



2016 Annual Report

Mission Statement

Adopted April 8, 2003 as part of the Mission Study Report, prepared by the Mission Study Team.

Valley Community Presbyterian Church is the people of God in one place and one time. We are called by God to gather, in the name of Christ, and we have responded to that call with a commitment to active membership in this body, this community of Christians.

We are called, and we have committed

to worship God regularly in this place, in hearing the word, in prayer, in sacrament and sacred music.

We are called, and we have committed

to care for each other, individually, in large groups and small; to form a community in the midst of a rushing world.

We are called, and we have committed

to care for our children and youth, not only telling them of the love of God but also showing them.

We are called, and we have committed

to continue to learn and to grow, to discuss, to wrestle with the challenges of applying our faith to our place and time.

We are called, and we have committed

to serve God by serving others, with soup kettles and hammers, with hands of hope and ears of understanding.

We are called, and we have committed

to hear and proclaim God's vision of a kingdom of peace and justice.

We are called, and we have committed

to throw open our doors, to invite in and welcome all our neighbors.

We are called, and we have committed

to be the body of Christ in this place and time.

"For what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

Pastoral Letter

*“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”
~ 1 Corinthians 16*

2016 was a year when we settled in, reclaiming old traditions and creating new traditions. As you read the words of this Annual Report I hope you will read between the lines to appreciate those who have labored behind the scenes. Together we have touched so many lives with our ministry of love and grace.

We embarked on a much-needed building renovation that was fully funded by our generous congregation. I sometimes pause with gratitude when I remember that we are blessed with a well used debt-free facility. When the dust clears, we can devote more of our energy toward ministry and mission in our world. Meanwhile, the Youth House revivification has inspired new visions about our calling to be a hospitable presence in our neighborhood.

The anticipation of new pastoral leadership is thrilling and brings a bit of suspense about what lies ahead. Do you feel it? In Romans 8, Paul writes that the “whole creation is standing on tiptoe” with expectation about what lies ahead. The Valley family too is straining toward the future. Our Pastor Nominating Committee has toiled to find someone who will share the journey of faith. New opportunities are on the horizon.

As we live into our vision, blessed by the presence of God, we encounter the God who draws us into the future and nurtures us along the Way.

In God’s Grace,



Ben Paroulek

Church Information

Church Officers

Session

Christian Nurture for Adults
and Small GroupsJan Falconer (through June 2016)
.....Richard Bryant
Christian Nurture for ChildrenAmy Henning-Blair
Christian Nurture for YouthAllison Carlson, Ashley Elisara
CONC/Leadership.....Cheryl Rees
FacilitiesRoger Rees
FellowshipRuthann Marquis
Finance and StewardshipDon Sowers
MembershipCathy Bernhard
MissionConnie Brenner
Personnel.....David Jimerson
Safety and SecurityPhil Miller
Worship and Music.....David Marquis
ModeratorBen Paroulek
Clerk of Session.....Carol Powers

Treasurer

Frank Powers

Deacons

Janet Adkins
Birgitta Carlson
Marilyn Connell
Gary Eaton
Joy Eaton
Marilyn Farrier
Richard Gold
Bev Hubbard
Judy Huddleston
Edie Leland
Geri Mitchell
Frank Powers
Bonnie Reeder
Steve Rees
Anne Scearce
Fran Scearce
Jean Sowers
Charlene Stansbury

Church Staff

Pastor	The Rev. Ben Paroulek
Pastoral Associate	The Rev. Chuck Falconer
Pastoral Associate	The Rev. Jenny Pratt
Children's and Youth Minister	Laurel Cluthe
Minister of Music	David Jimerson
Organist	Bob Hinson
Director of Youth and Children's Music	Amy Rheingans
Preschool Director	Anne Scearce
Preschool Director (through July 2016)	Kristina Kurtz
Publication and Office Administrator	Angela Graham
Business Manager	AmyAnn Green
Building Superintendent	Connor Campbell

Ministry Reports

Worship and Music

David Marquis, Elder
David Jimerson, Laurel Cluthe, Bob Hinson, Ron Leland,
Carol Powers, Raoul Bellis-Squires, Pat Bryant, Kay Phillips, Wendy Jenkins

The Worship and Music Committee is responsible for the liturgy, music, and drama throughout the seasons of the church. It oversees the functionality, maintenance, lighting, sound and liturgical arts of the front entry, narthex, sanctuary, chancel, sacristy, prayer room, and balcony.

