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# The Messenger

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Valley Community Presbyterian Church March 2016

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## Sundays at Valley

Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.  
Early Coffee in Library, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Funday, 10:20 a.m.  
Open Nursery, 9:45 to 11:15 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

## March

**6** Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Communion  
Extend the Table, 11:30 a.m.

**13** Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Annual Congregational  
Meeting, 11:00 a.m.  
Session Meeting with New  
Members, 11:15 a.m.

**20** Passion/Palm Sunday  
Dining for Women Meeting,  
11:30 a.m.

**27** Easter Sunday  
Easter Worship, 8:00 a.m. and  
10:00 a.m.

## April

**3** Communion  
Extend the Table, 11:30 a.m.

## *Holy Week and Easter at Valley*

### *Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20*

Worship begins as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and mark the beginning of Holy Week. Palm branches will celebrate the procession. Worship will center on gospel readings and anthem. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is received during worship.

### *Maundy Thursday, March 24*

Remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples and celebrate the Eucharist around tables in Davis Hall. A simple dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner, we will remain in Davis Hall to celebrate the Lord's Last Supper in scripture and music.

### *Good Friday, March 25*

For personal reflection: Remember Jesus' last hours and events leading to his crucifixion. This somber and contemplative time is to help us focus on the Passion of Christ and his sacrifice for us.

### *Easter Sunday, March 27*

On Easter morning, we celebrate the resurrection with two services this year.

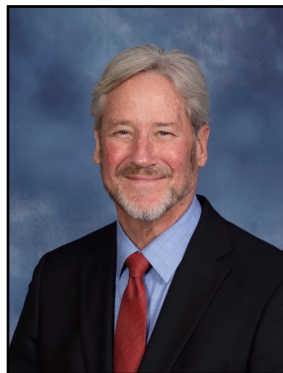
- ◆ **8:00 and 10:00 a.m.** services will include music from the combined Chancel, Youth and King's Kids Choirs, organ and trumpet. Worship will be full of "Alleluias" as we celebrate the risen Christ.
- ◆ **9:00 a.m. Egg fun!** Children age one to 12 and their families are invited to the gym for brunch followed by an Easter egg hunt in the church building at 9:15 a.m.



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## Pastor's Column



Pastor Ben Paroulek

### *Remember New Beginnings?*

Three years ago Valley embarked on a journey, a journey to get our bearings for future ministry.

We studied neighborhood demographics, surveyed the congregation, and conducted focus groups. We wanted to discover how we should reach out and serve God and neighbor. One of the ideas that came up during this self-study was to consider how we could partner with other local Presbyterian churches for a more vital and fulfilling ministry.

Some of you have probably heard that our Session received a letter from four members of Valley and four members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church requesting that the two churches consider merging. St Andrew's is located three miles due east of Valley. Session's response to the letter (October meeting) was to request that elders work with their committees to look for some collaboration opportunities. Some exciting and creative ideas emerged, but none have been put in motion yet.

The most dramatic idea that came up, sparked by the New Beginnings discussions, was to consider a merger with St. Andrew's. We must understand that a full merger of Presbyterian congregations is a multi-phase process involving votes of both congregations and participation of Presbytery. Session did not want to start down this path immediately. Recently there was a vote at St. Andrew's congregational meeting to explore the suggestions of the letter more formally. Our leaders will present more information at the congregational meeting on March 13. In the meantime, please talk with me or any elder serving on Session if you have questions or comments.

This concept will dredge up a lot of emotion at both Valley and St. Andrew's. Rest assured that our deliberations will certainly be conducted with order, transparency, and consideration for feelings. I do know that God has faithfully guided Valley in the past and will continue to lead us into the future.

In God's Grace,

*Ben Paroulek*

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## Mission Endowment Applications due April 1



April 1st is the Spring application deadline for grants from Valley's Mission Endowment Fund. The Mission Endowment Committee meets in April and May to consider applications requesting funds for mission work. Committee members review applications from both organizations and individuals, whether secular or church-related, local, national or international.

Created in 1979, the Mission Endowment Fund is an important part of Valley's mission program. Consideration is given to applications which 1) address hunger, food and health needs of people around the world, 2) assist volunteers in the mission field, 3) advance denominational programs of outreach, service and proclamation, and/or 4) assist secular and social organizations that aid in the care of people. In the past 10 years, this fund has awarded grants totaling over \$180,000 to deserving applicants.

