


The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church September 2011

Worship Schedule

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Informal Service 8:30 a.m.
Youth Breakfast Club 9 a.m. -
begins Sept. 18
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 begins
Sept. 18, 10 a.m.
Fellowship and Coffee,
11:15 a.m.

September

4 Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday
Blessing of Backpacks, 10 a.m.

11 Twenty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Session meeting with new
members, 11:15 a.m.
Kick-Off Sunday, 11:15 a.m.
Youth family picnic, 5:30 p.m.

18 Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Cents-Ability Offering

25 Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

October

2 Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday
Peacemaking Offering
Pancake Breakfast for
youth mission

Fall begins with annual Kick-Off



Bring a friend to church that day, too...

Once again, our official Valley Kick-Off Sunday will fall on the Sunday following Labor Day. If you are looking for some new ways to get involved, here's your chance. Following worship on Sunday, September 11, we'll showcase the fullness of our ministry during a festive gathering in Davis Hall. A fantastic array of Presbyterian coffee hour fusion goodies will be available to satisfy your epicurean needs.

Children may register for fall programs, and parents can learn more about our children's music programs and plans for Sunday school. Middle School and High School students and their parents can preview the fall youth program.

Explore our diverse ministry and follow new paths of involvement:

- Mission opportunities, local and global
- Bible Studies for men and women
- Mariners' program
- Fellowship events
- Deacons' ministries of compassion
- Opportunities for worship leadership
- Involvement in children's and youth ministries

As an added bonus, this is the Sunday when many of us will bring friends and introduce them to the Valley family. Let's kick off our fall programs with enthusiasm as we gather for fellowship and discover fresh avenues of challenge!

Bring a friend to church on Sept. 11

On Fall Kick-Off Sunday, September 11, we have a wonderful opportunity to share with others all that Valley has to offer on Bring a Friend to Church Day. Please prayerfully consider who in your life would benefit from attending Sunday worship with us and invite them to this special day. Invitations that contain information about Valley are available to give to someone you know and love. The invitations have all the information they need to attend.

Hospitality tables will be set-up for our new worshippers, and we will honor our guests with a gift and show them the "radical hospitality" we are called to show as Children of God at Valley Presbyterian Church. It is a great opportunity for others to see the programs and activities that are offered at Valley.

Contact Marilyn Conforti, Membership Elder for further information.

Peacemaking Offering, See p. 11
Youth Mission Pancake Breakfast Oct. 2, See p. 5



Pastor Ben Paroulek

Some plain talk about our resources

As the warm days of summer slowly fade, we eagerly anticipate the beginning of our fall programs. It's also time to take stock of our resources and then decide how we can most effectively move forward. So, what's the situation? And how can we move forward with faith and integrity?

The situation

Lyle Chadwick, our church treasurer, and Eben Jenkins,

finance committee elder, submit this timely assessment of our financial situation. I want to make sure this message gets your full attention:

Finance Report

For the year to date through the end of July, Valley is showing a deficit slightly in excess of \$61,000, which is more than \$19,000 worse than budgeted. If there is a "positive" to note with this situation, it is the fact that our shortfall relative to budget did improve by \$2,000 in the month with expenses being more favorable than budgeted. The largest contributor to our year-to-date deficit is a shortfall in sources of income, falling approximately \$30,000 below our budgeted amount.

Of all sources of income to the church, adult giving represents the great majority of this year-to-date miss. As before, we would prayerfully ask those who may be behind in their giving to continue to help improve the financial position of the congregation. On a positive note, pledges for the year have increased by more than \$15,000 since we followed up with the congregation at the end of the first quarter; thank you to all who have found ways to help.

The Session reviewed these latest results in their meeting in early August, and continues with its evaluation of alternatives and a planned special meeting in September to consider various options and their likely impact.

Lyle Chadwick and
Eben Jenkins

Moving forward

As Lyle and Eben suggest, the first thing to do is to get current with our pledges. This would make a huge impact on our financial situation. It's common to fall behind during the summer months, but we want to move ahead with full assurance and support.

