
The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church September 2017

Sundays at Valley

Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.
Early Coffee in Library, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

September

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10 Communion

Kick Off Sunday
Ministry Fair, 11:30 a.m.

17 Dining for Women Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

Jeannine Bendix Memorial and
Reception, 2:00 p.m.

24 Youth Mission Sunday

October

1 Communion



Kick Off Sunday September 10



Fall Season will certainly entice you to learn of the abundant ministries and small groups active 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.

Sunday, September 10 is a day for Valley Community Presbyterian Church to shine! After worship that day, follow the crowd outside to experience the many things that Valley has to offer. This "kick off" for the

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

PDA continues to be in touch with presbytery leadership in New Covenant, Mission, and South Louisiana Presbyteries. National Response Teams are being deployed into the affected regions when it is safe to do so. Read the Presbyterian News Service stories. Presbyterians continue recovery effort following Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey.

If you would like to help support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, here are a few options for giving:

- Option 1: make donations payable to Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC) with 'Hurricane Harvey Relied' in the memo line, which will then be forwarded to PDA.
- Option 2: make donations payable to PDA with the reference: [DR000169-Harvey](https://www.pda.pcusa.org/donations/DR000169-Harvey).

Please join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm.

For more information, please go to [pda.pcusa.org](https://www.pda.pcusa.org).

75th Anniversary of Valley Community Presbyterian Church

October 29, 2017 10:00 a.m. Worship
All-Congregational Luncheon

It Takes a Village



Rev. Jeff Binder

I am daily amazed by the generosity, commitment, and grace of the people within Valley Community. Every day I hear new tidbits of information and stories of members and friends who help keep this community vibrant and dynamic. There are some who offer their own time and resources to care for the landscaping of the church property. There are some who clean up and organize closets and rooms within the building that have compiled years of old equipment, decorations, and supplies. There are some who help clean the sanctuary, and after fellowship hour, those who unlock and lock up the doors before and after worship...the list goes on, and on, and on!

While we do have paid staff to perform specified tasks, the reality is that this church runs on the sweat (and sometimes blood) of the members and friends of Valley Community. Simply put, it takes a village to make this church what it is today, and it will take a village for this church to realize its days in the future.

September is a wonderful time of the year to take a moment and reflect on how you would like to spend your time and energy in the coming months. Many of us will quickly become overwhelmed with organizations, meetings, sports, school...this list unfortunately goes on and on as well. I would like for you to consider how much time you give to your spiritual life, and this community here at Valley this September. Do you have time in the day or the week to perhaps, pray, worship, learn, or even serve? Do you have a talent or passion that you would like to share with the community? If so, we would love to hear from you. On September 10 we will formally begin the program year with our annual Kick Off Celebration. This will be a time to listen for where God may be calling you to serve this year. We are all not called to weed whack, but perhaps it is joining a Bible study, or volunteering with a committee, or reaching out to the Raleigh Hills neighborhood? I look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ,



Pastor Jeff

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Women's Bible Study



The Horizons Bible Study for Presbyterian Women for the program year 2017-18 is entitled "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." It was written by Melissa Bane Sevier, who was a church pastor for many years and now focuses on her longtime ministry of writing and photography. The author has a Masters of Divinity Degree from Louisville Seminary and a Doctorate in Ministry from McCormick Seminary. The nine lessons in the study explore nine major themes in the Letter to Hebrews, relates those themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and ties them together with the overarching motif of community. Since the study is thematic, not sequential, some parts of Hebrews may be included in more than one lesson because they relate to more than one theme. Passages in other books of both the Old and New Testaments are also examined to see how the themes in Hebrews relate to similar themes in other parts of our tradition.

It hasn't yet been decided how the Women's Bible Study will be organized in the coming year. If you are interested in participating in this Bible study, please let the church office know or contact Connie Brenner.

Adult Education Class

Marcus Borg: “Speaking Christian – Redeeming Christian Language” (DVD)

September 10 – Rev. Borg argues that Christianity’s interpretation of Biblical words, sacred texts and stories has been narrowed by our modern framework of faith that emphasizes Jesus dying for our sins, forgiveness, and the hereafter. Borg suggests that use of a historical-metaphorical method for understanding Christian language can enhance perception of the power and transformation provided by the Bible. For example, redemption: now narrowly interpreted as Jesus’ saving us from sin and providing access to heaven formerly implied setting us free from slavery which in the current context includes freedom from selfishness, self-incrimination and fear. The word “Savior” now links Jesus to forgiveness of sins, but in its former context, the Bible provides a rich variety of meanings more focused on the present than on the past or the after-life. In “Speaking Christian,” Borg emphasis the depth and richness of our religious roots and its capacity to transform our lives now.

