have had many opportunities to use my God-given talents in areas within the church, such as children's mid-week kitchen coordinator, member of the pastor nominating committee which called Pastor Rene, and elder on session responsible for membership. The blessing to me is that I have developed relationships with so many in our church.

It is an exciting time at Valley Community Presbyterian Church as we look forward to the Christmas season and next year. It is a time of reflection and for me to think about the boundless grace with which God has blessed me and how I can best respond financially to support the ministries and programs of our church. Please join me in prayerful consideration of giving to meet Valley's 2012 financial goals.

Session Highlights

Regular meeting, October 11, 2011

- Fall Stewardship Campaign: Information will be mailed to the congregation, and elders are planning announcements. Stewardship Sunday is November 6.
- Christmas Eve services: Family Worship is at 6 p.m. and Candlelight Worship at 8 p.m. Christmas Day Worship is at 11 a.m. (See December dates on p. 6)
- The report on Jennifer Pratt's annual consultation with the Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry was accepted.

Worship and Music in November

As we bring our Church Year to an end and approach the season of Advent, Valley plans a full November agenda of worship and music. (See **December calendar highlights on p. 6**)

- **November 6** is Stewardship Sunday. Join the congregation in making your annual commitment of tithes and offerings. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated. Welcome to the Lord's table, and share a table after worship for a congregation potluck brunch.
- **November 13** - Kirkin' o' the Tartan honors our Presbyterian Scottish heritage. Bagpipe music, tartans, and a Scottish anthem by the Sanctuary Choir will highlight the celebration. Explore your Scottish lineage, be entertained by Scottish Highland dancers, and shop the Mission Market after worship.
- **November 20** - Christ the King Sunday. Valley's King's Kids Choir will begin worship as we approach the season when we await the birth of Christ.
- **November 27** - The First Sunday of Advent begins the Church Year. Advent is a time to recall the hope of the coming of Christ. The sanctuary will be decorated to celebrate the Advent Season.



Mission Ministries

The Holy Days are coming! The Holidays are coming!

As we prepare to celebrate this time with family and friends, please remember those with less. Here are some opportunities:

- **All are welcome to attend** - Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH) Harvest of Hope Breakfast on Tuesday, November 8 at Congregation Beth Israel, 7:30-9:30 a.m. U.S. Representative Kurt Schrader will be the keynote speaker. More details: www.ofrah.net.
- **Mission Market** - Sunday, November 13, right after the Worship Service....look for that "hard to find" Christmas gift and help mission projects, too.
- **Bread for the World Offering of Letters will be received during the Mission Market on November 13** - The focus of this letter-writing effort is to encourage Congress to support and make permanent reforms underway that focus on reducing hunger and poverty around the world while ensuring that there is clearer accountability for how our aid dollars are spent and their results.
- **Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering** - Funds collected at Thanksgiving time help women and children here and around the world.
- **Luke Dorf Giving Tree** - 23 children are participating this year. Please pick your child on Sunday, November 27 during Coffee Hour.
- **Sock and Coat Drive** - Bring new socks and gently used warm clothes now through the spring. Collection barrels are by the Fireside Room.
- **Christmas Joy Offering** - Offering collected Dec. 18....funds support racial ethnic education and an assistance program for our church workers.

Today, we remember our blessings and give thanks that we have these gifts to give. We rejoice that God uses our gifts to satisfy so many and to build up the realm of God here on earth. If you have a desire to help others....we have room in our Mission Committee for you. Please contact Andrea Murdoch at 503.860.6203.



Valley helps with Habitat build



The October 8 Habitat build at Ramble Glen was a success with members from both Valley and Lake Grove Presbyterian Churches installing insulation in house number six. The supervisors were pleased with how much was accomplished and how well it was done. Thanks to Kerrie Standlee, Hank Grootendorst, LaDonna Miller, Gaylen Uecker, Molly Wright, and Chuck Falconer for their volunteer work. Lunch was provided for the whole crew by contributions from Connie Brenner, Ann Johnson, Virginia Grubb and Jan Falconer. The next build date is November 19.

