
The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church July 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.

July

3 Communion

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

17 All-Church Picnic

24 Dining for Women Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

31

August

7 Communion



All Invited to Valley Family Picnic July 17

The All Church Picnic is on Sunday, July 17 after worship! This year the theme is *Picnic with Paul – Join the Journey*. The picnic will follow Valley's three Family Fun Nights, which will be exploring Paul's themes of Live Boldly, Love Fully, and Serve Greatly. Get ready for good food and refreshing beverages, great fellowship and games for everyone to enjoy!

To carry the theme of picnic just a little further please dust off your favorite picnic basket and load it up with your own plates, cutlery, napkins and drink containers. (Don't worry! If you forget, there will be disposables available.)

Chicken will be provided for everyone, both fried and roasted, as well as lemonade and cold water. Congregants are asked to contribute the rest,

A through H: Please bring desserts.

I through Z: Please bring a salad or side dish.

Mark your calendars for July 17 and watch for reminders in the e-blast and the weekly bulletin.



VBS for All Ages

Yes, Summer Family Nights is a fresh, *new* VBS for ages 4-104. Join us **July 12, 13 and 14** for dinner, Bible storytelling, hands-on mission projects, Worship and friendship-making games. RSVP with Laurel Cluthe at laurel@valleycommunity.org or 503.292.3537. Come one, come all as we travel through Paul's journeys and learn about Living Boldly, Loving Fully and Serving Greatly!

Bring Items for Refugees to Room 16

- For families resettling in the Portland Metro Area



**REFUGEE
MINISTRY**

This summer Valley will collect new and gift-quality used items by August 16 for newly arriving refugees through SOAR, Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees, an affiliate of the Church World Service, in partnership with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

As we learn from the life of the Apostle Paul, we will explore what it means to Live Boldly, Love Fully and Serve Greatly. We will collect items for the kitchen and dining room, bedding and other items for bedrooms, and clothing and hygiene items for all ages. Cont. on p. 4

Session Highlights

June 14, 2016

- **Motion to approve** expenses for the June 19 Congregational Luncheon and General Assembly visitors was passed.
- **Congregational Officers elected by Session** (1 year term - all continuing): Sam Connell – President; Carol Powers - Clerk of Session/Secretary, and Frank Powers - Treasurer
- **Personnel:** New building superintendent and nursery coordinator have been hired. (see p. 3)

Session Ministry assignments:

Christian Nurture Adults: Richard Bryant
Christian Nurture Children: Amy Henning-Blair
Christian Nurture Youth: Allison Carlson
CONC/Church Leadership: Cheryl Rees
Communication & Social Media: To be discussed in July
Facilities: Roger Rees
Fellowship: Ruthann Marquis
Finance/Stewardship: Don Sowers
Membership: Cathy Bernhard
Mission: Connie Brenner
Personnel: David Jimerson
Preschool Liaisons: Amy Henning-Blair and Allison Carlson
Safety & Security: Phil Miller
Worship & Music: David Marquis



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messenger@valleycommunity.org

THE NEWSLETTER STAFF RETAINS
PERMISSION TO MODIFY SUBMISSIONS
FOR CLARITY, SPACE, CONTENT AND
STYLE.

Gamble Library News

Book Group

The Book Discussion Group will meet, as usual on the 4th Friday, July 22, at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room, for a lively discussion of *"The Scavenger's Daughters"* by Kay Bratt. Set in China, Benfu, a survivor of the Cultural Revolution, is a trash collector. As he sorts through the trash he finds abandoned children from whom he and his wife form a family. The book is a sweeping present day saga of triumph in the face of hardship. Just bring your own coffee.

Summer in the Library

The hot days of summer are great for catching up on some reading. The Church Library has excellent resources including books for children, youth, and adults to enjoy. In addition the collection of DVDs continues to grow and contains many interesting topics from travels in the Holy Land to many Great Courses lectures on a variety of topics. Stop in and check out something of interest to you.



Meet New Valley Staff Members

Valley welcomes two new staff members, Aniise Orozco and Connor Campbell.

Aniise began May 26 as the new Nursery Coordinator. She, along with volunteers, offers care each Sunday morning for our youngest ones during worship.

Connor began June 1 and is the new Building Superintendent. He is at the church Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Connor works with Facilities Committee and staff to maintain and/or supervises maintenance of the church buildings, grounds, and equipment.

Summer Adult Education

During July and August, the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Adult Education classes continue to meet in Armitage Hall to view and discuss the Great Courses videos on Great People of the New Testament. All are welcome to join.

The classes are half hour video lectures and give many helpful and interesting insights into New Testament people.