September 17 – Borg states that Christian language is often misunderstood by current society. Oregon has lower church attendance than any other state. However, the concept of Biblical inerrancy is prevalent. Many U.S. Protestants believe the Universe is less than 10,000 years old. Borg states that exclusion of the metaphorical meaning of the Bible greatly reduces its contribution to our lives. Salvation is currently considered to have an end of life emphasis. Borg contends that salvation has a stronger meaning in the context of transformation of ourselves, our lives and societies in the current world. Salvation is transformation from bondage to liberation (both physical and psychological) from woundedness to wellness, from blindness to seeing, from injustice to justice and from death to life. Salvation is also about release from anxiety and self-preoccupation.

September 24 – Our fears of a vindictive God are enhanced by recognition of our human frailties. The New Testament message of a merciful and loving God emphasizes the importance of compassion in human life. God is merciful and compassionate; thus we should be also. This includes providing for societal needs of humans. We are admonished to seek the Kingdom of God and God’s justice in all aspects of societal needs. Justice and mercy are intimately connected. There is no simple formula for achieving these ends; however, dedication to the practices of loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself is a time-tested means for achieving these ends.

Session Meeting

August 8, 2017

- **Financial** reports for June 2017 were distributed. In general, things are a bit better than expected.
- Stewardship season is coming soon. All the sources of funding at the Church will be discussed.
- **Christian Nurture Children:** VBS was very successful. Kay Hope Gold is leader of the MOPS group (Mothers of Preschoolers)
- **Christian Nurture Youth:** Middle School and High School mission trips have concluded successfully. There are plans to hold the Chili Cookoff event again in the Fall.
- **Facilities** Committee plans to coordinate a fall church work party.
- **Session plans to celebrate Valley’s 75th Anniversary** in worship on Sunday, October 29.
- **Deacons** are focusing their ministry around making personal contacts with those under their care. **Home Communion and Visitation** was reported.
- A **commendation note** was sent to Pastor Greg Tatman with appreciation for his service as our Interim.
- **Policy Updates and Session Records** will be prepared for Presbytery records review.

Special Session Meeting

August 27, 2017

- **Purpose:** This special meeting was called for the purpose of electing commissioners to the special meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades, which has been called by the Stated Clerk for Thursday, September 7, 2017, in Eugene, Oregon.
- **Motion:** Elect **Connie Brenner and Carol Powers** as Valley’s commissioners to the September 7, 2017, special Presbytery meeting. Motion passed.

Mission Endowment Applications Due October 1



October 1st is the Fall application deadline for grants from Valley's Mission Endowment Fund. 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.

Created in 1979, the Mission Endowment Fund is an important part of Valley's mission program. Consideration is given to applications which 1) address hunger, food and health needs of people around the world, 2) assist volunteers in the mission field, 3) advance denominational programs of outreach, service and proclamation, and/or 4) assist secular and social organizations that aid in the care of people. In the past 10 years, this fund has awarded grants totaling over \$180,000 to deserving applicants.

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 and click on the Mission & Service tab, the Stewardship for a grant application.

Mission Endowment Fund Awards Spring Grants

Mission Endowment funds totaling \$11,500 were awarded to nine recipient groups. Those groups will serve the needs of people in our local area as well as Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America in the fields of health, education, housing, clothing and mission. In the last eighteen years, the Mission Endowment fund has awarded over \$370,000 in grants.

Friendly House – funds to provide fee assistance and scholarships for low-income children in their all-day, summer camps.

Valley Youth Mission Trip – funds for ground transportation and chaperones to DOOR Network Hollywood.

Interserve Canada – funds for tuition assistance to complete a counseling degree for Sarah Montes, a missionary in Bhutan.

Open Arms International – funds for the purchase of pharmaceutical supplies and medicine for a mobile medical camp serving Sudanese and Somali refugees in Eldoret, Kenya.

Seeds of Learning – scholarship funds for students in Nicaragua who come from rural villages to attend universities and give back to their communities upon graduation.

Impact NW – funds for the operation of Richmond Place, a transitional house facility in SE Portland with on-site case management and skill-building services for low-income families.

Valley Christian Pre-School – scholarship support for a pre-school student whose mother is disabled and on a limited income.

Assistance League of Greater Portland – funds to purchase clothing for low-income children in the Hillsboro and Beaverton School Districts as well as a new program with Portland PTA Clothing Center.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship – travel assistance to Lviv, Ukraine for Ron Riesinger to attend as a conference leader for international students.