Left: Kerrie Standlee helping insulate a newly built home at the Ramble Glen site.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan Nov. 13

Valley's annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday is November 13. At the 10 a.m. service, a bagpiper will "pipe in" the clergy. Invite a friend or two and wear or bring a tartan to this colorful service of our Scottish Presbyterian heritage. The service includes blessing family tartans and all families.

If you're not sure if you have Scottish or Celtic roots, or even a national tartan (German, Dutch, Spanish, etc.), bring all the family surnames you know to the information table upstairs after the service. Jim and Pat McClean will help you research the names. If you would like to know sooner, contact them at patjimcclean@netscape.net.

Piecemakers make quilts for children

New members invited to help make the quilts.



Sally Moody and Marie Nelson

Marie Nelson is retiring as chair of the quilting group where she started working with Women of Valley in the 1960s. At that time, members were knitting, crocheting and quilting together making lap robes for nursing homes, layettes and quilts for children. Marie has been an inspiration to many, and we thank her for years of service.

Join the Piecemakers every Thursday from 10 a.m.– 12 noon in Room 7 where we put our six-inch squares into patterns of seven rows by nine rows. The rows are taken

home to be stitched. You don't need to bring a sewing machine when you come! Once completed, the quilts are donated to Cares NW to be given to children in Emanuel Hospital. A special thanks to Ruthann Marquis and Karen Sandberg for cutting all the six-inch squares that are needed.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful ministry, please contact Sally Moody. Come in and see how the quilts are put together!

Sally Moody

Gamble Library

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will not have a meeting in November. We will gather in the Fireside Room on Friday, December 9, at 10 a.m. for a discussion of *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*, by Gayle Lemmon. Set in Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover, this story is about five sisters, one remarkable family and the woman who risked everything to keep them safe. Newcomers are always welcome to join the lively discussions. Remember to bring your own coffee.

Library news



Now that Fall weather has arrived, it is a good time to check out some interesting reading. Whether you are interested in Bible study, biography, or just a good read, the library has something for you. There are many children's books just waiting to be shared with little ones. Stop by when you are at the church and see what we have.

Jan Falconer, Librarian

Advent and Christmas highlights

Plan to worship with us and celebrate Christ's birth:



December 4

- Visit from St. Nicholas during 10 a.m. Worship
- Advent Fair following Worship

December 18

- "Tiny Bethlehem" musical pageant in 10 a.m. Worship

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

- Family Worship with Children's Nativity Tableau - 6 p.m.
- Candlelight Worship with Communion - 8 p.m.

December 25 - Christmas Sunday

- Worship and singing for all ages - 11 a.m.



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.



Scott and Anne Foster

"Having American citizenship and Scottish heritage is the best of both worlds! There's nothing like the skirl of the bagpipes." Scott Foster claims the McFarland clan, and Anne Girod Foster claims the Buchanan clan. Scott's family came west in 1852 and Anne's in 1842, making them Oregonians.

When the Foster family moved to 7580 SW Cedar Street, they joined Valley in 1969. Their children, Sue, Scott and Brian became active in youth activities. Scott served as elder twice and deacon once. Anne was the third woman from the congregation to become an elder, enjoying the duties for two terms. Throughout the years, they have been active on several committees. They toured Europe, Asia and the Middle East on Valley

mission trips. Son Scott was the first Youth Deacon, and Brian has sung in the choir for many years and served as an elder on various committees. Scott and Anne are very proud of each of their granddaughters, Claire, Sally and McKenzie and great-grandson, Lewis.

Scott reminisces that he "helped General Patton win the Big War." He then became the Tektronix Director of Purchasing for 32 years. For fun he hunted and fished, and helped others, including years as Troop 592 Assistant Scout Master. Anne taught at community colleges for over 30 years and is currently on the Marylhurst adjunct faculty. With her Home Economics degrees, Anne was asked to judge at county and state fairs for 51 years. She enjoys quilting and being the genealogy lady for family reunions.