Another idea is to consider a special gift or donation to our ministry in addition to your pledge. This will allow the Session to plan programs and mission giving that will strengthen our church and community.

At our special Session meeting in September, we will consider our options for moving ahead. I am praying that we can proceed with a fully supported budget and achieve the goals that we have set to enhance and grow vigorous and healthy ministries.

In God's Grace,

Ben Paroulek

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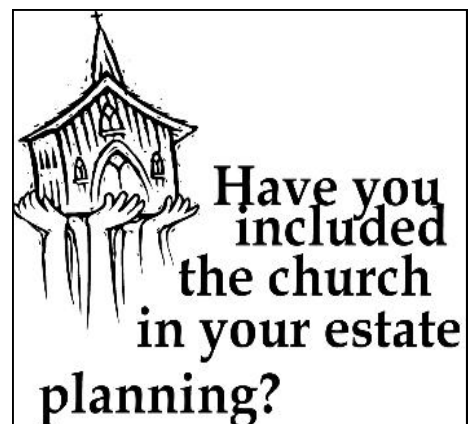
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Valley sells house on Cedar St.

The home at 8140 S.W. Cedar St. recently sold for \$210,000. The funds will be used to finish paying for work done on the church's heating system and other repairs made last summer. It is expected there will be some money remaining, which will go into the capital improvement fund for future church renovations.

Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) member Frank Powers reminds people that all funds from the sale of Valley property can only be used for capital improvement. "The Presbytery, which oversees all sales of church property, stipulates that proceeds be set aside for church maintenance/remodeling," says Frank, who has been keeping close accounting of all capital improvement expenses.

Actually, the CIC and buyer had agreed to a higher price, but the full-house inspection report contained several significant issues that affected the safety and integrity of the home. Thus, the buyer asked for concessions to make the repairs, and the CIC agreed.

According to real estate agent Donna Rueff, who represented Valley's interests in the transaction, the overall housing market continues to decline. "We faced many challenges with this house, including the fact that it backed up to a parking lot, had only one full bath, and required more updating than buyers in today's market wish to do," says Donna. The house had been on the market for nearly a year. She adds that if this buyer hadn't purchased the property, she was obligated to share the home inspection report with any future potential buyer(s).

The CIC will meet in September to plan the next step in improving Valley's physical structure and making it more inviting and accessible to current and future members as well as the surrounding neighbors.

Blessing of the Backpacks Sept. 4



There are many milestones we celebrate with our children and youth, including transitioning to new schools and starting the new school year. Most of the area schools begin the new school year during the week following Labor Day, September 5. We will kick-off the school year with a "Blessing of the Backpacks" in worship on September 4. This blessing will give us the opportunity to recognize the new school year and all the changes that come with it. We will pray for and with our students, and offer a blessing of their backpacks for their learning and new experiences. All children, youth, college students, and adults who are beginning a new school year are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, September 4. During "A Time with the Young Church," we will invite all students to come to the front of the sanctuary with their backpacks. Let's celebrate the new school year and all that it brings!

Help for the hungry

Would you like to help in a food pantry?

Valley has an opportunity to provide some volunteers during the time the food pantry is open at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Canyon Rd. The recently-expanded food pantry is operated in cooperation with Beaverton Care to Share.

Valley members could staff the pantry on alternate Wednesday evenings, either 5:30-6:30 or 6-7 p.m. Volunteers would act as personal shoppers, helping families walk through the shopping-style pantry to make their selections. The volunteer coordinator is willing to have potential volunteers visit in advance of volunteering to see how it works.

If you are interested in spending two or three hours a month helping to feed the hungry close to home, please contact Connie Brenner, Andrea Murdoch, or the church office.



