

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION will be celebrated on Sunday, September 10 which is Kick Off Sunday.

THE OLD HYMNALS will be available free of charge for anyone who would like one on Kick Off Sunday.

TO REQUEST A FAVORITE HYMN to be sung during worship, contact David Jimerson at david@valleycommunity.org.

TAI CHI CLASS: Come enjoy the gentle, flowing movements of tai chi - a great way to practice balance, build strength, and improve flexibility. Join us Tuesdays, 10:15-11:15 AM, beginning September 19. Questions? Contact Diane Harris, dianeharris@mac.com, 503.805.6011.

MISSION ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS DUE

OCTOBER 1: The Fall application deadline for grants from Valley's Mission Endowment Fund is October 1. The Mission Endowment Committee meets in October 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.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year. VCP is a nurturing learning environment for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. For more information, contact Anne Scarce, Director, at 503.292.3537 x146, anne@valleycommunity.org, www.valleychristianpreschool.com.

HAVE YOU HEARD about our new MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program being developed here at Valley? Do you know any young mothers who might benefit from our group? Valley is sponsoring a brand new chapter who will meet in the mornings on the third Wednesday of each month beginning in September in the Youth House. Please contact Kay Hope Gold at children@valleycommunity.org for more information.



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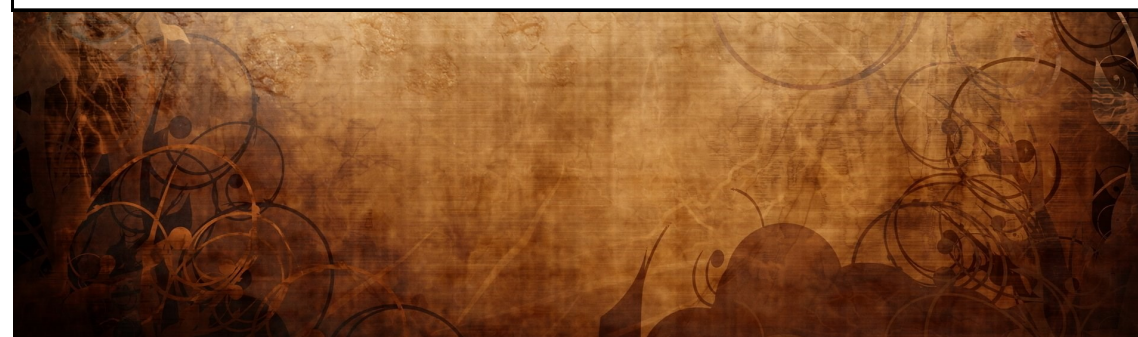
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
September 3-10, 2017		
SUNDAY, September 3 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	TUESDAY, September 5 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:45 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	FRIDAY, September 8 SATURDAY, September 9 SUNDAY, September 10 Fall Kick Off 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Ministry Fair
MONDAY, September 4 Labor Day - Church Office Closed 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	WEDNESDAY, September 6 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 1:30 PM Mission Committee Meeting THURSDAY, September 7 9:00 AM Personnel Meeting 12:30 PM Special Meeting of the Presbytery 6:00 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	



LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20



SERVICE OF WORSHIP



“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”
Matthew 16: 24

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 ✠ 10:00 AM

❖ Please stand as you are able

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *Hymn Sing* Valley Congregation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

ACOLYTES

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 105:1-3*
 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
 Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

❖ OPENING HYMN *Lift High the Cross* No 826

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wally Phillips, Liturgist

☸ Silence is kept ☸

❖ KYRIE "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy"

Musical notation for the Kyrie with lyrics: Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chr - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. E - le - i - son.

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

❖ 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 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian Nº 729

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Rev. Jeff Binder

SOLO ANTHEM The Heart Worships Gustav Holst Jimmy Yohe, baritone

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:9-21 New Testament, p. 162 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:21-28 New Testament, p. 18

MESSAGE Denying Self Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Nº 435

OFFERTORY Antiphon V Marcel Dupre

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

❖ DOXOLOGY 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

❖ CLOSING HYMN Take My Life Nº 697

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

POSTLUDE The Church of Christ in Every Age William Knapp (Words of hymn Nº 320)

You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude.

Sermon Notes:

- 1. Today's sermon theme is on the topic of _____
2. Theologian Thomas Merton writes about the _____ self and the _____ self.
3. One way I can take up my own cross this week is by _____

(Please be sure to share with Pastor Jeff if you like!)

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.

AN OPEN NURSERY ROOM for infants-3 year olds is available in room 7 behind the sanctuary on Sundays, 9:45-11:15 AM. Audio of the worship service is available to listen to in the Nursery room.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by Valley Deacons upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS will meet at 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 10 in the Conference Room. In Rev. Borg's DVD "Speaking Christian," he argues that Christianity's interpretation of Biblical words, sacred texts and stories have been narrowed by our modern framework of faith that emphasizes Jesus dying for our sins, forgiveness, and the hereafter. Borg emphasizes the depth and richness of our religious roots and its capacity to transform our lives now.

KICK OFF SUNDAY IS COMING SEPTEMBER 10! After worship that day, follow the crowd outside to experience the many things that Valley has to offer. This "kick off" for the Fall season will certainly entice you to learn of the abundant ministries and small groups entice in our church as they present options for your enrichment and service. Since this is an opportunity for connecting and sharing, think about inviting your neighbors, family and friends to worship with us and to check out Valley's active presence in our community.

PRODUCE TABLE: Our gardens are erupting with all sorts of wonderful green things! Please bring your garden goodies to the weekly Produce Table during coffee fellowship to share with other Valley members and friends. While there, take a look and see if something entices you for your next meal as you donate some cash towards the Oregon Food Bank.

"EXCELLENCE IN ALL THINGS, AND ALL THINGS TO THE GLORY OF GOD." Perhaps it is time to consider offering your talent by singing in the Sanctuary Choir here at Valley. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:15-9:00 PM and offer music in most worship services September through June. Please talk with David Jimerson after worship or via email at david@valleycommunity.org.

YOUTH GROUP/PARENT MEETING September 13 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Youth House. We will share a pizza dinner, a parent vs. youth game, and fall program information from 6:30-7:30 PM. The youth will then have their own fun from 7:30-8:30 PM. We hope all middle and high school youth along with their parents will attend the first meeting of the year!