

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed until noon on Wednesday, March 15

APRIL 1 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. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. Contact Elaine Rea at elaine@iname.com, visit the church office, or go to the church website, www.valleycommunity.org, for a grant application.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING will be received during worship on April 9. This important opportunity to participate in the work of our denomination (Presbyterian Church U. S. A.) helps to support outreach efforts in several important areas around the world and at home. The offering is divided among three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. **VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** are going on a Mission Trip to Hollywood, California July 9-15, and we need a chaperone who is 25 years or older to assist with driving and encouraging the youth as they serve. Please contact Laurel Cluthe if you are interested and would like more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 30 is the 2017 CROP Walk date. Stay tuned for more information!

PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES PW SPRING GATHERING April 1 at First Presbyterian Church of Newberg. This year's focus is *Welcoming the Stranger: Stories of Immigration*. Cost is \$10, including lunch, until March 27; \$15 after March 27. Registration forms are available in the church office.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
March 12-19, 2017		
<p>SUNDAY, March 12 Second Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Confirmation Class 9:30 AM Early Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Sunday Funday 10:20 AM Youth Bible Study 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM DPNC 11:30 AM Foundation Comm. 4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers 5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir</p> <p>MONDAY, March 13 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders 6:00 PM PIC Meeting 7:00 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:30 PM Scout Pack 592</p>	<p>TUESDAY, March 14 9:00 AM MOPS Open House 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 2:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 PM Session</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, March 15 'The Messenger' Newsletter Deadline 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 9:00 AM MOPS Open House 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir 6:00 PM Royal Ringers 6:30 PM Cub Scout Lion Den 6:30 PM Youth Group Night</p> <p>THURSDAY, March 16 8:00 AM Soup Kitchen 5:00 PM Music Selection Team 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>FRIDAY, March 17 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 7:00 PM All-Church Movie Night</p> <p>SUNDAY, March 19 Third Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Confirmation Class 9:30 AM Early Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Sunday Funday 10:20 AM Youth Bible Study 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Dining for Women 4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers 5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir</p>

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



MARCH 12, 2017 † 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

SCRIPTURE FOR GATHERING from Psalm 27

God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

PRELUDE *Lord Speak to Me* Schumann/Travis

ACOLYTES Elise Jenkins and Aaron Jenkins

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 32

Be glad in God, and rejoice.

Shout for joy, all faithful souls!

❖ **OPENING HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No 376

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Marilyn Connell, Liturgist

☪ Silence is kept ☪

KYRIE "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy." N° 2275
Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, Christe, eleison. Christe, Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison... eleison.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Be glad and rejoice! Grace abounds for everyone.
Thanks be to God!

❖ THE PEACE

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

❖ Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ ❖

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE (sing twice) N° 2226

Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Lord.
Bind us together in Love.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Kay Hope Gold

ANTHEM Turn Back, O Man Gustav Holst

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-10 New Testament, p. 93
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Are You Born Again? Ben Paroulek

MISSION MOMENTS One Great Hour of Sharing Connie Brenner



RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERTORY Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth Felix Mendelssohn

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

❖ DOXOLOGY N° 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ SENDING HYMN We Are Called N° 2172

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Let us take God's grace into the world.
We will go to join others in a journey of trust.
Let us go to fill the world with God's forgiveness.
We will confront fear with acts of love.
Let us go to spread the message of peace.
We will follow the Spirit into the grace of God
which is offered to all people, without exception!
Go in peace!

POSTLUDE A Charge to Keep I Have Lowell Mason

You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude
or exit quietly after the benediction.

May God bless you as you worship here today:
Touch you, Challenge you, Heal you, Disturb 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!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS: we greet
you in the name of Jesus Christ! Please fill out a
Visitor Card, located in the pew back, and drop it in
the Offering Plate when it is passed around.

A STAFFED NURSERY for infants-3 year olds is
available in room 3/4 in the preschool wing on
Sundays, 9:45-11:15 AM.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Navigator
Mariner Group upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after
worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS Sunday, March 19 will
feature the second of multiple DVD presentations
examining key figures in the early church presented
by Rev. Craig R. Koester, currently the chair of New
Testament theology at Luther Seminary. He is a
distinguished Biblical scholar and an insightful
discussant. The second presentation examines further
issues of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus in
the book of Mark.

THE NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday,
March 14, 2:00-7:00 PM. Please contact Gaylen
Uecker for more information.

MARCH 17 is an All-Church Movie Night from 7:00-
10:00 PM in the recently updated Youth House! Join
us for a St. Patrick's Day-themed evening of green
snacks, a family-friendly movie and good times
together. Admission is \$3 per person, and all
proceeds go to the Youth Mission Fund.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES are available for pick up near
the Fireside Room for those who requested them.

THANK YOU for sending your check of \$32 for the
2017 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.

IT'S TIME FOR FLOWERS IN THE ENTRY! A calendar is
available for you to sign up to provide flowers for the
front entry. Vases and water are available in the
workroom, as is reimbursement for your expense.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is an international
Christian ministry dedicated to supporting moms with
preschoolers during this awesome stage of life. Valley
is one of its newest churches to offer MOPS for the
moms of Valley Christian Preschool, as well as the
surrounding community. Two Open House Interest
Parties will take place in the Youth House from 9:00-
11:30 a.m. on March 14 and 15. If you're a mom with
preschool-aged kids, stop by for a latte, information
about this ministry and find out about ways you can
join this amazing community of women. No RSVP
necessary.