Sub-committees are tasked to provide ushers, greeters, communion servers, liturgists, acolytes, and sound board operators all essential to cohesive worship services. Fresh flowers in the entry are provided by congregants via a sign-up calendar in the church office, or by the committee as otherwise needed.

Liturgical seasons include Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Advent, and Christmas. Other prominent celebrations include All Saints Sunday commemorating those who were deceased in the past year, as well as Kirkin' o' the Tartans honoring our Presbyterian Scottish heritage.

Acolytes light the Christ Candle and pour the baptismal water during the prelude at each worship service. Communion is served by intinction on the first Sunday of each month.

Valley continues to be blessed with a vital music program, which includes the Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, King's Kids Choir, Cherub Choir, New Spirit Ringers and Royal Ringers. Instrumentalists, and soloists enhance worship services on occasion. In September worship included Bluegrass and Gospel music provided by the Grace Brothers and Oregon Wild West Trio.

Valley's Sanctuary Choir continued successfully under the direction of Dr. David Jimerson as Minister of Music. The choir has been blessed with the skills and support of student music interns. Organist/pianist Bob Hinson has continued to prove himself a vital asset with his versatility and improvisational talents.

Worship hymns and music are chosen by pastor Ben Paroulek, in collaboration with the Music Selection Committee which includes David Jimerson, Amy Rheingans, Bob Hinson, Elder David Marquis, and other committee members.

Looking ahead to 2017, the committee is excited to welcome a new pastor, help celebrate Valley's 75th Anniversary, and install the new Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal.

The committee is ever-exploring new ways in which to enhance our worship of God. We welcome any suggestions for our consideration.

Finance

Don Sowers, Finance Elder/Chairman
Members: Sam Connell, Lyle Chadwick, Eben Jenkins,
Shannon Pratt, Hank Grootendorst, Edie Leland
Frank Powers, Treasurer

The committee oversees the compiling of the annual budget and the stewardship campaign for funds for that budget. The committee also monitors church expenditures throughout the year.

In late summer, Eben Jenkins was asked to join the Finance committee and lead the stewardship campaign to raise funds for the annual operating budget. The results of the campaign were 133 pledges in the amount of \$361,166. This fell short of our goal of \$460,000 as well as last year's pledged amount of \$421,100.

As a result of our diminished pledging, the 2017 budget requires \$24,419 to be included as income that is actually transfer from cash reserves. Our surpluses from the last two years are about \$70,000. A table on the next page shows the actual expenditures and income in 2016 and the 2017 approved budget and estimated income.

Several exterior projects on the church building were started in 2016 and some finished as part of our "Building in Christ" campaign. As of December 31, 2016, we have \$178,103 in the church improvement "building" fund. Funds pledged in the "Building in Christ" campaign through 2018 but not yet received are \$168,158. The cost to complete the presently started exterior projects is about \$150,000. Interior projects will be considered after the exterior work is complete. Interior projects will be done as cash in our church improvement fund is available.

The church is without debt and financially sound at present. However, slowly decreasing membership and revenue and increasing costs are making it difficult to balance our budget each year. This will become more difficult in the future without increased membership and revenue.

Income and Budget Data: **Actual 2016** **Budget 2017**

Revenues:

Giving Income	\$457,206	\$432,227
Miscellaneous Income	\$38,058	\$46,500
Rental houses net income	\$11,028	\$16,697
Children ministries income	\$7,063	\$8,200
Youth ministries income	\$17,013	\$14,600
Designated mission income	\$37,713	\$35,200
Transfers from reserves	\$11,828	\$24,419
TOTAL INCOME	\$579,909	\$577,843

Expenditures:

Compensation & benefits, all staff	\$290,735	\$326,649
Facilities	\$72,527	\$48,046
General administration	\$114,799	\$109,750
Adult education & small groups, net	\$1,337	\$2,600
Children ministries	\$13,417	\$14,810
Youth ministries	\$24,614	\$21,900
Valley Preschool, net	(\$15,372)	\$53
Congregational care, net	\$183	\$460
Mission	\$43,895	\$39,650
Worship and music, net	\$5,269	\$7,900
Communications, membership & fellowship, net	\$3,201	\$6,025
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$554,605	\$577,843

Facilities

Roger Rees, Elder
Stephen Rees, Secretary
Members: Stephen Rees, David Derting,
Terry Hercher, Ed Sanders, Kerry Standlee

The Facilities Committee is responsible for:

- Identifying, coordinating and approving church maintenance issues. Small tasks are undertaken by team members or our custodian, Connor Campbell.
- Preparation of a fiscal year budget to be submitted to the Finance Committee that covers maintenance and improvements to the church and its associated properties.
- Approval and supervision of maintenance actions inside and outside of the church building and its associated rental properties located on Cedar Street.