In April, they celebrated their marriage of 60 years at Valley. The Fosters say, "Valley is our church home. Each Sunday you will find us worshipping in the third row left."

Advent Fair set for Dec. 4

Help the Fair by sponsoring or hosting a craft

Valley's Annual Advent Fair is Sunday, December 4, 11:30-2 p.m. in Davis Hall immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service with St. Nicholas. Family, friends, and neighbors are all welcome. As always, there will be a variety of child-friendly crafts and greens to make wreaths and centerpieces.

We are looking for individuals or groups to sponsor and/or host a craft. Sponsors would contribute the cost of the craft, and hosts would prepare the craft and host the table during the Advent Fair. This really is a lot of fun and a great way to give of your time, talent and resources for such a fun event. If you are interested, please contact Marcia Sanderman at mksanderman@comcast.net. Sign up at Coffee Fellowship in Davis Hall on Sundays soon.

See Valley Notes on p. 11 to learn how to donate Christmas decorations for the youth sale at the Advent Fair.



Children's Ministries

Third graders receive Bibles

Nine third graders received their own Bibles from Valley in the Children's Sabbath service in October: Katherine Anne Barragar, Dylan Taylor Blair, Luke Richard Blair, Olivia Rose Hoffbeck, Carson David Kopetz, Justin Alan Lee, Jacqueline Rheingans, Ella Ann Steele and Grayson Thomas Steele received Bibles presented by Pastor Ben Paroulek, Kay Gold and Richard Gold.



Third graders meet with Pastor Ben in his office for a Sunday School lesson in using their new Bibles, presented to them in Worship the week before.



KIDZ MART coming December 14 and 17

Children's Ministries is seeking gently used household items, office supplies, unopened beauty products and toiletries for purchase by children as Christmas gifts for family and friends. Drop your donations in the basket in the balcony landing. Thank you! Kidz Mart dates and times: Wednesday, December 14, 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, December 17, 9 a.m.-1p.m.



Children's Sabbath in October

Valley joined Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish congregations last month celebrating children in Children's Sabbath Weekend. On October 16, several Valley children and families helped lead our 10 a.m. Worship Service. Joshua Gregory, Katie Barragar, Kari and Carley Cunningham and Ariel Derting participated.



Left: Third graders with their Bibles that were presented to them during Worship.

Non-Rush Hour - Wednesday, November 2 at 5 p.m.

All adults are invited to our Non-Rush Hour on the first Wednesday of each month, November - April from 5 to 6 p.m. Come for a chance to r-e-l-a-x in our candlelit Fireside Room with light snacks and decaf beverages. Pastor Ben will be on hand for inspirational conversation. Childcare is available in the Nursery for infants through three years old, so that everyone can unwind from a busy day.

Building up the Youth Mission Fund

The youth are grateful for the congregation's support of Youth Mission! The youth raised \$630 for The Youth Mission Fund received \$630 from the Pancake Breakfast in October. The Clippers Mariners made it a huge success, spending hours in the kitchen cooking all of the pancakes and sausage. We also give great thanks for Dan Rueff who, again, provided the sausage for the breakfast. The contributions of so many help make it possible for the youth to serve both locally and nationally. Thanks for helping us get ready for summer mission trips and camps.

Support the Youth Mission Fund at the Mission Market on Sunday, November 13. The Middle School and High School Youth will be selling jars full of sweet and savory mixes. Some of the favorites will be back! Pint jars are \$5, and quart jars are \$10. All proceeds will benefit youth mission trips and events. Plan now to buy some lovely Christmas gifts for friends, family, teachers, and neighbors—or, just buy something yummy to make for yourself.