*No applications will be accepted after the deadline.* Contact Elaine Rea at [elaine@iname.com](mailto:elaine@iname.com), visit the church office, or go to the church website:

<http://www.valleycommunity.org/mission--service/>

[stewardship.html#MissionEndowment](http://www.valleycommunity.org/mission--service/stewardship.html#MissionEndowment) for a grant application.

## Session Highlights

*February 9, 2016*

- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was called for Sunday, March 13, following Worship.
- Approved purchase of new computer for use in the church library. Book sale funds will be used for the purchase.
- May Communion date is May 8, as the Children's Musical is on May 1, the first Sunday.
- The next Deacons Red Cross Blood Drive at Valley is March 17. Deacons also reported home Communion visits.
- New members of Valley, Kent and Beth Busch, were received by reaffirmation of faith on January 12, 2016. Janice Burton was received by reaffirmation of faith September 13.
- Presbytery of the Cascades March 11-12 Meeting is at First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver WA. Session will elect two commissioners from Valley. Guests are always welcome to attend.
- The 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church (USA) is June 18-25, 2016 in Portland. There are many opportunities to volunteer at this large, national meeting. Valley has been asked to provide some home stay hosts for seminarians attending a course to be held concurrent with GA. Any who have an interest please let Carol Powers know.
- Session approved a contribution of \$222 to the General Assembly Committee on Local Arrangements for the June 18-25 national GA meeting expenses in Portland.

## Adult Education Continues

*"Illuminating Lent-A Study of the Lord's Prayer"* continues through March 20 at 9:00 a.m. in Armitage Hall.

This six-week Lenten series helps to deepen faith and enhance knowledge through the exploration of the Lord's Prayer. Each session examines a part of the prayer, its theological meanings and what it means for Christians in practical ways during Lent. Each lesson features scripture, prayer, in-depth commentary, and questions for reflection using a participants book available in the church office for \$5.00. Please join us for this opportunity to prepare our lives for Easter.



*Sunday coffee fellowship hosts appreciated. Contact Wendy Jenkins if you are able to host for a week or two (or more) this year.*

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received Palm Sunday

Since 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has been an ecumenical effort to raise funds for providing relief and reconstruction for communities across the world, and is the most participated-in offering in the PC(USA). Right now, projects supported by OGHS are underway in more than 100 countries.

Thirty-two percent of funds from OGHS are distributed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), which works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) receives 36 percent of the funds raised by OGHS, and works in the areas of international development (affecting over 308,000 people in more than 30 countries) and national development.

Self-development of Peoples (SDOP) receives 32 percent of OGHS funds, and partners with people and communities with tools for development and education across the U.S. and globally.

OGHS represents the most comprehensive ability of each of us to show God's love across the world. We can still be very active in working for justice and peace, nutrition programs, and helping the poor in our own communities, but it's important to recognize that need exists all over the earth. Please give generously!



Thank you for sending your check for **\$30.00**  
for the **2016 Per Capita (for wider church expenses)** for each Valley member.  
For more information about what per capita is, and how it helps, go to:  
[oga.pcusa.org/percapita](http://oga.pcusa.org/percapita)



## DFW Program Helps Moms and Babies

Sunday, March 20 is the next meeting of Dining for Women at Valley. Meet in the Fireside Room at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck luncheon and an educational program about this month's featured non-profit.

Learn about the New Mothers Education Project in Jalapa, Nicaragua. The project is through the Americas Association For the Care of Children (AACC). Their training program will certify ten women residing in/near Jalapa, Nicaragua as ongoing trainers providing education on prenatal care, labor and delivery, breastfeeding, the new mother's health, nutrition, and infant development in the first year of life.

Dining for Women loves this program because of its focus on reducing maternal and child mortality in isolated communities in Nicaragua. By providing trained healthcare workers and education to under-resourced communities, AACC is furthering the reach of health services, supporting mothers and vulnerable newborns and allowing women and girls in these isolated communities opportunities to improve the economic outlook for their families.

Please join us for a great potluck luncheon and a chance to change the world one meal at a time. If you have questions, please contact Ruthann Marquis at 503.297.8992.