Supper Connection Group sign-ups

Sign-ups for potluck gatherings are open now and continue through mid-September. Sign up to participate in this great opportunity to get to know other Valley members and friends. Each group will meet three times to share a casual and relaxed meal together starting in October and running through February, 2012. If you would like more information, please stop by the Fellowship table at Sunday Coffee Hour to learn more. We will have groups where children are welcome. We encourage you to participate, even if you are not able to host a meal in your home.

~ Marcia Sanderman,
Fellowship Elder



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.



Pat Bird

I was born in Trenton, New Jersey, and have one older sister. We moved to Schenectady, in upstate New York, at the beginning of World War II, and then to Scotia, NY after the war. We came to Portland at the end of my freshman year in college, and I then attended and graduated from Oregon State College. I met my husband, Don, during Christmas vacation on a skiing trip. He was a jock and I was (and am) not, but we fell in love anyway and were married in 1957 by Pastor Bill Gamble. Don also attended OSC, and then transferred to Portland State, graduating in education, a lifelong career which he loved. We were blessed with a daughter,

Pat Bird and family.

Sharon, and then a son, Steve. I am lucky to have both families living nearby. Both were married at Valley and continue to be involved in the life of the church. Sharon lives in West Slope with her daughter, Courtney, in college, and twin boys, William and Dylan, both juniors at Beaverton High. Steve and Marie live in Beaverton with their daughters, Katie, at OSU, and Sophia, almost 8.

We joined Valley Church in 1973. I have been a deacon and elder twice, working with small groups and membership. I have helped with Wednesday Night Live, senior adult lunch, Vacation Bible School, graduation quilts, Upward Basketball, and Prayer Shawl Ministry. Multigenerational events are important to me, and I love being a part of them. Don and I were founding members of Clippers Mariner Ship, a fantastic support group for my whole family, as well as a fun group that I have enjoyed participating with for many years. Valley is an important part of my life, and I thank everyone who has helped me with my journey here.



The Rea Family

Bill and Elaine Rea joined Valley in 1996 with their daughters, Hayley (then 4) and Holly (then 2). Bill is currently a member of the Worship Committee in charge of sound and a member of the Church Officer Nominating Committee. Elaine is chair of the Mission Endowment Committee and was formerly on CONC. Hayley was a member of the High School youth mission teams to Biloxi, MS and Tijuana, Mexico and a delegate at Presbyterian Youth Triennium in 2007. She was also a Deacon, sang in the Youth Choir and played bells. Hayley is currently a junior at Pacific Lutheran University majoring in French and Anthropology. She is studying in Paris this fall. Holly is a senior at Lincoln High School and will also attend Portland Community College this fall to study Japanese. She

Bill, Elaine, Holly and Hayley.

participated in Valley mission trips to 5Rock Ranch, Harambee Ministries in Pasadena, CA, and Cedar Ridge in Louisville, KY. She sings in choir and is in the High School FAMILY youth group. Both girls attended French American School, but they wish it were Hogwarts!

Bill and Elaine met at Albany Civic Theater and were married in 1989. Elaine was born in New Haven, CT and raised in Corvallis by two Botany professors. Her family were members of First Presbyterian Church. She participated in youth activities there and went on mission trips before graduating from OSU with a degree in business and a computer science minor. She joined Intel Corporation in Hillsboro as an international logistics project manager/analyst. She now does part-time demographic research and trade area mapping for commercial real estate firms, working from home. Elaine is traveling this month on her second humanitarian trip to Uzhhorod, Ukraine.

Bill was born in Ipswich, SD, and raised in Bend where his family owned a motel and an accounting office. He attended First Presbyterian Church of Bend. He served in the U.S. Air Force before joining Intel Corp. He is a product program manager in the LAN Access Division in Hillsboro. Bill is working on a management degree at Marylhurst University. He is a licensed glider pilot and regularly goes sailing.

The family lives in Forest Heights and enjoys spending time at Elaine's folks' cabin at Camp Sherman in Central Oregon. They have a four year-old Yorkshire terrier named Andrew.

Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to participate in a pastor-led Bible study on the first Tuesday of each month, October through June. For 2011-12, the study will begin on Tuesday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m., with a coffee and light snack get-together beginning at 10 a.m. Generally our pastors take turns leading the study, which is commissioned and published by Horizons magazine for Presbyterian Women. Copies of the study will be available in the church office in September for \$8.50.

The 2011-12 study is "Confessing the Beatitudes," authored by Margaret Aymer, associate professor of New Testament at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The topic of the Beatitudes was chosen by the Bible Study Committee of the Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women, with the intent that it focus on connecting faith with daily life, and that it address directly some of the most difficult issues facing the world today. The author was chosen a year later, had 16 months to develop a first draft. The study was field-tested in 12 churches across the United States, with resulting comments and reactions used to produce the final study.

Please join us for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship.

Pancake Breakfast for Youth Mission



Pancake Breakfast

Calling the Valley Congregation and Friends: Join us on **Sunday, October 2** in Davis Hall/Gym for a breakfast of pancakes and syrup, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee, and tea. Breakfast will be served from 9-10 a.m. and from 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 a person or \$15 a family. All proceeds will

benefit the Youth Mission Fund, supporting next summer's youth mission events. Come support youth mission and enjoy a delicious breakfast with fabulous company.

Gamble Library news



School is starting, fall is coming, and as life slows down from summer activities, this is a good time to check out interesting reads in the church library. New titles are arriving each month, and there is something to interest everyone. Some new titles include *The God of Second Chances*, by Erik Kolbell; *Good Mourning*, by Allan H. Cole, Jr.; and *The Will of God in an Unwilling World*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Why not stop in, look around, and check out a book when you are in the church building?

Book Discussion Group

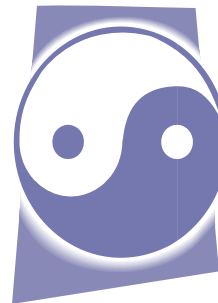
The Book Discussion Group will meet on Friday, September 23, at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The book being discussed this month is *Shanghai Girls: A Novel*, by Lisa See. All are welcome to join this lively and fun group. Remember to bring your own coffee along with your remarks about the book.



Wheelchair area available in Sanctuary

A new wheelchair access area in the Sanctuary is completed and ready for use. Under the leadership of Steve Rees, a committee has created an area for two wheelchairs on the east side of the sanctuary. We hope that this will make it more convenient for those who attend worship and need special seating.

The G.R.A.C.E. of Tai Chi



Tai Chi offers an opportunity to participate in G.R.A.C.E.—being Grounded, Relaxed, Aware, Centered, and Energized.

Come join us for this gentle exercise program that promotes wellness and relaxation, and at the same time, helps strengthen muscles and improve flexibility. Tai chi class at Valley gives us a chance to take a deep breath and slow down, so that we can keep moving!

Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings, 10-11 a.m., or Thursday evenings, 7-8 p.m. Feel free to come once or twice a week, whatever fits your schedule. In September, we will begin learning a new sequence, so this is a great time to give tai chi a try. Questions? Contact Diane Harris, dianeharris@mac.com.

Children's Ministry

Register children Sept. 11:

On Kick-Off Sunday, September 11, please plan to come to the Children's Ministries table in Davis Hall after the 10 a.m. service to register children in nursery through fifth grade for all of the upcoming Children's Ministries classes and events. Sunday School begins September 18 (see letter below).

Letter from Mrs. Gold to children age 3 to grade 5

Hi kids:

Hope you've had a fun-filled, carefree summer. We had a fabulous Vacation Bible School in July. We're certainly looking forward to autumn. On September 18, all kids from Pre-K (age three years as of September 1) through fifth grade are invited back to Sunday School during the 10 a.m. Worship Hour. All children will begin worship with their families in the Sanctuary. Just after *Time with the Young Church*, we'll proceed to *Music Time* with Miss Amy in Armitage Hall. Simply follow your classroom Shepherd with the color coded flag: Pre-K (lilac), Kindergarten (blue), First Grade (green), Second Grade (yellow), Third Grade (orange), Fourth Grade (red), and Fifth Grade (maroon). The Pre-K kids will proceed to Classroom 4 for a Bible story, light snack and simple arts/craft activity. Kindergarten through Fifth Grades will follow their Shepherds into class groups in the East Wing of the Church for the Bible Story and Computer, Cooking, Crafts, Discovery/Science or Drama groups.

