


The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church June 2016

Sundays at Valley

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

June

5 Communion
Extend the Table, 11:30 a.m.

12 Congregational Meeting
Session Meeting with New
Members, 11:15 a.m.

19 Father's Day
Guest preacher,
The Rev. Dr. James McDonald
General Assembly guests lunch
with Valley congregation

26 Children's Music and Drama
musical
Dining for Women Meeting,
11:30 a.m.

July

3 Communion



SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Guest Preacher:
The Rev. Dr. James McDonald,
president of San Francisco
Theological Seminary. (see p. 2)

Valley Welcomes General Assembly
(GA) Visitors to Join us
in Worship and Lunch

Lunch for Both Valley Family
and GA Visitors –
All are Invited!



General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The biennial meeting is June 18-25 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Commissioners and advisory delegates from the 172 Presbyteries as well as observers from around the world will be attending. About 50 guests from the meeting have been invited to Valley for worship and lunch with our members. (more on p. 2)



SUMMER EVENTS AT VALLEY
(see p. 12 and Valley's website for more information)



Dr. James McDonald Preaches at Valley June 19



Dr. McDonald has accepted the invitation to preach at Valley's worship service on June 19 while he is in Portland attending General Assembly. Valley members will have a chance to meet him when he is at Valley that day.

The Rev. Dr. James McDonald is president of San Francisco Theological Seminary. Before taking on his responsibilities as president in July 2011, Jim worked for 13 years at Bread for the World in Washington, DC. He also served several congregations in Philadelphia, PA, Bloomington, IN, and in the Washington, DC area. His wife, Dean, is also a Presbyterian minister. They have three grown children.

Before he arrives in Portland, Jim will attend the 10th annual Hanshin Theological Symposium in Gangwan-do, outside Seoul, Korea where he will lecture and preach several times.

222nd General Assembly (2016) Presbyterian Church (USA) June 18-25, in Portland



Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 171 PC(USA) presbyteries, along with other participants and observers from around the world, will converge on the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) in downtown Portland for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering.

Hosted by the Presbytery of the Cascades and united under the theme "The Hope in Our Calling," from Ephesians 1:18, the General Assembly will include

rich worship services, the election of the Moderator, action on a plethora of overtures, and much more. View the [proposed docket](#).



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Welcome Our Visitors June 19



Message from Valley's Fellowship Ministry

June 19 is a big day at Valley! Not only is it Father's Day, but it is also the Sunday that we are hosting 50 delegates from the General Assembly to join us in worship and to join us for lunch. The Fellowship Ministry

has planned a wonderful lunch for our congregation - and our guests following our worship service up in Davis Hall.

Help is needed for dessert. **We are asking for help with baking cookies!** We know that Valley does an outstanding job of this culinary task, and we are hoping that you dig out your favorite cookie recipe and bake a batch of your special treats to share for dessert that day! Any left overs will go toward the cookie ministry for coffee hour enjoyment in the future.

Please contact Ruthann Marquis to let her know that you are one of many members that will be baking for the event. (503.297.8992 or dracmarq@comcast.net)

Please bring your cookie contribution to the Valley kitchen in time to plate them up for our lunch, no later than 9:30 that morning of Sunday, June 19th. Many thanks!

Valley's Fellowship Ministry

Session Highlights

May 10, 2016

- **Christian Nurture for Youth** reported that about \$500 was raised for youth mission at the April pancake breakfast. The Youth House great room painting is complete. The new TV is on the way.
- **Motion by Mission Committee** was approved granting \$10,500 to organizations as proposed by the Mission Endowment Committee. The recipients will be listed in the July Messenger.

Congregational Meeting

May 15, 2016

The following new Elders and Deacons were presented by the Church Officer Nominating Committee and elected by a vote of the congregation.