Membership:

1. Elder: Roger Rees, who shall preside over the meetings of the Facilities Committee.
2. Secretary, responsible for the minutes of each meeting: Stephen Rees
3. Staff Resource person: unassigned
4. Members of the congregation: Stephen Rees, David Derting, Terry Hercher, Ed Sanders, Kerry Standlee.

Budget (2017): Approximately \$48,000, excluding operating income/expense from rentals

Accomplishment Highlights from the past 12 months

A quiet year for facilities except for the Property Improvements managed through the Property Improvement Committee headed by Dan Rueff and the Youth House Revivify efforts headed by Karen Yakymi.

Major improvements to the Church included:

- South side enhancements including windows, siding, lighting and paint.
- East entrance enhancements including automatic doors with proper accessibility ramp, siding, awning, lighting and paint.
- A lighted cross at the east entrance along with lighting the church's steeple.
- New air conditioning systems added to the pre-school and office areas.

Major improvements to the Youth House included:

- Interior upgrades with paint, some new windows and large screen TV.

Looking Forward in 2017

- Continuation of the property improvements will include new exit stairs from Davis Hall, new front doors (done) and entrance lighting (done.) The Youth House will see a new roof (done), siding repair and exterior paint.

Valley Community Presbyterian Church Foundation

Sam Connell, Valley Foundation Chair

The Board of Trustees are: Janet Adkins, Cathy Bernhard, Pat Bryant
Sam Connell, Joy McNeal, Bob Peterson, Wally Phillips, Bob Scarce

For the year 2016 Valley's Foundation received and funded four requests for financial support amounting to \$20,296.

The following were funded:

1. \$2,000 for Valley's Youth Mission Trip
2. \$15,000 for the Youth House Roofing
3. \$1,296 for Valley MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
4. \$2,000 for Valley's replacement of an automated external defibrillator (AED)

Valley Presbyterian Foundation is pleased to be a continuous resource and active supporter of Valley's youth, programs and physical facilities.

Mission

Mission Committee Members: Connie Brenner, Elder
Andrea Murdoch, Janet Adkins, Jan Falconer,
Chuck Falconer, Christine Danner

Your Mission Committee continued to be very busy during 2016. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, money and many donated items were collected during the year to help those in need in our community and around the world.

A Minute for Mission was offered during worship on the second Sunday of each month. **Special PCUSA Offerings** were received four times during the year: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peacemaking Offering, and the Christmas Joy Offering, totaled over \$7,500. Portions of the Pentecost and Peacemaking Offerings are retained by Valley for work in our local community or specified gifts to national/international projects.

Presbyterian Partnership Giving, to support denominational outreach, received \$6,000 from Valley's budget, and the Theological Education Fund, supporting the education of pastors for Reformed church congregations, received \$500.

Valley's Mission Endowment granted a total of \$20,000 to 15 projects.

Over \$3,000 was received in the **monthly Cents-Ability offerings**, with \$1,000 sent to Care to Share, a local social service agency, and \$1,036 to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. \$1,000 was sent to PCUSA for **Chenoa Stock**, our mission co-worker in Bolivia.

The annual **Mission Market** raised \$2,989 for the following groups: Second Home, Equal Exchange, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project International, Knit for Kids, Luke Dorf, Youth Missions, and the Soup Kitchen.

Soup (or another hot meal) was provided monthly at the Bud Clark Commons in downtown Portland; and prayer shawls, purple hats for Providence Hospital newborns, sweaters for kids, and girls' dresses for Africa were made and distributed.

Dining for Women held monthly meetings to hear about and help support programs that work to improve the situation of women and girls around the world.