I'm happy to report that AmyAnn Green, our church bookkeeper, told me that some of the children continued giving offering envelopes during the months of July and August even though Sunday School was not meeting those months. It is great that you are so committed to helping do God's work through Valley Church in this manner. If anyone needs a box of offering envelopes, please let me know.

I look forward to serving you and your families in the coming season.

In Christ,

Kay Hope Gold, Director of Children's Ministries

Calling all acolytes for Sept. 25

ACOLYTES



Children in grades 2-5 may serve as acolytes, worship leaders who assist the pastors. At Valley, the acolytes assist in worship by lighting the candles and pouring water into the baptismal font. Acolytes may also choose to read a prayer from time to time. All acolytes—new and seasoned—are invited to an Acolyte Workshop to learn more about our worship, the role of an acolyte, the vestment

(acolyte robe), and the symbolism of the light and water. Join Kristina Kurtz and Pastor Rebecca in the Fireside Room, following worship on Sunday, September 25. We'll serve pizza, veggies, and cookies for lunch (You may donate \$3 for lunch, if you wish) right after worship, and we will finish the workshop at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please RSVP to Rebecca in the church office if your child plans to attend. Thank you!

Children and Youth Choirs begin in October

Valley offers choirs for children beginning at age four all the way through 12th grade. Handbell Choir is offered beginning in second grade. Choirs this year will begin as follows:

Cherub Choir (age 4- 1st grade) Wednesday, 5-5:45 p.m., beginning October 19

King's Kids Choir (2nd-5th) Wednesday, 5-6 p.m., beginning October 19

Royal Ringers Bell Choir (2nd-5th) beginning October 19 (time TBA)

Youth Choir (6th-12th) beginning Sunday, October 3, 5-6 p.m.

Youth Bell Choir (6th-12th) starting date and time TBA

For more information, contact Children's Music Director, Amy Rheingans, at amy@valleycommunity.org.

Youth Ministries

Youth & Families Fall Kick-off Picnic- 9.11.11, 5:30 p.m.

On Kick-off Sunday, September 11 join us for a picnic at Raleigh Park. All youth in 6th-12th grades and their families are encouraged to attend. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck picnic; all families are asked to bring 1-2 dishes to share. The church will provide plates, napkins, utensils, drinks, and ice. In addition to enjoying a meal and fellowship together, we will kick off the new semester of youth programs, mission projects, retreats, and more! There will be games and mixers, sign-up sheets and forms, and a preview of the fall youth calendars. Youth will also meet our new Youth Advisors who will be volunteering with Middle School L.I.F.E. and High School FAMILY this school year. Join us to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Please RSVP to Rebecca in the church office if you and your family plan to attend.

High School FAMILY

Friendly, Authentic, Meaningful, Inclusive, Loving Youth

Come join the FAMILY this fall! We will begin meeting primarily on Sunday nights, beginning September 18. Each Sunday, the Youth House will open at 6 p.m. (following Youth Choir, which begins October 2) for **Open House**: free time for fellowship, games, homework/studying, naps, etc. **FAMILY Time** will be from 7-9 p.m., including dinner, games, and program. Our fall program will be on Christian Community and Peacemaking, primarily using I & II Corinthians.

Additionally, for six weeks this fall (October 4- November 8), we will have a High School Bible Study on Tuesday nights at the Youth House, 6-7 p.m. The fall study will be an overview of the Old Testament.

