The Senger Valley Community Presbyterian Church October 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.

October

- 2 Communion
- 9 Stewardship Dedication Sunday Sunday Funday, 10:20 a.m. Session meets with new members, 11:15 a.m. Congregational Luncheon
- 16 Bread for the World Sunday Sunday Funday, 10:20 a.m. Dining for Women Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
- 23 Blessing of the Animals Confirmation Class, 9:15 a.m. Sunday Funday, 10:20 a.m.
- 30 Children's Sabbath Confirmation Class, 9:15 a.m. Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

November

6 Communion Confirmation Class, 9:15 a.m. Sunday Funday, 10:20 a.m. Daylight Saving Time Ends



October 9 Pasta Lunch for Everyone!



A...to Z Pasta Potluck! That's right--October 9 following the church service, Fellowship is hosting a Pasta Potluck upstairs in Davis Hall. Lots of choices for you to make--what kind of pasta dish will you prepare? Think Acini de Pepe..., ravioli, macaroni, spaghetti, gnocchi, fettuccine, ...ziti!

You may either prepare a main dish, a salad, or a dessert and since it will be delicious, be prepared to share with lots of friends! There are no alphabetic assignments, so we will be going on faith that there will be a variety of dishes to share. The Fellowship Committee will provide bread and beverages! Plan to attend this lunch; it will be fun!

Valley 2017 Stewardship Campaign



We kicked off our Stewardship campaign with an announcement on Sunday, September 11. You should have also now received pledge cards and a letter in the mail, emphasizing the theme of *Giving & Growing for the Glory of God*.

We have set a goal of \$460,000 in pledges for our 2017 Stewardship Campaign, about 9% higher than 2016 pledges. 2017 will be a growth year for Valley. We can already see some of the changes as a result of our building campaign. In addition, our Pastor Nominating Committee is now at work to call a new Pastor to Valley in 2017. We wish to operate within a

balanced budget, and therefore we have included the expected expenses for not only inflation but also for the calling and relocation of a new Pastor in our giving goal.

Valley is a special place. My family and I are blessed to have found – or have been found by – Valley, and we enjoy growing with the help of this congregation and the many programs, activities, and most importantly people we find here. I know that each of you also has a narrative, feeling, or special reason for being here. I ask that you please consider Valley's place in your spiritual life as you complete your pledge for the coming year.

Please bring your completed pledge commitment to our Sunday service on October 9, or return it to the Church Office by that time. Everyone is invited to enjoy our Congregational Lunch, a pasta potluck, immediately after service on the 9th as well.

Thank you for your commitment to the future of Valley. Eben Jenkins, Stewardship Campaign, 2017

Giving and Growing for the Glory of God

"Now you excel in everything: in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in love. So we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking." ~ 2 Corinthians 8

This fall we continue to build our church both physically and spiritually. Our Building in Christ program has given our facility some new energy with more changes to come. We also continue to grow spiritually, growing closer together as a committed community at Valley Community Presbyterian Church. As we celebrate God's abundance and respond with generosity, we are also called to reflect on how we can be better stewards of our gifts of "time, talent, and treasure."

Stewardship Basics

As Presbyterians, this is what we believe about stewardship:

- Stewardship is about making choices, as individuals and in community. It is more than giving money to the church. Stewardship is about being faithful disciples, caring for and managing all that God has given us.
- Stewardship is not just one part of Christian discipleship; it involves every aspect of life in all the stages of life.
- Stewardship is the grateful response to God's grace and goodness. It requires a consideration of how our choices affect us and others, how we can be good caretakers of the created world, and how we can best serve God as disciples of Christ.

I am so grateful as you consider your pledge to God's work through Valley Community Presbyterian Church and our ministry to our community and world. Please plan to return your pledge card on or before October 9, Commitment Sunday. On that day we will join in a Pasta Potluck and celebrate the abundance with which God has blessed us. Together, in grateful thanksgiving, we will affirm our commitment to Valley as we continue to grow together for the glory of God!

In God's Grace,

Ben Paroulek

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Session Highlights

September 13, 2016 Session Actions:

- Reviewed and approved the Mission Information Form as presented by David Jimerson, chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee
- Approved a Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on behalf of Youth Ministries for Sunday, October 30.
- Approved curriculum published by Augsburg Press for youth Wednesday and Sunday classes and for the confirmation class as recommended by the Christian Nurture for Youth Committee.
- Approved a motion from the Membership Committee to remove seven members from the rolls. Three requested removal. Four have moved away from the area and did not provide new contact information.