## CROP Walk 2016 April 24

Save the Date, Sunday April 24 to walk with Team Valley Pres. Here's the link to register or donate: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/portlandor>. Our 2016 goal is \$2,000. Of the total raised, 25% is kept here in Portland and split between Partners For a Hunger Free Oregon and NE Emergency Food Bank. The remaining 75% is used by Church World Services to fight hunger, thirst and injustice throughout the world.



*The Youth Handbell Choir played for the congregation during a meaningful Youth Sunday.*

## Food Pantry Collections Needed

March: Non-perishable food items for the St. Matthew's Food Pantry (SCAT). Valley has partnered with SCAT for the past several years to provide food for Project Back, the General Food Pantry, and Valley volunteers who distribute food on the third, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month. SCAT delivers 5-7 days worth of nutritious food and basic household items tailored to meet specific dietary needs of low-income residents referred by Care to Share (CTS) or Oregon Food Bank (OFB). Delivery services are intended for those who are elderly, ill, disabled or without transportation. Please bring canned, boxed, and bagged (NO GLASS or homemade) items to the bins by the Fireside Room or the Barrel in Davis Hall for coffee hour. The need is great, and your Mission Committee thanks you for all your continued support.

## Lunch with Oregon author Jane Kirkpatrick



**Saturday, April 30, 11:30 a.m. in Armitage Hall**

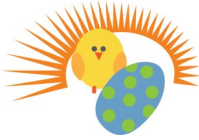
***Benefit the Valley Community Presbyterian Church quilt ministry***

Best-selling, award-winning Oregon author Jane Kirkpatrick will join Valley members and friends right here at Valley on April 30 for "Stitching Stories," a lively presentation about the power of story. Jane has 24 novels and five non-fiction titles to her credit, including her newest title published in September 2015, *The Memory Weaver*. Some of those titles will be available for purchase and signing at the luncheon. Her historical novels are based primarily on the lives of actual people and reflect much of the richness of culture in the Pacific Northwest. Her stories speak to timeless themes of hardiness, faith, commitment, hope, and love.

Tickets will be available for purchase in advance of the luncheon. Proceeds will benefit Valley's quilt ministry, which, for over ten years, has been providing our high school seniors with beautiful quilts as a gift from the congregation as we send them out into the next phase of their journey. Watch the eBlast, bulletin, and April Messenger for details or talk with Ruthann Marquis or any of Valley's quilters for more information.

Jane Kirkpatrick spent 17 years working with Native American families on the Warm Springs Reservation as a mental health and early childhood specialist. She and her husband, Jerry, also spent 26 years ranching along the lower John Day River. They now live on small acreage between Bend and Redmond. You can learn more about Jane and her books at [www.jkbooks.com](http://www.jkbooks.com).

## Eggcelent Easter



Join us on Easter Sunday, March 27, for an “eggcelent” Easter egg hunt between worship services. Brunch is provided upstairs in the gym at 9:00 a.m. for families; we will announce age groups for the egg hunt at 9:15 a.m., moving to various spots around the church. Bring a basket to collect eggs, and get ready to have “eggtra” Easter fun! Free event, kids ages 1-12 welcome, must be accompanied by an adult.

### March 2016 Valley Kids Events

- 6:** Extend the Table at 11:45 a.m.
- 13:** Sunday Funday during 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 17:** Maundy Thursday Worship and Soup Dinner, 6:00 p.m. in the Gym
- 20:** Palm Sunday– special activity in Worship; kids arrive at 9:50 a.m. to wave palms
- 27:** Easter Sunday! Worship at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., with a brunch in the gym and Easter egg hunt for ages 1-12 at 9:15 a.m.

## Youth Lead at Valley



The Valley Youth Ministry is so grateful for a church family that encourages us. Although we are young and are learning more every day, you all give us the opportunity to lead in Worship, other church ministries and around our community on a regular basis. February 28 was Youth Sunday, and we had another opportunity to learn and lead. Thank you! We are learning skills that (we are told) benefit God’s World now and in the future. Thanks for supporting us through your time, prayers, encouragement, friendship, gifts, and words of wisdom. To God be the Glory!