Two fall retreats are planned: A FAMILY Retreat for Valley youth, October 8-9, and Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly (CPYA)- the fall presbytery retreat for High School youth, November 18-20. For more information, please talk to Rebecca in the church office.

High School Youth Mission Trip Reflections

Many things—both uplifting and challenging—filled our high school mission trip this year: new friends, power tools, storms, Bananagrams, dirt and grime, fresh paint, gravel, strep throat, exhaustion, group discussions, s'mores around the campfire, hard work, and smiles. Through it all, we knew that God was with us, encouraging and uplifting us. We are also grateful for the prayers and support of this congregation as we seek to serve God by serving others.

We left Portland for Louisville, Kentucky on June 18. We spent our first night at Douglass Boulevard Christian Church and worshiped there on Sunday morning. Then, after a trip out on the Ohio River on the Belle of Louisville, we set out for Cedar Ridge Camp, a Presbyterian camp and retreat center east of Louisville. We spent the rest of our week there, doing a lot of physical work and manual labor to make the camp a more beautiful and usable place for the many children, youth, and adults who will come to grow in their faith and experience God in that place. Each evening, we had our own group time which included Scripture readings and discussion about how God was at work in our lives. Our theme for the week was "Let It Be Me." We talked about God providing for us as we served, answering God's call, and being open to the ways God might be transforming us and those we served.

We took a couple of outings throughout the week, at the end of our work days. We visited Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and talked about Christian vocation and how all of us are called to a life of service that glorifies God no matter what profession or career we may choose or do. We are called to honor and serve God in our work and play, in our thought and action, and in our private and public relationships. We went out for ice cream one evening and got "caught" in a serious rainstorm. At the end of the week, we were able to visit the headquarters of our Presbyterian denomination—the PC(USA)—and see how the many ministries are inter-connected.

At the end of our week, all of the youth took some time to reflect on the week of service as we headed home. To read all of their reflections and to view photos from the trip, stop by the youth bulletin boards in the hallway near the Fireside Room. As always, the youth are grateful for the support of this congregation through fundraisers, financial contributions, the Mission Endowment Fund, and your prayers! Thank you!

Middle School L.I.F.E. -

Living In Faith Everyday

In addition to all of the kick-off events, Middle School L.I.F.E. (Living In Faith Every Day) will take place on three Wednesdays this month: September 14, 21, and 28. This fall, we will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Youth House. The first Wednesday of each month, we will have dinner (Bring \$3, as you are able); on other Wednesdays, we will have snacks. Families will be asked to bring snacks for the group once each semester. Friends are always welcome at the Youth House. Also, mark your calendars now for the fall presbytery retreat, Middle School Mania, October 14-16. Forms and payment for the retreat are due to Rebecca or Kate **no later than Friday, September 16!** If you have questions talk to Rebecca.

Youth Ministries Cont.

Middle School Mission Camp Reflections

Serving God by serving others was the main purpose of the Middle School Mission Camp this summer. A group of Middle School youth headed to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salem for a week of service in Salem and Portland. With several other youth groups from our presbytery, the Middle School youth participated in “City Camp,” a mission camp designed to provide outreach to people in the city, right where we are. The youth served at a number of agencies and facilities, including Kairos Soup Kitchen (Salem), Adopt-A-Street, Portland Rescue Mission, Blanchet House, Fish Emergency Services, two assisted living facilities, and the community gardens at the Oregon School for the Deaf.

In addition to service, there was also plenty of time for fun. The youth enjoyed meals together, played games, tie-dyed, and participated in a low ropes course. Each evening, the whole camp met for singing and a keynote speech; then the youth broke out into small groups for community building and discussion. Many of the Valley youth formed friendships with other youth in the presbytery. It was a wonderful week for service, outreach, fellowship, and friends.