Valley Habitat Build Day October 29



The next Valley Habitat build day will be Saturday, October 29. Volunteers may work during the morning or the afternoon or all day. The build will take place at Allen Estates in Beaverton.

If you are interested in taking part, see Chuck Falconer during the Coffee Fellowship hour or contact him at chuckf@clankeith.com or 503.645.3318.

PNC Sets Pastor Qualifications, Budget for Recruiting



By Shannon Pratt

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) held its second meeting September 11, 2016. The reason for the long lag between meetings was summer vacation schedules of some members. All were present, David Jimerson, chair, Wendy Jenkins, Amy Dee, Cathy Bernhard, Jim Sandberg, Shannon Pratt and Birgitta Carlson.

The PNC completed the Mission Information Form (MIF), a detailed description of the congregation, its mission, and qualities sought in a pastor. Once approved by the Session and the Northwest Presbytery, it will be distributed nationally by the Presbytery, which will gather responses and submit them to the PNC. The committee

Bread for the World - Sunday, October 16

will then screen the responses and follow up with prospective candidates. Members of the congregation and others may also submit potential candidates to the PNC.

The PNC set a budget for one-time travel expenses for interviewing candidates and moving the chosen pastor and his or her family to Portland. The finance committee included these costs in the pledge goals for this year, so members should be prepared to pledge a little extra this year to cover these expenses.



breadfortheworld HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Make - or buy - a loaf today!

Bread for the World, working in partnership with churches from all faith traditions, seeks long-term solutions to the causes of hunger by advocating for programs that help to feed hungry people and work with them to change conditions that make them poor. October 16 is Bread for the World Sunday, and Valley will

observe the occasion during worship and afterward. Please participate in an Offering of Letters at coffee hour to support Bread's efforts to "Help Mothers and Children Survive and Thrive" by advocating with our political representatives to work toward accelerating global progress against malnutrition. This year's Offering of Letters is focusing on women and young children because they are the most vulnerable to hunger and malnutrition. Malnutrition has devastating long-term consequences on health and mental and physical development and can result in death.

Providing direct assistance to hungry and poor people through churches and charities is vital. It feeds many families in immediate need and gives people hope for the future. But even if churches and charities doubled their efforts, they still would not be able to end hunger on their own. Only government leaders can make the economic, social, and political decisions necessary to attack the deep structural causes and ultimately eliminate widespread hunger and poverty. Just a sentence or two written into a piece of legislation can benefit millions of people in the United States and around the world.

In combination with Valley's Offering of Letters, we will be selling bread of various types to support Valley's membership as a Covenant member of Bread for the World. Please bake a loaf of bread, buy a loaf of bread, and/or write a letter!



Many of Valley's ministries had tables with information available during the annual Fall Kickoff.



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





High Schoolers tell congregation about their Youth Triennium trip to Indiana.

Kristina McMorris to speak at Valley October 26



New York Times Best Selling Author, Kristina McMorris

Kristina is a New York Times and USA Today Bestselling author. Inspired by true personal and historical accounts, including her grandparents WWII courtship letters, her novels have garnered more than twenty national literary awards. Kristina will speak about her debut novel, *Letters From Home*. Kristina is a busy author, mother of two and circuit speaker. We are thrilled she is able to take

time out of her busy schedule to join us Wednesday, October 26. Lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$5.00. Kristina's books will be available for purchase. Join us and bring a friend!

Valley Shows Kindness for Refugees



Many thanks to all who donated household items for SOAR (Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's program for refugee families). We collected items over the summer, particularly during Summer Family Nights/VBS in July. We collected a car FULL of linens, paper goods, small appliances, clothing, toiletries and many other items.

Special thanks to Renn Sanderman and her very helpful son, Turner, who loaded and delivered these items to SOAR's office. Our church family gave much for families who have so little. We are sharing our hearts and resources with those who have so many unknowns in their new life in Portland. A new family came into SOAR the same day the Sandermans delivered our donations...they are already helping! To God be all the glory.

"Senior" Lunch - a Valley Tradition



If you are an adult available for lunch, come join the Valley's lunch group for a time of fine food, friends old and new, and an interesting program. Write these dates on your calendar so that you can save the dates.