### Valley Youth Events - March 2016

- 6:** Extend the Table lunch + Bible chat, 11:45 a.m. in Armitage Hall
- 17:** Maundy Thursday Worship + Soup Dinner, 6:00 p.m. in the Gym
- 20:** Palm Sunday: Arrive at 9:50 a.m. to help the little kids wave palms
- 27:** Easter Sunday! Worship at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., youth-led parts!

*Right: Valley Youth lead the congregation in singing on Youth Sunday.*



## Valley Christian Preschool

February was a busy month for our school full of young, eager learners! We all celebrated Valentine’s Day with gestures of love, friendship and lots of sweet cards. And we engaged in diverse imaginative play – the 2s and 2 ½s sent pretend emails and sold goods a Cocoa Café; the 3s processed and delivered scores of postal service envelopes to eager recipients, and the 4s explored the many ways we organize our homes and households.

Enrollment for Fall 2016 continues, and our classes are filling! If you know of a family looking for a great preschool program, please encourage them to visit our website at [www.valleychristianpreschool.com](http://www.valleychristianpreschool.com), or contact Kristina Kurtz, VCP Director.

Look for these upcoming events:

- \* No school (teacher training day) Tues. March 1
- \* No school during Spring Break (March 21-25.)



Valley Christian Preschool welcomes children ages 2-5 years.

Enrollment is underway for Fall 2016!

Contact Kristina Kurtz at 503.292.3537 or [kristina@valleycommunity.org](mailto:kristina@valleycommunity.org) for more information.

Join us!

## Valley Notes

### Thanks

Thank you to all those who visited, brought food, and sent prayers, cards, and good thoughts to me after my hospital visit. Your support warmed my heart and made each day better than the last.

Blessings, Pat Bird

Dear Valley,

On behalf of all the family of Gwen Burns, we sincerely thank you for the many hours you spent helping plan all the details for our Mother's Memorial Service! We so appreciate the army of volunteers who humbly served on the day of the memorial! You have tremendously blessed us, as well as all the friends who came to honor her that day. Please know that you have been the "Hands of Christ" to all of us, by the Love you so unselfishly share. Our Mom, Gwen, loved each of you so very much! She is waiting to see each of you again, to celebrate with you together in the Lord's presence!

*"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn His face towards you, and give you His peace."*  
Numbers 6:24-26

In Our Precious Lord's Love, and with Much Gratitude,

The Gwen Burns Family (Scott, Bruce, Heather, and Families)

**Sock it to 'em!** In January we collected 224 pairs of socks for the homeless. Way to go Valley! These were delivered in early February to Sonrise SOS Shelter, Night Strike, and Night Watch, all programs who aid our area's homeless. Thank you for your generosity.

### Opportunities

**Deacons Red Cross Blood Drive,** Thursday, March 17 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Contact Bonnie Reeder for questions or to sign up!

**The Bible Book of the Month:** All are encouraged to read and study a specific book of the Bible and then gather to discuss it together. The Bible Book of the Month for March is *Luke*.

#### Flowers for church entry:

*Some flowers are red  
And others are blue.  
The flowers you bring,  
Though not a duty,  
Give the entry a special  
beauty.  
Pick a Sunday date and  
Sign the calendar now.*

**Order Lilies for Easter** in honor or memory of a loved one. You may make a donation of \$15.00 for each lily ordered. Please indicate "lilies" on your check with the name you wish to honor, and place the envelope in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Donations and names must be in the office by Monday, March 21.

### Prayers

**We celebrate** with the family of Josephine Zella Evans-Peters, born February 19, 2016 to Graham and Sara Evans-Peters. Proud grandparents are Ben and Suzanne Paroulek.

**We pray for those with health concerns:** Kelly Kenworthy-Heerlein (Shirley Anderson's niece), Georgia Hoffbeck, Katie Simenson, Patricia Skyler (Jan Falconer's sister)

#### **We pray for those who mourn:**

The Killian family on the death of their mother, Karen Killian. A memorial service was held at Valley on Saturday, February 13.