Here are some of the reflections from the youth themselves:

“Within three hours of the start of camp, we split into groups and entered several vans, headed off to community service. My group was sent to clean up the street: Sunnyside Road. This was adopted by Westminster Presbyterian Church of Salem through the Adopt-A-Street program. As we marched down the mile long road, we tossed rubber, cigarette pieces, and other miscellaneous objects into the garbage bags. This whole experience has brought me closer to the friends at Valley and to God.” ~ Lizzy Gazeley, rising 7th grader

“It really touched me when we went to the soup kitchen on Sunday. First we made the food that was going to be served; then we sat with the homeless people as they ate. At first it was a little awkward, but once we started talking, we learned that they really weren’t so different from us.” ~ Addy Pratt, rising 9th grader

“We served at the Portland Rescue Mission. This was really neat because they have two really helpful programs for homeless people. They serve breakfast and dinner to people, as well as allowing them to watch a half hour of news. Then they have a lottery system to give 50 beds to people [for the night]. Their second program was to rehabilitate 30 men who live upstairs and work. We did some of the work, scrubbing stairs, rooms, and other areas. It was really great to do God’s work for these men and make their lives easier.” ~ Jessica Stewart, rising 9th grader

“One of the service projects my group did was going to Fish Emergency Services [in Portland]. Here they give clothes and food to homeless people. We sorted out the Oregon Zoo’s Lost and Found. We found lots of umbrellas. Then a few of us watched interviews with the homeless. Then we got a tour of the basement where the food was stored. It was really cool knowing we helped someone.” ~ Sarah Blair, rising 8th grader

“One mission really stood out to me, which was the Blanchet House. Going to the Blanchet House was not my first choice. Once I got there, my nerves were questioned with fear, and whether to be shy or to be my crazed self. So the main director, Rich, had us line up to wash our hands, and then put gloves on and gave us all jobs. My job was to cut veggies and make a huge salad. My next job was to serve the homeless with the provided food. I enjoyed being able to see what manners the people had- they have more manners than any of us. They are more thankful than any of us because what they get [to eat] is what the Blanchet House has- and they always need it even if they don’t want it.” ~ Audrey Keim, rising 7th grader

“City Camp was a place to help the community of others. My group went to many stations, but Southern Hills, a retirement community, was—in my opinion—the most interesting. We were scheduled to deliver Bags of Kindness we had made, and when there weren’t enough to distribute, we passed out phone books instead. It was fun, and it really helped out the elderly people.” ~ Emma Weightman, rising 7th grader

“On Wednesday, all 60 of us went to help in the garden of the Oregon School for the Deaf. The Marion-Polk Food Share grows vegetables and foods for people in need of nourishment. Some of us planted corn, some planted squash, and some weeded. I think this experience bonded us, and we learned what a work ethic is. We had to just put our heads down and work.” ~ Laura Tuazon, rising 7th grader

Valley Officers installed



Elder David Marquis



Elder Hannah Pyle



Elder Marilyn Hartzell



Elder Marie Bird



Elder Carol Powers



Elder Marcia Sanderman



Elder Cathy Bernhard



Elder Alisha Killian



Deacon Kathy Martchenke



Deacon Amy Henning-Blair



Deacon Virginia Grubb



Deacon Frank Powers



Deacon Laura Sanders



Deacon Cheryl Sloan-Rees



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4 8:30a Worship 9:30a Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00a Worship 11:15a Coffee Fellowship	5 Labor Day Holiday - Church Building Closed	6 10:00a Tai Chi Class 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:30p Ping Pong for Seniors 7:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30p Sanctuary Choir	7 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics 12:00p Wednesday Adult Education 2:30p Ping Pong for Seniors 7:00p Liturgical Arts Comm.	8 10:00a Alanon 10:00a Piecemakers 10:00a Tai Chi Class 5:00p Ping Pong for Seniors 6:00p Worship Committee 7:00p Tai Chi Class	9 8:00a Women's Aerobics 2:30p Ping Pong for Seniors	10 8:30a Women's Aerobics 3:30p Eagle Scout Court of Honor
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Valley Notes

Opportunities

Consider singing with Valley's Sanctuary Choir this fall! Visit the Choir table at Kick-Off Sunday, September 11 to learn more. You're welcome to visit any Thursday rehearsal at 7:15 p.m., beginning September 15 (or the special Tuesday, September 6 rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.). The choir will sing on Sunday September 11.