Elders:

- Cathy Bernhard
- Richard Bryant
- Phil Miller
- Chery Rees
- Roger Rees
- Don Sowers
- Birgitta Carlson (Youth Elder – one year term)

Deacons:

- Marilyn Connell
- Sam Connell
- Judy Huddleston
- Bob Searce
- Fran Searce
- Gaylen Uecker
- Alex Blair (Youth Deacon – one year term)

Congregational Meeting June 12

The congregational meeting following Worship will:

- Elect members of a Pastor Nominating Committee
- Elect members of the Congregational Officer Nominating Committee
- Ordain and install Elders and Deacons for new terms

Nominees for Pastor Nominating Committee are: Shannon Pratt, David Jimerson, Jim Sandberg, Cathy Bernhard, Amy Dee, Wendy Jenkins, and Birgitta Carlson.

Nominees for Congregational Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) members: Lyle Chadwick, Kay Phillips, Karen Sandberg, and Donna Rueff. (Cheryl Rees, CONC Chair and Representative from Session and Deacon Representative Stephen Rees are also members of CONC.)

Adult Education - June

During June, the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Adult Ed classes will continue to meet in Armitage Hall to view the Great Courses videos on Great People of the New Testament. These classes are half-hour lectures by Professor Amy-Jill Levine and give many helpful and interesting insights into New Testament people.

June 5 The Good Samaritan and The Prodigal Son

June 12 The Samaritan Woman

June 19 (General Assembly visitors at Valley - **No adult class**)

June 26 Mary Magdalene

'Extend the Table' June 5

Join us Sunday, June 5 for a program with lunch and intergenerational Bible study.

All are invited!

Bible Book of the Month

The Bible Book(s) of the month for June are Philippians and Colossians. Philippians is Paul's happiest letter, and the happiness is infectious. But the qualities of the Christian life cannot be learned out of a book; something like apprenticeship is required. In Colossians, Paul makes the argument that while other historical people may be important, Jesus Christ is unique and is the center of creation and salvation.



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



Church Library News

Book Club Group

The Library Book Group meets in the Fireside Room Friday, June 24, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *A Walk in the Woods*, by Bill Bryson. The author is a most entertaining guide for a walk along the Appalachian Trail that stretches from Georgia to Maine. He introduces us to the history and ecology as well as interesting people he meets along the way. All are welcome. Remember to bring your coffee to the meeting.

Book Sale Thank You

A big *thank you!* to all who participated in the Book Sale on May 15. Whether you donated books or bought books (or both if you are like me), the sale was a success. More than \$200 was received and will be spent on new materials for the church library.

Summer in the Church Library

Summer is a great time for reading (or viewing), and new materials are being added to the church library all the time. Of special interest are many religious DVDs including ones about people of the Bible, other religions, history of the Holy Land, and other topics. Also, we have a great collection of children's books to check out for summer reading. Stop in and take a look!

Valley's 2016 Graduates Receive Quilts



High School graduates Sarah Blair, Arielle Elisara, Ashley Elisara, Jackson Pyle, Cole Cavanaugh, Ken Cavanaugh, Daniel Nyounai-Herrera, Natalie Lorati, Emilia Smart-Denson, Fan Standlee, and Amber Lee each received a quilt made especially

for them by members of the Holy Nine Patch Quilters as a gift from the congregation.

To date 22 different quilters have been involved in this ministry, and we have made 101 quilts as loving gifts from our Valley Community Church family to the high school graduates. We call ourselves the Holy Nine Patch Quilters.

Many thanks to Ruthann Marquis, Coordinator, and the Holy Nine Patch Quilters who made gift quilts for Valley's graduates this year: Fran Scarce and Cathy Bernhard, Pat Bird, Karen Sandberg, Claudia Askew, Sue Koning, Michelle Blair, Jini DeVries, Silva Kephart, Ruthann Marquis, Sue and Ariel Derting and Joann Uecker. Special thanks to Marcia Sanderman who each year creates a personalized label for each quilt and also creates a small hanging quilt for the Youth House that includes names of the graduates as well as fabric from each student's quilt.