Items collected during the year included socks, scarves, mittens and hats for the homeless ministries of Luke Dorf, Night Strike and Night Watch; food for St. Matthew's food pantry and Project Back; 44 backpacks for Project Back; glasses and hearing aids for the Lions Club; and box tops and labels for education.

Valley participated in two **Habitat for Humanity** "builds" this year, one on June 15, at which 5 people participated; and the other on October 29, at which 6 people worked.

On October 6 Valley observed Bread for the World Sunday with a bake sale and an offering of letters. The proceeds of the bake sale were used to pay for our Covenant Congregation status with Bread for the World.

A number of volunteers helped distribute food at **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church/SCAT Food Pantry** to alleviate hunger locally on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of each month.

Although Valley had no walkers in the **CROP Walk** in 2016, \$237 was contributed.

A **produce table** was held during the summer months with over \$300 in proceeds going to the Oregon Food Bank.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES!!!

Mission Endowment Committee

Elaine Rea, Chairperson
Jan Bellis-Squires, Robert Hayes,
Mary Kelly, David Marquis, Gary Nelson
Janet Adkins, Mission Committee Liaison

Funds available from the Mission Endowment Fund:

\$22,000

Funds awarded:

\$21,000

Spring 2016 Grant Cycle recipients:

Nerds Abroad, Inc.
Corvallis Sister Cities Association
United Nations Foundation – Nothing But Nets
Open Arms International
Seeds of Learning
Impact NW – Richmond Place
YWCA of Greater Portland – Yolanda Project
Ignite the World Ministries
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Fall 2016 Grant Cycle recipients:

Deschutes County Healthy Beginnings, Inc.
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon – Second Home Beaverton
Willamette West Habitat for Humanities
Central City Concern
Presbyterian Church of East Africa

Committee business:

The application deadlines remain April 1 and October 1. Notices for applications appeared in the March and September *Messenger* as well as Sunday Bulletins and e-Blasts. Award summaries were published in the August and December *Messenger*. The committee met in April and October and after approval from the Mission Committee, the proposed grants were ratified by Session in May and November. Award letters and checks were sent in June and December. In total, fourteen grants were awarded. Four were in health, five in housing, three in education and two in mission/evangelism. Seven were local or regional and seven were international.

Membership

Cathy Bernhard, Elder and Chair
Members: Pat Bird, Donna Rueff,
Joy and Gary Eaton, Marilyn Tuffs

Mission Statement

We are called and have committed to:

- Welcome all who come to Valley – members, friends and visitors alike by creating a welcoming atmosphere.
- Encourage a community of faith by caring for our members, friends and children by communicating one on one what Valley has to offer and retaining and recruiting those interested in joining a community of faith.

Highlights

The Membership Committee consists of a dedicated team who are caring, hard-working and supportive of the important work of Valley Community Presbyterian Church. The committee had a successful year with many accomplishments. Here are the highlights:

- Committed to a Personal Greeters Program so each person entering the church receives a personal greeting.
- Prepared and served coffee and treats to early arrivers on Sunday mornings in the library.
- Continued to work with Laurel and the youth to give a welcome gift and information to each newcomer who attends worship.
- Ensured that each new worshipper who provided contact information was contacted by a Pastor and/or a Membership Committee member.
- Set up individual times for the Pastor and two Elders to receive into membership those who indicated an interest in joining. These new members were then introduced to the congregation at a worship service.
- Coordinated/wrote the Meet Your Family feature articles in the Valley Messenger.
- Tracked attendance and updated membership rolls as needed.
- Developed a Visitor/Prayer Request card that is placed in all pews.
- Participated in the Kick-off Sunday activities with a table showcasing activities at Valley.
- Revised and maintained New Member Packets for those joining the church.

Fellowship

Ruthann Marquis, Elder (January-December)
Members: Wendy Jenkins, Marcia Sanderman,
Laura Sanders, Beth Busch, Donna Sele

The mission of the Fellowship Ministry is to build community and create opportunities for Christian fellowship within the congregation at Valley Community Presbyterian Church. We coordinate key congregational meals and assist with receptions or recognitions.

We oversee the kitchen, promote the cookie ministry and coordinate the hosts for the Coffee Fellowship that follows Worship every Sunday.

The Fellowship Ministry was busy during 2016, as can be seen in the following:

June 19th—Lunch with General Assembly Guests. Portland hosted the Presbyterian General Assembly that week and Valley hosted a handful of guests for worship and a sandwich lunch. Leftovers were taken to the Bud Clark Commons, as well as used at Music Camp the following week, and gratefully received.