July 3 — Pharisees and Sadducees

July 10 — Judas Iscariot

July 17 — Pontius Pilate

July 24 — James

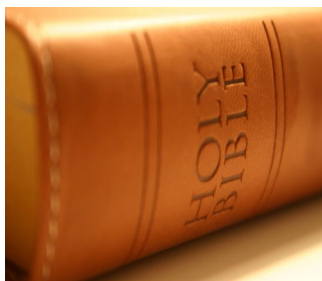
July 31 — Phillip

August 7 and 14 — Paul

August 21 — Jesus of Nazareth

August 28 — The Christ of Faith

July Bible Book of the Month - Joshua



The People of Israel had been landless for nearly 500 years. The “fathers” – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his twelve sons – had been nomads in the land of Canaan. That was followed by a long period of slavery in Egypt (over 400 years!), a miraculous deliverance into freedom led by Moses, and then 40 years of testing and training in the wilderness for living as a free people. The transition from being landless slaves to landholding freemen and women was huge, and Joshua leads the transition, first by taking the land, then in distributing it among the twelve tribes, and concluding with a solemn covenant-witness that bound the people to the gift of land and the worship of the God from whom they received it.

Dining for Women Helps Non-Profit July 24

(July meeting is on 4th Sunday)

You are invited to join Dining for Women on Sunday, July 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room for a plentiful potluck lunch, an interesting and informative program and the opportunity to donate to a non-profit in Uganda called Development In Gardening, DIG for short.

DIG's projects enable vulnerable and HIV-affected communities to meet their own needs and improve their well-being through nutrition-sensitive and sustainable agriculture.

In collaboration with women leaders, DIG will provide experiential training in sustainable agriculture, nutrition, improved cooking practices, and business record-keeping, develop three community demonstration gardens, and 400 women-led home gardens benefitting over 1,600 Batwa women, girls and families to break the cycle of poverty and food insecurity.

Dining for Women loves this project because it is well-researched and sustainable and because of its focus on working with the Batwa population, its evidence of success, community buy-in, nutritional education and its adaption to individual environments.

Produce Table Fills Up Each Sunday

Summer weather inspires abundant growth!

During Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hour, the produce table is covered with bounty from Valley members' gardens. All are invited to “shop” for fresh produce and make a donation to the Oregon Food Bank. Recipients of our donations to the Oregon Food Bank have a chance to eat healthier, grow stronger and do God's work here on Earth.

Please share the bounty from your gardens and donate generously. Thank you!



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



Items for Refugees (cont. from page 1)

The SOAR website lists the following items in high demand:

- lamps
- dishes, pots, pans, silverware
- men's clothing
- toiletries (soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- towels and wash cloths
- bed linens, warm blankets, pillows
- diapers

All items should be new or in excellent condition, communicating, "Welcome to your new home; you are part of us now!"

Bring items to Room 16 (one of the classrooms under the gym) by August 15. Oversized items (such as furniture) might be donated to Habitat for Humanity's Re-Store if there are things that SOAR cannot take.

To participate in building projects and letter-writing for these refugees, register to attend Family Fun Nights, July 12, 13 and 14, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies!

Thank you to everyone who baked cookies to sweeten our Congregational Lunch June 19 when we hosted some delegates from the Presbyterian General Assembly meeting in Portland. More than 20 Valley members and friends offered to make cookies; there was a wonderful selection!

There were enough sweet treats remaining to fill the freezer for summer coffee hours. What a wonderful bounty!

Many thanks, Ruthann Marquis



Church officers were ordained and installed at a recent worship service.

July Worship Music Highlights

During summer months, soloists from our Sanctuary Choir will sing for worship. On Sundays in July, Grace Skinner, Aaron Lange, Justin Peters, Jimmy Yohe and Raoul Bellis-Squires are soloists. Accompanists include Mark Kemball, Suzanne Zimmerman and Bob Hinson. July solos are "Patiently Have I Waited," "The Earth Is The Lord's," "I Walk a Stranger on This Land," and "Lord God Of Abraham."

Mission Notes

Cents-Ability is the coin offering we collect on third Sundays. These funds go to the Presbyterian Hunger Fund and to our yearly commitment through Care to Share, a local relief group which coordinates assistance to families and individuals seeking emergency food and other basic needs. Their aim is to help people through crisis situations and to connect them with other community services if additional support is needed. In 2015 we collected \$2,460.53. Thank you for your support.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Food Pantry: Please continue to bring non-perishable, non-expired food (NO glass jars or home-made items) and place them in the barrel by the gym (Davis Hall) entry or the bins by the Fireside Room. So far this year, we've delivered 250 pounds of food to be divided between the Food Pantry and the weekend BACK packs for the Raleigh Hills Elementary kids. Here's a great big *thank you* from Your Mission Team. If you'd like to volunteer for our Wednesday night shift, please see Janet Adkins.

June Diaper Drive: The Letty Owings Center (LOC) is very grateful for our support of diapers. This small gesture frees up funds to be used elsewhere within the organization. We collected many packs of diapers, ranging from Newborn to Pull Ups.