Peacemaking at the Youth House

Both Middle School LIFE and the High School FAMILY have been exploring themes of peacemaking through Bible Study and activities. The youth made banners of magazine photos depicting both what peace is, and what peace is *not*. We have begun to explore peace in many different aspects of our lives, with ourselves, our friends, our families, our congregation, our community, the enemy, the earth, in school, and among nations. The High School FAMILY explored some of the quarrels that came up in the Corinthian community about which Paul wrote. They also made “peace pumpkins” to decorate the Youth House steps for Halloween. The FAMILY has also been journaling as part of our spiritual life together, responding to scripture, theologians, and poetry. The Middle School youth have been working on peace posters, using duct tape. They have also listened to some contemporary music to consider how it helps make or break peace in the community. We will continue to talk about the different components of peace and how we might be peacemakers, like Jesus, in our personal lives and among our friends and enemies.

High School FAMILY

The FAMILY continues to meet on Sunday nights for dinner, program, games, journaling, and pow-wows. We also began a Tuesday night Bible Study, focusing on highlights of the Old Testament and looking at broad themes in different sections of the OT. We served breakfast at The Blanchet House, serving French toast, bananas, coffee, and juice to more than 100 men and women. In addition to continuing our peacemaking activities, we are gearing up for more mission activities this fall. We are also looking forward to the annual presbytery retreat for all high school youth (CPYA), which is November 18-20 at Macleay Christian Retreat Center in Salem. This year's retreat is based on Matthew 5:13-16, and the theme is “Putting a bird on your shirt doesn't make you a hipster.”

Middle School Mania 2011

The fall presbytery retreat for Middle School youth was at B'nai B'rith Camp in Otis in October. Eight of our Valley youth, plus Rebecca and Kate, made the trek to the coast for a wonderful weekend of “No Worries!” The theme for the weekend was “Hakuna Matata,” based on Matthew 6:25-34 where Jesus tells us not to worry about the clothes we wear or the food we eat, and not to worry about tomorrow. Instead, Jesus tells us, to seek first God's kingdom. We also watched clips from “The Lion King” and “The Lion King 1.5.” The weekend was full of activity and excitement with energizers, music, keynote speeches, small groups, recreation, free time, crafts, camp fire time, and more. In their small groups, the youth made new friends from other churches in our presbytery. It was a wonderful weekend of community building, spiritual growth, sunshine, and fun!

Young Adult Ministry Committee seeks members

Valley's Session has approved a new committee to work with and serve the young adult community, specifically young adults who are out of high school through mid-30s. The Young Adult Ministry Committee will start from scratch, hoping to develop a meaningful program where they can build community, grow in their faith, and serve others in an authentic way.

We need people of all ages and stages to help us in this important work. If you are a young adult and are energized by the idea of a new ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s, we need you and your ideas. If you are interested in considering new ways of ministry and reaching out to young adults, we need your time and talents. If you have ever been a young adult and want to help welcome them into our community, we need your help. If God is calling you to this ministry, please contact Marilyn Hartzell at stanhart@comcast.net or Pastor Rebecca at Valley.

Valley Scrapbook



*The annual Valley Pumpkin Patch trip. According to Faith Bridges, the ride in the Church Van is **still** the Best Part about the Pumpkin Patch Field Trip!*



Enjoying fellowship at the recent pancake breakfast benefitting youth mission.



Some of the High School Youth and Youth Advisors after a "Frozen Yogurt Run" during a Sunday night FAMILY meeting.



Right: High School Youth holding up their "Peace Pumpkin." You may see all of the peace pumpkins lining the steps of the Youth House.



Middle School Youth and Adult Advisors bag pinto beans into 2-pound bags at the Oregon Food Bank in October!



Rebecca and Middle School Youth after a fabulous weekend at the coast with friends from all over Cascades Presbytery at Middle School Mania.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Valley Notes

Opportunities

Valley will have a Habitat for Humanity build day on Saturday, November 19 at Ramble Glen on SW 185th, just south of Farmington Road. We will be working with Lake Grove Presbyterian Church again. To sign up or ask questions, contact Chuck Falconer at chuckf@clankeith.com.