Wednesday, October 26—Fall menu followed by a program presented by local author Kristina McMorris whose books engage the reader's attention from the first page and entice you to just keep reading...sure to be a wonderful day.

Wednesday, December 8—A Christmas celebration with warm and wintry menu, festive holiday decorations, and a program replete with the music of the season.

Wednesday, February 22—We will enjoy a luncheon celebrating the month of love and friendship...a perfect opportunity to invite someone new to join you.

Wednesday, April 26—April's luncheon will move us into spring with a flower show and a program emphasizing directions for container gardening for your yard, balcony or terrace.

Invite your friends to enjoy the community spirit at Valley Church! Luncheon cost is \$5.00, and the cooks appreciate if you will make a reservation with the office, but they prepare oodles of treats, so if you find you can join the group at the last minute, come on along!

The Table of Peace



On World Communion Sunday, Valley participated in the Peace and Global Witness special offering to support our denomination's efforts to bring justice, reconciliation, transformation, unity and peace to our world in these divisive times. Our experience of political, social, or religious division can make our lives, our communities, and our world feel like a wilderness. We watch millions displaced by war, and hear of women and children battered and abused. We listen as messages of fear and hate, often based on race and ethnicity, grow louder and louder. Weapons crowd our streets, and tools created for destruction increase in their capacity each day. As people of God, we might be tempted to ask, "Can God spread a table in this wilderness?"

The Peace and Global Witness Offering supports ministries across the world (and in the U.S.) that work to bring people to Christ's table of peace. Twenty-five percent of the offering received at Valley will be retained here to support Valley's efforts to bring justice, reconciliation and peace to our local community. Please give generously to the Peace and Global Witness Offering and support ministries working to bring people to Christ's table of peace.

Welcome, Estella Massingill

Approximately forty years ago, Estella and Earl Massingill were raising their two sons while living in the Royal Woodlands area of Raleigh Hills. They joined Valley Community Presbyterian Church along with their neighbors Cal and Bernice Recknor and Marilyn and Dick Tuffs. Although Estella has moved several times since then, she and Marilyn are once again neighbors, this time at Courtyard Village. Estella recently rejoined Valley after transferring her membership from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salem, Oregon.

Estella and Earl were high school sweethearts and were married almost 72 years. During World War II, she worked at a Naval Supply Depot and also worked for TWA until their two sons were born. When her younger son was about ten, he suggested that she might be lonely at home by herself during the day and that she could work in his school cafeteria to keep busy. She followed that suggestion and worked in the school cafeteria while they lived in Kansas City. She later worked for a book publishing company that made high school annuals.

When Earl retired, they became "snow birds" for ten years, living six months of the year in Depoe Bay, Oregon and the other six near Phoenix, Arizona. When maintaining two homes became too much, they settled in Salem. Following Earl's death, their son Keith convinced his mother that she needed to move to Portland to be closer to him. She has three granddaughters and one great grandson to keep her company as well.

While Earl was working on artistic woodcarvings with western themes, Estella created intricate and beautiful needlepoint wall hangings. This artwork is displayed throughout her apartment that also features a puzzle table where she works on elaborate jigsaw puzzles in her spare time. Her cat Blackie provides companionship and security in her new home. Estella is grateful to be renewing old friendships and making new ones in the Portland area again.

Adult Education Class

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. in Armitage Hall – All invited

- October 2 Beyond our Differences DVD presentation and discussion of our interdependence.
- October 9 and 16 Valley member, Baird Smith presents a discussion of "Technology and Theology." In the previous class (Science and Spirit), we found that The Universal Force of Nature is Divine. The four fundamental interactions of physics are all fields of attraction and connection. Einstein and Teilhard believed these were all one universal force. At larger scales, this force creates ever more complex aggregates and emergent phenomena such as atoms, molecules, cells, organisms and humans. The emergent phenomenon of humanity is consciousness, and ultimately Love. In this class, we add a new layer to the conceptual model to include technology and religion as the human expressions of science and theology - real human creations resulting from our choices. Now we must make ethical choices about how technology is used in our society, and moral choices about how religion is interpreted in our personal lives. This is what we mean by intentional evolution.
- October 23 The Rev. David Gallagher from "Open Arms International" presents an overview of the programs and philanthropic work of this group.
- October 30 and November 6 "The Quantum Activist." (DVD) Amit Goswami, PhD, Retired Theoretical Physics Prof. at University of Oregon. A humanistic discussion of why science and religion are inclusive.