July 17th - Congregational Picnic on the front lawn of the church. Canopies purchased by individuals within the Men's Bible Study were used for the first time and provided great comfort. Fellowship supplied fried and baked chicken, as well as beverages. The congregation provided sides, salads and desserts for a bountiful spread under beautiful skies.

October 9th-Congregational Lunch after Stewardship Dedication Sunday. We hosted a Pasta Potluck, which was great fun! Congregants either brought a warm pasta dish, or contributed salads or desserts. Fellowship provided beverages and bread.

December 4th – Advent Fair after Worship that day from 11:30- 1:30. Davis Hall was filled with craft tables and activities, pizza and cider, chocolate covered pretzels and fresh greens while Christmas music filled the air.

Other accomplishments:

Marcia Sanderman spearheaded the project to research and replace the coffee makers in the church kitchen and in the Fireside Room. This needed improvement has been appreciated by all. Memorial Gifts provided the funding for this project.

Commendations with gratitude:

Boy Scout Troup 592 graciously set up for many of the Fellowship Ministry events this year, as well as took down those same events with enthusiasm and efficiency. They clearly contributed to the success of each event.

Safety and Security

Phil Miller, Elder
Angela Graham, Publication and Office Administrator
Connor Campbell, Building Superintendent
Anne Scarce, Preschool Director

A new Elder position for Safety and Security ministry was established in 2016.

The Safety and Security Committee is responsible for the safety of Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff members, Deacons and Elders, congregation members, and groups using the church facilities. Security is also important and becoming more important as our community and world changes.

Budget (2016): \$0.00, since Safety and Security is a new designated ministry. The committee is grateful for \$3,000.00 budgeted for 2017 even though membership has declined somewhat, and necessary building repairs and updating is ongoing.

A non-functioning AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has been replaced with a new Zoll AED Plus under a 36-month AED Service Agreement with Cintas Corporation. The new AED was funded by the Valley Community Presbyterian Foundation.

The installed church audible alarm system is currently deactivated due to its extremely high decibel sound level resulting in complaints from neighbors. Recorded security measures remain in place for visual review by authorized personnel. Additional security measures have been considered. An on-premise inspection has been conducted by Stanley Security. Implementation of their suggestions for additional security video devices and remote cell phone capabilities for alarm notification/activation/deactivation will be submitted for approval as budget constraints allow.

Keys and Key Cards for the church premises are on file and administered by the Church Office. Background security checks are in place for Church and Preschool staff.

A Safety & Security Manual is under development by the committee.

Small tasks are handled by committee members and, at times, volunteers.

Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) and Leadership Development

Cheryl Rees, Elder
Stephen Rees, Deacon
Members: Lyle Chadwick, Kay Phillips,
Donna Rueff, Karen Sandberg

CONC members begin meeting January or February of each year. They look for members with passion and gifts to serve Valley's leadership positions.

Incoming candidates replace outgoing members of Ruling Elder, Deacon, Valley Foundation members, Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and CONC members at large. The congregation is then presented with the candidates that accept the position offered.

The committee is a dedicated group making calls or personal visits to talk with members about their call to active church leadership rolls.

Christian Nurture for Youth

Allison Carlson, Elder (2015-18)
Ashley Elisara (2015-16), Megan Bootsma (2016-17), Elders
Laurel Cluthe, Children's and Youth Minister,
Amy Rheingans, Director of Children's and Youth Music,
Cheryl Hoffbeck, Stacy Luehr-Sele, Katherine Rinella,
Karen Yakymi, Michelle Blair, Committee Members
Youth Advisors: Jenny Pratt, Hannah Pyle, Taylor Rawlings,
Trent Sele, John Whitehurst, Karen Yakymi

Children's & Youth Ministry Mission Statement: Using Christ's love as our example, we seek to INSPIRE, CELEBRATE, and EQUIP children and youth as together we explore and live out our relationship with God. We accomplish this through worship, education, fellowship, and mission and service.