Valley Christian Preschool
welcomes children ages 2 - 5
years.

There's still room for your child to
join us for Fall 2016!

Contact Kristina Kurtz at (503)
292-3537 or

at kristina@valleycommunity.org
for more information.

At VCP, we Learn, Grow and Share
in God's Love.

Join us!

Youth Mission Trip



To Eastern Oregon this year!

Thank you to each and every member of this church family for your love, support, and care. Twenty-three youth and eight adults are having a great Youth Mission Trip at Westminster Woods Camp, June 26-July 2. We are working on various projects around the camp, including staining and painting picnic tables, piling and covering slash from dried trees, installing forest inventory plots, thinning small trees, splitting and stacking firewood that was donated to families in need this winter, building a “cave” for their church’s upcoming VBS, designing cards for their deacons to use, and painting Bible verse canvas art to decorate the camp’s facilities. We are serving alongside Tutuilla Presbyterian’s youth group, a church located on the nearby Native American reservation. We are experiencing lots of things, feeling God’s presence in fascinating ways, and we are having a lot of fun together. Thank you for your prayers and for wearing the colorful bracelets all week as a reminder to pray for us!



Youth and adults are commissioned during worship as they prepare to leave for their mission trip to Eastern Oregon.

Valley Kids and Youth Events – July 2016



- **June 26-July 2** Youth Mission Trip to Eastern Oregon
- **July 6**, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Annual Youth Beach Day
- **July 7**, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Children’s Camps Planning Meeting
- **July 8**, 7:00 p.m. Hillsboro Hops Baseball Game for all
- **July 11-15**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Arts Exploration Camp
- **July 12-14**, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Summer Family Nights (VBS)
- **July 19-23** Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Indiana
- **July 25-29**, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Camp Mission



Valley Christian Preschool on Summer Break

Our teachers are soaking up the summer sun and enjoying some well-deserved R&R.

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, 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!

Valley's Habitat for Humanity Build

**Building Houses...
Helping Lives!**



Music and Drama Presentation - 'The Lost Boy: Young Jesus in the Temple'



Valley Notes

Opportunities

Meals on Wheels: Are you available once a month? For many, many years, Valley has had drivers for the Meals on Wheels Program at the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton on the third Monday of the month. Many of our faithful drivers are retiring, and we need some replacements. Interested in providing this service to Washington County Seniors? It is a great husband and wife team volunteer opportunity - takes about three hours or so, and is a feel good opportunity. Call Marilyn Tuffs for details. - 503.297.2622.

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped with the fundraising luncheon in April for the Valley Senior Quilt Ministry for High School Graduates. It was a great success! More than \$1,100 was added to the "Senior Quilts and Gifts" fund in Valley's Memorial Gifts for future quilts after expenses were deducted. Oregon author Jane Kirkpatrick spoke about how we stitch the stories of our lives together.

A special thanks to those who took part in the Valley Habitat Build at Allen Estates on Saturday, June 11. Those who helped build include Roger Rees, Kathy Bach, Ann Johnson, Dan Knierim, and Chuck Falconer. (See p. 6)

Congratulations to recent graduates

- Tanner Wall graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science in the College of Business School of Design. Tanner is the daughter of Kimm and Brent Wall, and the granddaughter of Jini and John De Vries.

- Taylor Rawlings, son of Gary and Lisa Rawlings, received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Oregon State University.

- Ronald Conner graduated from Portland State University in June. His parents are Roy and Valerie Conner.

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns:

Charlene Hegdahl, Don Sowers, Kelsey Lawrence (Julie Lawrence's daughter-in-law), Lillian Paladie (Christine Danner's grandmother)

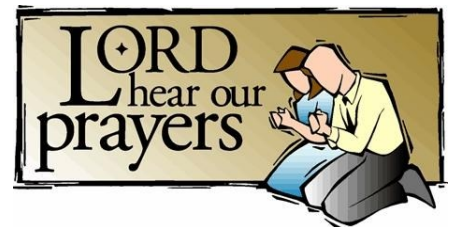
We pray for those who mourn:

Family and friends of Bev Shue who died May 6, 2016.

Family and friends of Bruce Tate who died June 2, 2016.

Family and friends of Nadine Paukner who died June 16, 2016.

Sharon Baker and family of Neil Baker who died June 24, 2016. A memorial service will be at Valley on July 6 at 2:00 p.m.



Above and right: Delegates from the General Assembly enjoyed lunch and fellowship at Valley after worship.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME DATED MATERIAL

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Summer Camps at Valley

- **Arts Exploration Camp:** July 11-15, music, drama, and visual art.
- **Family Fun Nights New 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!

Go to valleycommunity.org for more information and to register!