Thank you for sending your check for **\$32.00** 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:

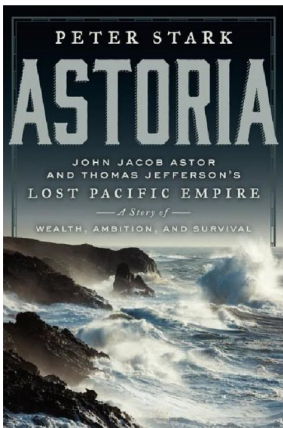
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Left: In July the Valley VBS kids, families and staff made over 60 Comfort Bags. We donated these bags to the Beaverton Office of the Department of Human Services (DHS) for children brought into the welfare system. Each Comfort Bag holds a book, toothbrush and paste, socks, toy, pencil and paper and comb. DHS will distribute them to children waiting at the office, sometimes for hours on end with nothing to do, while a placement into a shelter home or foster home is being made. (See Valley Notes for the thank you note from the Beaverton DHS)

Valley Book Group Discusses *Astoria*



The Valley Book Group meets on Friday, September 22, in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *Astoria* by Peter Stark.

This powerful book is subtitled “John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson’s Lost

Pacific Empire – A Story of Wealth, Ambition and Survival.”

Carefully researched, the book begins when the Lewis and Clark expedition ends and provides a fascinating window into the brutal race by land and sea to capture the North American fur trade and land in the Pacific Northwest. All are welcome to bring their own coffee and listen to or join in the lively discussion of this thrilling story of adventure that led to the founding of Oregon.

Myanmar ‘Backpack Medics’

September 17 is a Dining for Women meeting you will not want to miss!

Plan to join us in the Fireside Room after worship at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck lunch and a presentation on an amazing featured grantee.

Burma Humanitarian Mission (BHM) supports community-based, predominantly women-led backpack medics who administer village healthcare services and grassroots education programs to the displaced people of Myanmar (formerly Burma). Through this project, 180 women will have the opportunity to serve as backpack medics – breaking gender and cultural stereotypes to be leaders in their villages and communities, developing critical skills, and reducing poverty and suffering. In addition, the predominantly women-led backpack medic teams will aim to dramatically reduce infant and maternal mortality rates, saving nearly 50 babies and three mothers every year.

DFW loves this program because it brings much needed medical care and supplies to ethnically diverse marginalized groups in conflict zones and remote areas. This unique idea utilizes backpack medics to deliver health services and education programs to internally displaced populations who are often forced to be on the move.

Come and join the DFW group at Valley as we donate our *dining out dollars* to help change the world, one meal at a time.

For more information, please contact Ruthann Marquis at 503.297.8992 or go to diningforwomen.org to look closer at this life changing organization.



Valley’s Sanctuary Choir Welcomes You

“Excellence in all things, and all things to the Glory of God.”

Perhaps it’s time to consider offering your talent by singing in the Valley Choir.

Psalm 100 King James Version (KJV)

¹ *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.*

² *Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

We are welcoming singers into all four sections. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. and offer music in most worship services September through June.



Music for Children and Youth Begins Soon

Youth Choir and Bell Choir (6th-12th graders) at Valley begins Sunday, September 24, time TBA. Our choir year will include numerous treasured traditions: Pageant of the Holy Nativity, Christmas Eve, Youth Sunday, Easter Sunday, Graduate Sunday, and many other Sundays to share the gift of music. We are planning a beautiful combined choir piece for November to bring together Valley's choirs of all ages.

Children's Music

There are three musical offerings for children from preschool - 5th grade as follows:

- ◇ Cherub Choir for 4 year olds through 1st graders begins Wednesday, October 4, from 5:00-5:45 p.m.
- ◇ King's Kids Choir for 2nd-5th graders begins Wednesday, October 4, from 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- ◇ Royal Ringers Bell Choir for 2nd-5th graders begins Wednesday, October 4, from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join in Valley's thriving music ministry. Questions? Contact our Director of Music for Children and Youth, Amy Rheingans, at amyreingans@comcast.net or 503.351.2153.

Fun for the Whole Family

If camping for a week at Honeyman State Park (on the coast, just south of Florence) with a group of (mostly) Presbyterian families sounds like a good time, make plans now for next summer, July 21-26 (July 28-August 4 if enough spaces can't be reserved for the original dates).

Registrations (with payment in full) are due by October 1. Registrations this early are necessary because a whole loop of camping sites is reserved for the group. If the alternate dates are necessary, notification of that would be in October 2017. Registration fees are \$265 for a tent site and \$321 for a trailer site – both include State park fees and a Family Camp program fee of \$110.