2016 Activities and Accomplishments:

- Study treat and note of encouragement distributed to all Valley high school students (25 bags delivered)
- Youth Sunday: 30 youth participated in leading worship
- Youth and Children's Committees jointly sponsored Extend the Table
- 2016 mission projects supported with youth time and funds: Heifer International, Project BACK, Church World Service, Operation Gratitude, Salvation Army, SCAT Food pantry, Westminster Woods Camp
- Graduation Sunday, distribution of quilts to High School seniors (11 students), graduation lunch with seniors, their families, and quilters at the updated youth house
- 6/26-7/2 Middle and High school mission trip to Westminster Woods Camp near Pendleton, Oregon (25 students and 7 adults attended); High school seniors led small group devotionals and games
- Intergenerational activities include a Hillsboro HOPS game and social dessert, Extend the Table
- Summer beach day
- Youth choirs participated in worship on Youth Sunday, Palm Sunday, Graduation Sunday, Tiny Bethlehem pageant (15 youth)
- Quarterly meetings with Youth and Children's committees
- Middle and High School weekend presbytery retreat-Fall Youthcon in Turner, OR
- Regular weekly meetings on Wednesday for youth group with middle school and high school students
- Fall Sunday morning Bible study for youth
- Fall Sunday morning high school Confirmation Class (9 students)

Fundraisers:

- 1/3, 1/9. 1/10 Christmas tree recycling roughly \$550 collected
- 1/24 Chili Cook-off (\$800)
- 2/7 Souper bowl of Caring generated \$360 given to Nightstrike and Project Back
- 5/8 Pancake Breakfast (\$950)
- 10/25 Chili Cook-off (\$907)
- SCRIP
- Youth Sunday collection for Youth Mission Fund (\$1000)
- 12/13 Christmas Cookie Exchange Fundraiser (\$1262)

Young adults (high school graduates from last 5-8 years):

- +May mailing to 30 Valley young adults inviting them to Graduation Sunday and Hillsboro HOPS game
- Christmas holiday package with lights mailed to 30 Valley young adults inviting them to open house
- Christmas open house with appetizers for Valley young adults, 5 young adults attended



Valley Kids 2015 Report

From the Christian Nurture for Children's Committee

Amy Henning-Blair, Elder
 Members: Lizz Brown, Cheryl Hoffbeck, Renn Sanderman
 Staff: Laurel Cluthe, Children's and Youth Minister,
 Amy Rheingans, Director of Children's and Youth Music

Exciting NEWS: New & Updated Programs of 2016

Hiring Angela Kirby, Nursery Coordinator, with 52 Weeks of Nursery Care during Sunday morning Worship	Camp: Mission (only one in Portland), a full-day camp for elementary kids to discover and serve God's Creation, updated and restructured with more deacon participation
6 Kids' Night Outs, a theme-filled, fun evening for kids ages 3-11	Added Preschool Classes to Sunday Funday and Vacation Bible School/Camp Mission
Online registration offered for all summer camps	Fundraiser lunch at Presbytery meeting to fund summer camp scholarships
Extend the Table, a monthly intergenerational program, including lunch and Bible-to-life chats	Our committee's Milestones for Valley Kids Ministry's long-term goals are now being implemented—teaching hymns/songs, Bible stories and Scripture lessons.

Fantastic Facts of 2016: The Real-Life Ministry in Number Form

- 30 children attended Sunday Funday (formerly called Sunday School); average of 14 per Sunday
- 5 Sundays of Valley Kids' artwork featured in our Worship bulletin
- 12 months that children or youth led the Prayer Following Communion
- 5 Bibles gifted to 2nd Graders (2016)
- 10 children sang in Cherub Choir
- 19 children sang in King's Kids
- 13 children rang in Royal Ringers
- 42 children attended Kids' Day/Night Outs, with an average of 16 per event
- Music & Drama Camp had 18 campers and 6 volunteers
- Arts Exploration Camp had 17 campers and 5 volunteers
- VBS (Vacation Bible School) had 75 campers and 40 volunteers
- Camp: Mission had 15 campers and 12 volunteers
- 100 Advent Calendars gifted to our "regulars" and all of the Valley Christian Preschool families

Special spiritual, educational and friendship-making opportunities for kids in 2014: Bibles to 2nd Graders, Acolyte Training, Children at the Lord's Table, Ash Wednesday Worship and Dinner, Kids' Night/Day Outs, Family Fun Night of Bowling, Extend the Table

*A special thanks to all Valley Kids families and volunteers who lived out our mission statement in 2015.
 You are showing God's love in wonderful ways!*

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Valley Christian Preschool

Anne Scearce, Director
Kristina Kurtz, Director (through July 2016)

2016 marked Valley Christian Preschool's 20th year as a joyful ministry of Valley Community Presbyterian Church. We continue to be a nationally certified program, under the Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS), with 3-Star Rating.

