

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS Sunday, December 18 at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall will feature a discussion on Bill Moyer's DVD program on Faith and Reason. All are welcome to attend!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will not meet this month, but will resume again on January 3 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room. All are welcome!

KIDS DAY OUT Saturday, December 17 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. Cost is \$10 per child with lunch included! RSVP to laurel@valleycommunity.org by Wednesday, December 14.

THE CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG at Courtyard Village on December 17 has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

KIDZ MART: Thank you for your donations! Kidz Mart will be open to adults and children today, December 11, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, December 26, 2016-Monday, January 2, 2017. Please drop off end of year contributions in the glass partition of the church office, give it to a church officer, or postmark it by Saturday, December 31 in order to be credited towards 2016 giving.

ST. MATTHEW'S SCAT 2016 CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM will provide holiday food and gifts to more than 300 families in our community. There are many opportunities for you to get involved. Go to www.signup.com/go/P78PQ4 to volunteer!

SALVATION ARMY GIVING TREES are located in the office lobby and in the front entryway. Valley is hosting a single mother and three young children this Christmas. Take a tag and bring the unwrapped item (along with the tag) to be placed under the trees by Friday, December 16. Your generosity will ensure this family will have a very merry Christmas!



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

December 11-18, 2016

SUNDAY, December 11

The Third Sunday of Advent

8:50 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 AM Adult Education Class
 9:15 PM Pageant Dress Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Early Coffee
 10:00 AM Worship-Pageant of the Holy Nativity
 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
 11:30 AM Kidz Mart
 11:30 AM Prayer Shawl Knitting Social
 4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers

MONDAY, December 12

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting
 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
 7:00 PM Finance Committee
 7:30 PM Scout Pack 592

TUESDAY, December 13

11:00 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Girl Scouts
 7:00 PM Session

WEDNESDAY, December 14

RSVP deadline for Kids Day Out
 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 5:00 PM Cherub Choir
 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir
 6:00 PM Royal Ringers Bell Choir

THURSDAY, December 15

'The Messenger' newsletter deadline

8:00 AM Soup Kitchen
 5:00 PM Music Selection Team
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 592
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, December 16

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 5:00 PM Youth Christmas Party
 6:00 PM Camp Fire Meeting

SATURDAY, December 17

10:00 AM Britten Rehearsal
 11:00 AM Kids Day Out
 5:00 PM Youth Christmas Party Ends

SUNDAY, December 18

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:50 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 AM Adult Education Class
 9:30 AM Early Coffee
 10:00 AM Worship-Ceremony of Carols
 10:20 AM Sunday Funday
 10:20 AM Youth Bible Study
 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
 11:30 AM Dining for Women Meeting
 4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers
 5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 DECEMBER 11, 2016 ✠ 10:00 AM

❖ Please stand as you are able

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

SCRIPTURE FOR GATHERING

Isaiah

9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

ACOLYTES

Ryan Smyth and Hayden Bach

INTROIT

Light One Candle
 Cherub Choir

Natalie Sleeth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

We thank the God who lights our way in the darkness.

We thank the God who gives us stars to follow.

Leading us from darkness to light,
 From confusion to understanding.

We thank the God who calls us and leads us into truth.

❖ OPENING HYMN *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* Nº 15

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Graham
Family

ADVENT SONG *Advent Song* Nº 2090,
v.3

**Light the Advent candle, three: Think of heavenly harmony;
Angels singing "peace on earth" at the blessed Savior's birth.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Ernie Bootsma, Liturgist

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Gloria Patri* Nº 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Please greet those around you with words of peace.

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Nº 2091

**The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.
Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel the promised of ages.
The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices!**

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Christmas Joy Offering* Chuck Falconer

OFFERTORY *Go Tell It on the Mountain* arr.

Patterson

King's Kids; Sue Derting, piano

❖ Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass ❖

❖ DOXOLOGY Nº

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

PAGEANT OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

Mary and Joseph.....*Christina and Andrew Crouse*

Jesus..... *Caden Crouse*

Angel of the Annunciation..... *Allison Kurtz*

Angel of the Shepherds..... *Lindsay Kurtz*

Piper..... *Grace Baker*

Mary's Angels..... *Megan Bootsma, Birgitta Carlson, Ariel Derting*

Flower Angels..... *Claire Baker, Annika Carlson, Faith Bridges, Olivia Hoffbeck,
.....Georgia Hoffbeck, Elise Jenkins, Maria Rinella, Marian Romanaggi*

Shepherds..... *Hayden Bach, David Caputo, Sam Rheingans, Max Russell*

Kings..... *David Sanderman, David Browning, Anthony Graham*

Train Bearers..... *Turner Sanderman, Eric Browning, Nathan Graham*

O Holy Night soloist..... *Allison Kurtz*

I Would Go to Bethlehem trio..... *Macy Vermillion, Katie Craig, Madeline Prewett*

Silent Night soloist..... *Aurora McCrary-Bond*

Choirs..... *King's Kids Choir and Youth Choir, Director Amy Rheingans*

..... *Sanctuary Choir, Director David Jimerson*

Director..... *Lizz Brown*

Sanctuary Choir Soloists..... *Aaron Lange, tenor; Wendy Steele, soprano;*

..... *Raoul Bellis-Squires, bass; Haley Maddox, contralto*

Narrator..... *Chuck Falconer*

Pianist and Organist..... *Greg Russell, Bob Hinson*

Costumes..... *Jini DeVries*

Composer..... *Mck. Williams*



May God bless you as you worship here today:
Touch you, Challenge you, Heal you, Inspire you, Direct you to new paths
in your unfolding journey. Valley Community Presbyterian Church is a place for
**Awakening Souls, Sharing Joy, Serving God in Christ,
TRANSFORMING LIVES!**

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS: we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! A special gift will be offered to you during worship today.

A STAFFED NURSERY for infants-3 year olds is available in room 7 behind the sanctuary on Sundays, 9:45-11:15 AM.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Sele and the Sanders families upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be received during worship next Sunday, December 18. This offering helps provide opportunities for deserving students and assistance to former and current church workers and families.

EQUAL EXCHANGE products (coffee, tea, chocolate, olive oil) will be available for sale at coffee hour after church this Sunday. If you still need some gifts or stocking stuffers, take a look!

POINSETTIAS will enhance the sanctuary chancel on the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas in memory and honor of loved ones. If you wish to participate, please offer a donation of \$15 in a pew envelope with the name of the honoree. Write "Flower Fund" on the envelope or check and place it in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office by December 12.

THE SOUP KITCHEN is in need of volunteers for 2017. Please contact Jini De Vries, Valley Soup Kitchen Coordinator, at virginiadevries@comcast.net if you, your group, or your family would like to participate in this mission to feed local homeless people.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL is holding a stuffed animal drive to benefit the Ronald McDonald House this holiday season. Please consider donating a new, unwrapped stuffed animal for the children who stay at the Ronald McDonald House while receiving medical treatment. Donation bins will be located outside Valley Christian Preschool classrooms through December 12.

THE DEACON'S RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE has been cancelled due to a staffing conflict. The next drive will be held at Valley in March.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES ARE BACK IN TOWN! Please join our youth in the gym today after worship and pick up a tray of delicious homemade cookies. The trays are wrapped decoratively for giving and the suggested price is \$15 for a small tray of around 20 cookies and \$25 for a large tray of approximately 36 cookies. While you are enjoying coffee fellowship, please sample varieties of the many delicious cookies that are displayed throughout the gym and vote for your favorites. All the proceeds benefit the youth mission fund. Come and enjoy!