Would you like to build with Habitat for Humanity? Valley will be taking part in two Habitat for Humanity builds - October 8 and November 19. The Valley group will be working with Lake Grove Presbyterian Church on the "Faith Build" house at Ramble Glen. For information or to sign up, contact Chuck Falconer at chuckf@clankeith.com.

The next Valley Red Cross Blood Drive is on Wednesday, September 14, 2-7 p.m. To help save lives, sign up at coffee fellowship hour with Valley Deacons.

Nursery volunteers needed - While many Valley members have been staffing the Nursery for children ages up to 3 on Sundays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., there is still a need for more to take a turn every three months or be on the substitute list. Please contact Donna Rueff, coordinator.

Volunteer Kitchen Coordinator needed: The person in the Kitchen Coordinator position is responsible for ordering supplies for coffee and tea service and other basic kitchen supplies. Monitor the kitchens on a regular basis to make sure regular maintenance has been done and arrange for work that is needed. Time involved: 1-2 hours per month. This would be a great opportunity to work as a team. Please contact Marcia Sanderman, Fellowship Elder, if you are interested.

Congratulations

to Margaret Maves who received a surprise award at the recent LPGA Golf Tournament for her outstanding contributions to the Tournament Golf Foundation and the tournament for the past 40 years.

to Ann Johnson who was elected to the Hall of Fame of the Federation of U.S. Teachers and Adjudicators of Highland Dance recently. Ann has served in many capacities for the federation including national president for six years. She has operated a highland dance studio since 1974.

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns: Evelyn Page, Larry Hawkins, Evelyn Monson, Pat Monson, Susan Reichard, Charlene Stansbury, Renn Sanderman, Daryl Duncan, Isabelle Adams and Sandy Cundiff.

We pray for those who mourn: Sherrie James and family on the death of Lee James on August 24. His memorial service was at Valley on August 28.

We pray for Jesse Montes and family as they prepare for mission work.

We pray for Craig Roberts as he begins a new ministry position. He and his family have moved to California.



John Kreitzer and Ron Leland enjoy coffee and fellowship at the Early Bird Coffee time in the library before 10 a.m. worship.

Youth Breakfast Club begins September 18

The Sunday morning schedule for Valley Youth (6th-12th grades) will be a bit different this fall. Each Sunday, we will open the Youth House at 9 a.m. for **Breakfast Club**, a time for doughnuts, bagels and check-in with friends. Youth are encouraged to come when they can, for up to 45 minutes before worship. **Worship** begins at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with the congregation. This fall, Sunday School will not be offered for youth during worship; instead youth are encouraged to sit together in the balcony with Kate White, if they choose. Youth will also be encouraged to participate in worship as liturgists, musicians, etc.



Peacemaking Offering

World Communion Sunday.....October 2

The God who grants peace and wholeness calls Christians to understand and address the root causes of violence and injustice so that we may share in mending the brokenness that exists in our increasingly fragmented world. Peacemaking is the human response to God's gift of peace giving.

Offering envelopes for this special offering can be found in offering boxes, in the pews, and at the Sept. 11 Kick-Off Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.

Red Cross Blood
Drive
September 14



Sign up at coffee
hours.



Up to three people
may be helped with
each pint of blood
collected.



Please help if you
can.

Kickoff Sunday

September 11, 2011



Valley Ministries will be on display, including:

- Children's and youth ministries
- Missions and outreach
- Adult Education
- Quilters
- Music Ministries
- And so much more!



Come and see what our family of faith is doing in the community and how you and your family might get involved! Registration will be open for children's, youth, and music programs.

It is also Bring a Friend to Church Day

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