Our 2015-2016 school year ended in June, 2016 with 76 students from 67 families, which is about 80% of our maximum capacity. This was consistent with our enrollment numbers from the previous school year. Our current 2016-2017 school enrollment is 80 students from 69 families, showing growth in student population of almost 4% over the previous school year. VCP strives to provide scholarship support to families upon request. We employ nine teachers and one director and ended the 2016 calendar year with a financial gain.

Currently, there are no Valley Church member families attending Valley Christian Preschool. However, there are nine VCP students participating in Valley's Cherub Choir. These families are attending Sunday worship when the Cherub choir performs. A few of our preschool families were also in attendance for Valley's family worship service on Christmas eve. One family has expressed interest in attending Valley worship regularly. A few preschool families also attend Boy Scout meetings here at Valley with their older children (VCP alumni) on a regular basis. With the addition of the Mothers of Preschoolers program (MOPs) in 2017, Valley plans to provide additional spiritual and community support to our preschool families.

VCP families are made aware of family-oriented programs taking place within the church and attend some of the Kid's Night Out events. On a couple of occasions, Valley's Church Nursery has provided childcare to support for preschool they younger siblings so preschool parents can attend school events. VCP promotes the choir and children's ministries, and is open to finding new and creative ways of building connections between Valley Community Presbyterian Church and Valley Christian Preschool.

The 2016 VCP School Board included Pastor Ben Paroulek, Elders Allison Baird Carlson and Amy Henning Blair, VCP Director Anne Scearce, church members Marilyn Connell and Bev Hubbard. The board also includes three VCP parents; Andrea Chaney, Tenell Dietzman and Johanna Kennelly Ullman. The Board meets monthly and reviews policy, pricing, and marketing support.

We continue to develop an online presence to boost marketing, and thank families for their successful referrals by offering a one-time \$100 credit for tuition. We also advertise in two printed and online editions of NW Kids and Metro Parent. Word-of-mouth is still our #1 source for new enrollees, but many callers find us through Google and Yelp. Our website is kept current and receives favorable compliments from our community.

The core purpose of Valley Christian Preschool is to embrace childhood in partnership with families and God. With prayer and support, we will continue succeeding.

Faithfully submitted February 22, 2017



Christian Nurture for Adults

Richard Bryant, Elder

During 2016-2017 the Sunday Adult education program included the following topics: DVD presentations of “Great Figures of the New Testament”, “Beyond our Differences” a program by Karen Armstrong, the Dalai Lama, Rev. Tutu and others; “Why Science and Religion are Mutually Inclusive” by Prof. Amit Goeswasmi and Bill Moyer’s multi-authored programs on “God Politics and Global Warming,” “Faith and Reason” and “Beyond our Differences.”

Individual programs included:

1. David Gallagher’s describing the missionary work done by Open Arms, Intl.
2. Valerie M. Jiminez of OHSU discussing Advanced Care Directives and Planning
3. Baird Smith’s two world-class presentations on Technology and Theology.

Several important Adult Education programs that are autonomous, and unrelated to the activities of this committee. These include: Tai Chi, Men's Bible study and many other programs. Likewise, the Gamble Library resources of books, magazines, journals and DVDs are under the direction of Jan Faulkner.

Personnel

David Jimerson, Elder
Amy Dee, Ann Johnson, Donna Rueff

The Personnel Committee is accountable to the Session, with authority and charge to carry out the following:

- Oversee and write personnel policies and practices and make recommendations to Session.
- In collaboration with the Finance Committee, recommend salaries.
- Conduct annual performance reviews.
- Develop and maintain position descriptions.
- Assist in interviewing and hiring staff.
- Encourage professional effectiveness and growth.
- Support the staff.