*Above and below: Valley High School Youth give the sermon on Youth Sunday. Middle School and High School Youth greeted, ushered, shared music, led the congregation in prayer, preached and more! See p. 5*



*High School Youth shares his musical talent on Youth Sunday.*

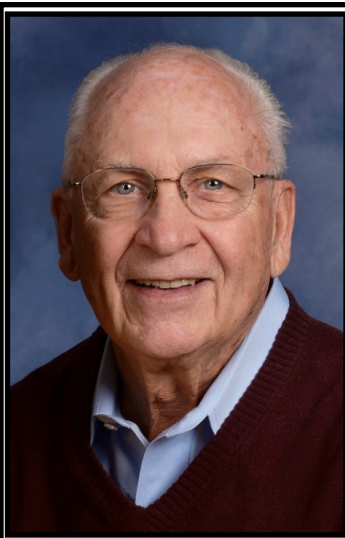
## Community Service Awards Breakfast March 12

*Meet members of police, sheriff and fire departments. Valley's Woman of the Year, Barbara Symons and Man of the Year, Jim Sandberg will also receive awards. See below.*

Everyone is invited to the annual Community Service Awards Breakfast on Saturday, March 12 at 9:00 a.m. for an inspiring and enjoyable morning. The celebration begins with the popular pancake and sausage breakfast in Davis Hall/Gym, prepared and served by the Men of Valley at no charge.

Awards for community service will be presented to members of the Washington County Sheriff's Department, Beaverton Police Department, and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue. Recipients of these awards have shown outstanding achievements in their departments. It's an opportunity for our congregation to become acquainted with members of these public service organizations and to thank them.

The annual Valley Awards are given in memory of Jack Burns.



### Jim Sandberg, Man of Year 2016

Jim has been a member of Valley since 1973 when he moved from Chicago to Portland for what he thought was a two-year assignment with Tektronix. Within a few months Pastor Jim Mead asked him and Karen if they would consider being advisors to the new Seekers College Age Group. That was the

start of his commitment to youth ministry and also lifelong relationships with young people who are now grandparents themselves!

Jim has served the church as an elder with responsibility for Communication and Connection and Deacon which included communion preparation, home communion, memorial receptions and congregational dinners. He has loved his relationship with youth, serving as an Advisor with Karen to the high school youth group and participating in mission trips to California and Washington and weekend retreats. Jim is currently serving as chair of the Memorial & Gift Committee and heads one of our usher teams.

Close friendships have been developed through his participation in the Navigator Mariner Ship and he has helped with the Soup Kitchen and Upward Basketball program.

In his spare time he volunteers in the third grade reading program at Ridgewood Elementary School and the fourth grade math program at Terra Linda Elementary. He enjoys fly fishing, tying flies, and participating in the Washington County Fly Fishing Club.

Jim and Karen have been married 53 years and they are proud of their children and families, which include three grandsons who are in college.



### Barbara Symons, Woman of Year 2016

Barbara and Ron Symons joined Valley Community Presbyterian Church in 1964 while Dr. Gamble was serving as pastor. Barbara and Ron's children, Stuart and Sharon, were five and three at the time. Ron soon began volunteering in the Valley High

School Program.

In 1966, a group of Valley Highs joined other teenagers from Presbyterian churches in Oregon on an overseas Heritage trip and visited nine countries. Chaperones for the group of 30 young people were Ron and Barbara Symons and Jack and Gwen Burns.

When Valley Church sponsored a trip for 256 local Presbyterians to Jordan, Israel, and Italy in 1973, the Burns and Symons took on the leadership roles in planning and directing this trip and another large group tour in 1976.

In 1980 and 1984, Ron and Barbara Symons and Heather Burns planned Presbyterian Heritage trips to the Passion Play in Germany and visits to missions in Korea, China and Japan.

For the past 45 plus years, Barbara Symons has been the designer and creator of the glass display case in the lower hallway of Valley Community Presbyterian Church near the library. She changes the case multiple times during each year to feature highlights in the life of Valley Church. The displays have been enjoyed by many through the years.

**Youth Sunday (See p. 5)**



*The King's Kids Choir, Cherub Choir, and Valley Kids present special music, "God is a Part of My Life" during Youth Sunday.*



*The Sunday 6:08 Band and Valley Youth lead the congregation in song.*



*Second graders are presented Bibles by High School Youth.*



*A High School Youth reads scripture.*



# March 2016

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME DATED MATERIAL

### Community Service Awards Breakfast

March 12 at 9:00 a.m.



All are invited to a free  
pancake and sausage  
breakfast in Davis Hall/  
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Come greet members of the  
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