Calling All Cooks and Happy Tasters October 30

Please join us on October 30 for our **Third Annual Chili Cook-off** after church in the gym. The middle school and high school youth are raising money for their summer mission trips by hosting another chili cook-off following the Children's Sabbath October 30.

We are hoping to recruit 12 contestants to enter the contest. If you would prefer to join as a taster, the suggested donation is \$10/adult ages 12 and older, and \$5/child. Extra voting tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Please contact Allison Carlson at 5beavs@comcast.net or 503.701.9853 if you are willing to provide a chili for the contest or want to purchase tickets ahead of time.

'Extend the Table' November 6

All are invited Sunday, November 6 from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. for Extend the Table, Valley's intergenerational bible study and lunch with activities for all ages! Please watch the bulletin for the Bible Book of the Month that we will be presenting.



Children's Book Drive - A Legacy of Literacy

Assistance League of Greater Portland is asking for books for Doernbecher and our own Operation School Bell. Last year we clothed 3,000 kids, grades K through 12. All those in grades K through 5 may choose a book, as well as their younger siblings. Doernbecher would like new books (see list attached to the container located next to the Fireside Room) and Operation School Bell would like new or like new books. The donations will be picked up from the bins by the Fireside Room on October 20. If you have questions, please call Pat Bird at 503.244.5342. Thank you!

Kickoff Sunday









Valley Scrapbook





Above and left: The Grace Brothers and Oregon Wild West Trio provided spirited bluegrass/gospel music during worship on Kickoff Sunday.



Children and youth gather around to hear the Time with the Young Church.



Many were in attendance at the Ministry Fair on Kickoff Sunday.





Backpacks were collected for Project BACK which help assist local school children.



Valley Notes

Opportunities

Produce Table Ends Season - October is the last month of the growing and harvest season for this year's Valley Produce Table. Plan to help fill up the table, find a few wonderful produce items and make a contribution to the donation box throughout this month. The Produce Table will officially close on Sunday, October 30.

Flowers for Front Entry - Thank you to the many Valley worshipers who provided flowers or plants to enhance the entry area of the church. Please share your bounty by signing the flower calendar, available on the office entry wall. Thank you!

Youth Choirs (6th-12th graders) have begun at Valley on Sundays, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Some of our treasured traditions include. Christmas Pageant, singing at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Christmas Eve, Youth Sunday, Easter Sunday, Graduate Sunday, and many more Sundays to share the gift of music. Contact Amy Rheingans,

amyrheingans@comcast.net or 503.351.2153.

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns or those who are in need of prayer:

Tye Wood, Kevyn Leonetti, Clarence and Ritva Houghton (Wendy Archibald's parents), Sandy Cundiff, Laura Wetzel (friend of Turner, David, and Renn Sanderman)

We pray for those who mourn:

- Ed Nokua and family on the death of his wife, Donna Nokua, on September 29, 2016.
- Edie Leland and family on the death of her mother, Evelyn L. Monson, on September 28, 2016.
- Don Scrivens and family on the death of Don's wife, Johnnie, on September 21, 2016.



Learn about Mali Project Oct. 16

Dining for Women supports The Tandana Foundation in Mali at its Sunday. October 16 monthly meeting and potluck lunch. Tandana's mission is to empower individuals of various cultural backgrounds with an increased awareness of the world, other cultures, and themselves.

The purpose of the program in LEAP Mali called (Literacy **Empowerment** Awareness Possibilities). is provide additional literacy and numeracy skills as well as skills in association management, democratic governance and leadership to women who previously participated of Tandana's session literacy program.

Join us for a potluck lunch and an interesting program at 11:30 a.m., October 16 in the Fireside room about another corner of the world where we can offer help, one meal at a time through Dining for Women donations.





The Clippers and Navigator Mariner Ships gathered for a luau get together.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
TIME DATED MATERIAL

A...to Z Pasta Potluck October 9

In Davis Hall/Gym directly after 10:00 a.m. worship



Bring a main dish, a salad, or a dessert to share!
The Fellowship Committee will provide bread and beverages.
All are welcome to attend!

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