Highlights of 2015-2016:

- Worked with the Finance Committee to make recommendations for 2017 budget.
 - Hired Anne Searce as Director of Valley Christian Preschool.
 - Hired Connor Campbell as Valley's part-time Building Superintendent.
 - Hired Angela Kirby as Nursery care coordinator.
 - Oversaw the hiring of several new Preschool teachers.
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Board of Deacons 2016-2017

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Janet Adkins	Gary Eaton	Marilyn Connell
Bev Hubbard	Joy Eaton	Sam Connell
Rich Gold	Frank Powers	Judy Huddleston
Edie Leland	Steve Rees	Bob Scearce
Geri Mitchell	Anne Scearce	Fran Scearce
Bonnie Reeder	Charlene Stansbury	Gaylen Uecker
Alex Blair (Youth Deacon) Frank Powers (Session Rep.)		
Pastor: Ben Paroulek		

Moderator: Janet Adkins

Secretary: Edie Leland

The Board of Deacons meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Fireside Room. They nurture the needs of Valley's Members and the greater community in a variety of ways.

Deacon mission assignments:

Communion Preparation

Serve Communion to those unable to be in church

Maundy Thursday Dinner

Provide rides to church

Contact or visit members who are unable to attend church

Assist the Pastor with visitations

Memorial Service Receptions

Sunday morning Coffee Fellowship - two months annually

Prepare soup for Bud Clark Commons - two times annually

Blood Drive - four times annually

Bulletin Board

Send out cards – get well, sympathy, thinking of you, birthday, etc.

Baptism/New member letters

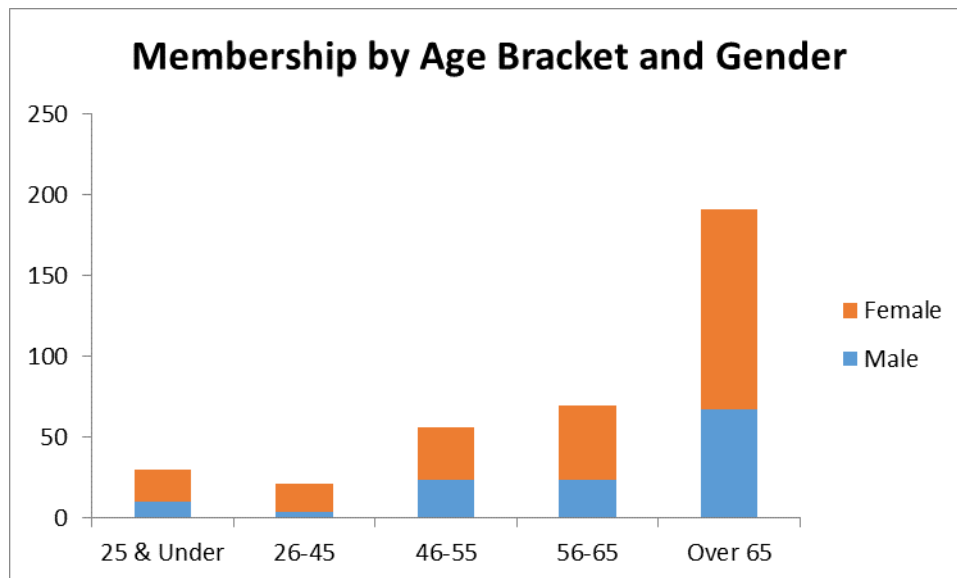
Grief Ministry

CONC member representative

Clerk's Report

Carol Powers, Clerk of Session

Total membership as of 12/31/2015: 368
12/31/2016: 341



Note: Only members who have provided a birthdate are included in this chart

Gains: 7

Confirmands: None (No class in 2016 – held every other year)

New Adult Members: 7

Losses: 34

In Memoriam: 11

<i>Nancy Leisure</i>	<i>January 15, 2016</i>
<i>Thomas Stapleton</i>	<i>March 5, 2016</i>
<i>Beverly Shue</i>	<i>May 6, 2016</i>
<i>Bruce Tate</i>	<i>June 2, 2016</i>
<i>Neil Baker</i>	<i>June 24, 2016</i>
<i>Dorothy Benson</i>	<i>July 7, 2016</i>
<i>Jean Armstrong</i>	<i>July 21, 2016</i>
<i>Shirley Smyth</i>	<i>August 18, 2016</i>
<i>Johnnie Scrivens</i>	<i>September 21, 2016</i>
<i>Donna Nokua</i>	<i>September 29, 2016</i>
<i>Bud Bendix</i>	<i>November 3, 2016</i>

Transfers and other removals: 23

Net Loss: 27

Average Sunday Worship Attendance: 153

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