Dining for Women Lunch June 26

Dining for Women at Valley meets on the fourth Sunday in June this month. This change allows for everyone's attendance at the lunch following worship June 19 when Valley is hosting about 50 guests from General Assembly.

June's featured non-profit is Coalition Against Trafficking in Women and Girls in Latin American and the Caribbean (CATW-LAC) in Mexico. The specific program is Access to Justice and Due Diligence for Sex Trafficking Victims.

Plan to join us on Sunday, June 26 at 11:30 in the Fireside Room for a bountiful potluck lunch, a thought provoking educational program about this non-profit and the opportunity to donate to their grant request.



Produce Table Offers Food from Gardens



The Produce Table at Valley is officially open! Granted, the offerings will be slim at the start of the growing season, but please bring a few things from your garden and stop by to see what is ready for the taking. The monetary donations made go to the Oregon Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generous offerings, both on the table and in the donation box.

Valley Christian Preschool Celebrates 20 Years



The sun is shining more often, the birds are singing, and the children are crazy with spring fever. New life is popping up all around us and it is a time of celebration. Yet, a small part of me carries a little sadness. Where has the time gone? Where are those children who walked through our doors those first days of classes last September? Those children have grown. They have grown so much, and it continues to amaze me. They have made friends, sung songs with Pastor Ben, created endless forms of art from a wide variety of materials, explored volcanoes and visited with firefighters and their awesome red truck. And now they are ready for the next step . . .

As we say our good-byes to our fours' classes, we hope wherever they go that they will take a small piece of Valley Christian Preschool with them. We hope they will come back to visit, and keep us informed of the extraordinary events that take place in their lives.

- **This summer's VCP Play Dates at Raleigh Park** provide a great opportunity to reunite with friends and play. Find friends from 10:00 a.m.-noon Thursdays June 30, July 28 and August 25.
- **Mandatory Parent Orientation** is set for Tuesday August 30, 7:00-8:00 p.m. This adult-only night showcases our staff and programs, and allows parents to meet one another class-by-class.
- **Looking forward to next year...**Classes begin September 6, 2016. There are still a few openings available. Please contact Kristina at 503.292.3537 x 146 or kristina@valleycommunity.org. And have a Happy Summer!

Musical Message by Children June 26

MUSIC AND DRAMA



Children from 2nd-8th grade will present a "musical message" on Sunday, June 26. While attending Music & Drama Camp from June 20-24, children will learn a musical which will then be presented at Courtyard Village on Friday, June 24, at 1:30 p.m. and again during worship on Sunday, June 26. For more information about Music & Drama Camp, check the church website or contact camp director Amy Rheingans at amyreingans@comcast.net.

MUSIC AND DRAMA



The King's Kids Choir presented, "Rescue in the Night: The Story of Daniel in the Lions' Den" during Sunday worship.

Valley's 2016 High School Graduates

Sarah Blair is graduating from Sunset High School, where she is Salutatorian, Student Body Vice President, was involved in Key Club, Young Life, National Honor Society, and spent lots of time in dance classes at the MAC. Sarah treasures her "second house" that is Valley, and she considers the late Gwen Burns as one of her role models. She will be attending Triennium and serving as a Small Group Leader on the youth mission trip to Pendleton this summer. Sarah will attend Santa Clara University in California this fall, majoring in Anthropology or pursuing Pre-Med.

Cole Cavanaugh is graduating from Beaverton High School, where he was active in Key Club, Student Leadership, Birthday Baskets, Band, Theatre, Science Bowl, and other activities. He appreciates the people and amazing friendships he has made at Valley. Cole will attend Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles in the fall, majoring in Sociology, Math, Philosophy, or Women's Studies.

Ken Cavanaugh is graduating from Beaverton High School, where he was involved in National Honor Society, Birthday Baskets, Science Bowl, Link Crew, Student Leadership, Key Club, and others. His favorite Valley memory is going to the beach for Confirmation Retreat. Ken will attend Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and he is interested in studying Economics and Global Development.