Christmas Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse Room is back by popular demand during the Advent Fair on Sunday, December 4, 11:30-2 p.m. If you are downsizing your Christmas decorations, the Valley Youth would like your donations. The proceeds will go to support the Youth Mission trips. You can drop your donations off at the Youth House now through December 3.

The Senior Christmas Luncheon is Wednesday, December 7 at noon. Pastor Ben Paroulek returns with his guitar and children from Valley Christian Preschool singing carols and getting us in the Christmas spirit. The Kitchen Crew looks forward to seeing you then. Also, please note there will be no Senior Luncheon in November due to Thanksgiving.
Sandy Cundiff,
slcundiff@comcast.net

Upward Basketball games begin again at Valley January 21. If you would like to volunteer to help on game days, just call Anne Scarce to sign up. We will have eight game-filled Saturdays, with the last game day scheduled for March 10. We hope you can join the fun!

Thanks

Dear Valley friends, The family of Daryl and Craig Duncan wish to thank all those who have sent cards, brought food, sent flowers and helped with the reception after the memorial service. All your prayers and blessings for our family are what

bring us closer to understanding God's love for us.

Thank you, Linda Duncan and family

To our church family, Thank you for your prayers, your cards, and your loving support during Larry's long fight with multiple myeloma. We have felt your prayers surrounding us, and we know that you are continuing to pray for us as we start a new chapter in our lives without Larry. The service celebrating his life was beautiful, and the reception afterward was so nice. Thank you to Pastor Ben and all the people who helped with the service and the reception. We give all the glory and praise to our Lord, who has led us and given us strength during Larry's illness, and we rejoice that he is now free from his pain and suffering, and is with his Savior in Heaven!

With love to you all,
Janice and Tim Hawkins

Thank you from the family of Lee James for the many kindnesses shown to us after Lee's death. The lovely reception after his service, your many kind words and all of the stories and memories you've shared, your cards, and your hugs have warmed our hearts. We appreciate all of the support during this difficult time.

Sherrie, Karen and Jeff.

In Memoriam

Susan Reichard
October 1, 2011

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns: Evelyn Page, Isabelle Adams, Myrill Frazier, Helen Green, Barbra Harman, Sophia Bird, Chuck Miller

We pray for those who mourn:
- George Reichard and family on the death of Susan Reichard
- Family and friends of Bob Burns.

Blood Drive collects Double Red Cells



Some donors might be able to give more red cells

When the Red Cross Deacons'

Blood Drive is held on December 14 at Valley, some donors might be interested in spending an extra 20 minutes to collect Double Red Cells. This process (fairly new at Valley) could save six lives. Those who qualify give twice the cells but less volume. They then wait 112 days before donating again.

Blood donors can start at age 16 with a Red Cross form signed by parents. From age 17 on, parents' permission is not required. Be a Holiday Donor and sign up for the next drive on Wednesday, December 14, 2-7 p.m.

- Deacons Christine Danner and Virginia Grubb



Valley's annual pumpkin patch trip brought smiles to everyone's faces.



'Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart'

Stewardship Sunday

Nov. 6

Bring pledges to 10 a.m. Worship



Fall Fellowship Potluck Brunch

Davis Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Last names A-L: fruit, fruit salad or bagels/cream cheese

Last names M-Z: muffins, sweet rolls or scones

All ages are invited for food, fun and games!
(More details on p. 1)

Mission Market

Sunday, November 13

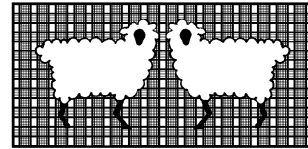
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Gifts and donations to benefit missions.
Popular food mixes to benefit youth ministry.

See page 1 for more information -
don't miss it!

Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday Nov. 13

10 a.m. Worship Service



Wear your tartan and honor our
Presbyterian Scottish heritage.
Bagpipe music, tartans and a Scottish anthem.

More on p. 5

TIME DATED MATERIAL

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