Arielle Elisara is graduating from Tualatin High School, where she was involved in Water Polo, Swim Team, and was a Pack Leader. She has loved all of the Valley youth mission trips, and some of her favorite memories were working with great people over the years. This summer, she will be attending Triennium and serving as a Small Group Leader on the youth mission trip to Pendleton. Arielle is attending Portland State University, where she will major in Art Practices/Graphic Design.

Ashley Elisara will graduate from Tualatin High School, where she was involved in all things Water Polo. She cherishes Valley's sense of community, and her favorite Valley memory is last summer's youth mission trip to Nicaragua. She will be attending Triennium and serving as a Small Group Leader on the youth mission trip to Pendleton this summer. Ashley will attend Azusa Pacific University, where she will play Water Polo and major in Applied Exercise Science.

Amber Lee is graduating from Beaverton High School where she played Soccer and Softball. She is looking forward to working as a camp counselor for four weeks this summer, as well as vacationing with her grandparents, Ed and Laura Sanders. She embraced the adventure of last year's youth mission trip to Nicaragua, and many great memories were made. Amber will attend Seattle University in the Fall, majoring in Environmental Science.

Natalie Lorati is graduating from Beaverton High School where she was awarded national Racquetball titles. Her favorite Valley memory is singing with Amy Rheingans and the Youth Choir at Doernbecher Children's Hospital each December. Natalie will play Racquetball at Oregon State University and plans to study Business and Finance.

Daniel Nyounai-Herrera is graduating from Wilson High School, where he was involved in Choir, A Cappella, Theatre, Swimming, Tennis, Peer Counseling, Mock Trial, and other activities. His favorite Valley memory is singing at Doernbecher Hospital with the Youth Choir, Amy and Mark. Daniel is attending Portland State University in the fall, and he plans to study Vocal Performance, Law and Psychology.

Jackson Pyle will graduate from Lincoln High School, where he played Baseball, Basketball, and Football. His favorite Valley memory is Vacation Bible School as a child. He is the grandson of Wade and Claudia Askew. Jackson will attend San Diego State University in California in the fall.

Emilia Smart-Denson will graduate from ACMA (The Arts and Communications Magnet Academy), where she is Valedictorian, Student Body President, and was heavily involved in Theater. Her favorite Valley memories include VBS and singing in the choir with Ms. Amy. Emilia will attend Syracuse University in the fall.

Fan Standlee will graduate from Tigard High School, where she played Trumpet in Band, was involved in Anime, Drawing, Martial Arts, and enjoyed her Wealth Management class. Her favorite memories of Valley are of the caring people of this church. Fan will attend Portland Community College and travel for a year or two before transferring to Western Oregon University to study Criminal Justice or Veterinary Medicine.

As a church community, may we continue to pray for and connect with these incredible 11 graduates & their families!

Valley Scrapbook



Valley's Youth Choir sing during worship.



Ruthann Marquis with a graduating high school senior who was amongst 11 students who received handmade quilts. See p. 4.



The proceeds from the annual book sale will contribute to the purchase of new items for the Gamble Library.



Left: Children gather with Laurel during The Time with the Young Church on Sunday.

Valley Scrapbook



Handmade quilts were presented to graduating high school seniors during Graduate Recognition Sunday. The students, and those who made the quilts for them, were available during coffee fellowship for people to congratulate. See p. 4



Valley Scrapbook



Some of the high school quilt recipients with their quilt makers on Graduate Recognition Sunday.



Right: Music was provided by very talented musicians on Graduate Recognition Sunday.



Left: The Youth Choir sing during Sunday worship.

Valley Notes

Opportunities

Your help is needed with freshly baked cookies for June 19 when Valley's lunch that day includes our Valley family and a large group of visitors who are in Portland attending General Assembly. (see p. 2) Many thanks!

Valley's Fellowship Ministry

Valley Habitat Build June 11... *Build with Valley friends!*

The next Habitat build day for Valley is Saturday, June 11. If you would like to take part, see Chuck Falconer or contact him at chuckf@clankeith.com.

Tai Chi continues at Valley this summer, but only on Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Drop in and join us whenever you can. Tai chi is mindfulness in action and learning to be aware of posture, presence, and balance. Questions? Contact Diane Harris at dianeharris@mac.com or 503.805.6011.

Graduation time is here! If you have graduates in your family, send information to messenger@valleycommunity.org or call the church office.

Thanks

My Dear Valley Family, I wish I could thank each and every person who helped my children and me through this extremely difficult time, but there was/is such an outpouring of love and support that it would take me years to thank everyone individually. Valley has been my second home for almost 18 years and it is all my children have ever known. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful extended family who reached out to us in many ways. Thank you, we love you all!

Angela Graham and
the Graham Family

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns: Sue Lanthrum

We pray for those who mourn:
Sheryl Poplstein on the death of her husband, Tony Poplstein.

Jill Whittaker and family on the death of her husband, Thomas Whittaker.

Congratulations to Valley Family Graduates

Celebrate with new graduates in our Valley family

- **Holly Rea** is a graduate of Portland Community College with an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree. Her parents are Elaine and Bill Rea.
- **Anastasia Roberts**, granddaughter of Dick and Janet Adkins, graduated from Conway High School, Conway, Arkansas
- **Harrison Farrier**, grandson of Marilyn Farrier, is a new graduate of Beaverton High School.
- **Andrew Hercher** is a graduate in mechanical engineering from Oregon State Univ. His grandparents are Terry and Shirley Hercher.
- **Kelsey DeLacy**, daughter of Linda and Vince DeLacy, is a BA graduate in Anthropology from Willamette University. Kelsey is Phyllis Patterson's granddaughter and Janet Patterson's niece.

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
for more information.

Join us!



VALLEY CHRISTIAN
PRESCHOOL



The sermon in song, "Rescue in the Night: The Story of Daniel in the Lions' Den" was a big hit during Sunday worship.

June 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
June 2016						
<p>5 9:00a Adult Education Class 9:15a Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship 11:00a Coffee Fellowship 11:30a Extend the Table</p>	<p>6 8:00a Women's Aerobics 6:30p Portland Highland Games Association 7:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:30p Girl Scout Troop</p>	<p>7 10:00a Tai Chi Class 11:00a Staff Meeting 11:00a Women's Bible Study 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00p Communication and Social Media Meeting 5:30p Membership Comm. 6:00p PIC Meeting 6:45p Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting 7:00p Facilities Committee 7:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>1 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics 6:30p Wolf Den Meeting</p>	<p>2 10:00a Alanon 1:30p Mission Committee 7:15p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>3 8:00a Women's Aerobics 4:30p Camp Fire Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 9:00a Adult Education Class 9:15a Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship 11:00a Congregational Meeting 11:00a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a Session Meeting with New Members</p>	<p>13 8:00a Women's Aerobics 7:00p Girl Scout Troop</p>	<p>14 10:00a Tai Chi Class 11:00a Staff Meeting 7:00p Session</p>	<p>15 "The Messenger" Newsletter Articles Due 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics</p>	<p>16 8:00a Soup Kitchen 10:00a Alanon 2:00p Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 592 7:15p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>17 8:00a Women's Aerobics 4:30p Camp Fire Meeting 6:00p Camp Fire Meeting</p>	<p>18</p>
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME DATED MATERIAL

Summer Events at Valley

(See Valley's website for more information)



- **Music and Drama Camp: June 20-24**
learn a musical in a week!

- **Middle and High School: Mission trip June 26-July 2**
work on projects near Pendleton.



- **Arts Exploration Camp: July 11-15**
music, drama, and visual art.



- ***New!!* Family Fun Nights VBS: July 12-14**; kids of all ages have dinner and three fun evenings.

- **Camp Mission-All Day Camp** for ages 7-12, **July 25-29**
learn about different people, cultures + field trips + fun!