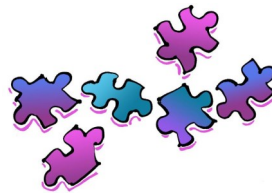
The 2017 Camp (July 22 – July 29) enjoyed a week at the coast with *no rain*. No promises that other years would be moisture-free. The program includes worship in the mornings, Middle and High School Activities in the afternoons and evenings, team building events for Middle School, High School and Adults, and Campfire (with announcements and silly songs) in the late afternoon. Special events included ice cream socials, slug races, tie-dyeing, s'mores, and bike activities.

Sound like fun? Contact Donna Russell, Connie Brenner, or Faith Bridges for more information.



Valley's wonderful youth interns, Hannah Pyle (left) and Mackenzie Spenser (right).

Happiness is a New Jigsaw Puzzle!



Does your family enjoy jigsaw puzzles? Everyone is welcome to enjoy our new JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE program! Bring in a jigsaw puzzle that you have previously enjoyed and exchange it for one on the shelves in the Sunday School wing of the church.

Blessing of the Backpacks



Attention kids: Bring your backpacks to Valley on Sunday September 24th for "The Blessing of the Backpacks." We will be making personalized key rings for Valley's Kids as well as Project BACK during our Sunday Funday art projects in the next few weeks.

Youth Update

Kick-Off Sunday September 10

Please stop by the youth table on September 10 as we kick-off another great year of youth programs at Valley Church. We will have registration forms for the 2017-2018 year, a fall calendar of events, and parent/congregant volunteer opportunities available. Please direct any questions about the fall program to Allison Carlson at 5beavs@comcast.net or 503.701.9853.

First Wednesday Youth Group/Parent Meeting September 13

We invite all middle school and high school youth and their parents to the first youth group meeting of the year on September 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will share a pizza dinner, a parent vs. youth game, and fall program information from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The youth will then have their own fun from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Our summer interns, Mackenzie Spencer and Hannah Pyle, will be leading youth group each subsequent Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., along with their fabulous helpers John Whitehurst and Trent Sele. The fourth Wednesday of each month, 9/27, 10/25, and 11/29, we are planning on giving back to the local community by serving in local mission organizations. We hope all youth and their parents will mark their calendars to attend this important September 13 meeting.

Mission Trip Recap September 24 in Worship

The Valley youth have had a busy summer! Twelve of our high school students, along with Trent Sele, Taylor Rawlings, and Jenny Pratt, spent **July 9-15** in Los Angeles, California serving the homeless population in collaboration with **The DOOR organization**.

At **City Camp in Portland**, nine of our middle school students and chaperones Hannah Pyle, Mackenzie Spencer, and Taylor Rawlings served many local organizations in Portland and stayed downtown at First Presbyterian Church. Drive Away Hunger, the Oregon Food Bank, Blanchet House, and Friends of the Carpenter are just a few places our MS youth offered a helping hand during the week of **July 31-August 3**. We hope many of you will be in worship on September 24, 2017 to hear first-hand from our youth about their mission trip experiences.

Reformation Today



Sarah speaks at the International Youth Conference.

by Sarah Blair

(Note: Sarah Blair, member of Valley and a current college student, was chosen to represent the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the international Reformation conference of young people held in Hungary in July.)

This year, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of an event that impacts me deeply. Regardless of how infrequently I think, talk, or learn about it, the Protestant Reformation played a huge role in shaping my church's identity and me, personally, into the individual I am today.

Reformation is not just an event that happened 500 years ago when a man nailed his revolutionary ideas onto the doors of a church. It is a process that has been happening for much longer than that and continues today. God is constantly forming and reshaping us as a church and as individuals into who we are meant to be.

Over 4,000 young adults (ages 18-25) gathered at the Starpoint Youth Festival in Debrecen, Hungary this July to celebrate the anniversary of Luther's brave act, but also to converse about how reformation is not in the past. I had the privilege of representing the PC(USA) and I was joined at the festival by thirty international delegates representing other reformed denominations from Canada, Scotland, England, Germany, Lithuania, Taiwan, the Czech Republic, and Syria. Each day included devotions, worship, keynote speakers, small groups, community building, and cultural experiences. Together with thousands of Hungarians, we grew and learned about what it means to be reformed.

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Students at the International Youth Conference in Hungary.

another, and (3) all needs were met. The world today is quite the opposite: our relationships with God are broken, humans are in constant conflict, and many people around the world suffer in need.

Thinking about reformation in our world today led to conversations about the current refugee crisis. I had the opportunity this past school year to work with refugees in California near my university and listen to their stories. After spending time with refugees in the United States, it was fascinating to hear the opinions of my new European and Syrian friends for whom the issue is so much more immediate. It is easy for us as Americans to sit back and discuss the pros and cons of allowing refugees into our country, most of us never having even met a refugee. However, for our friends in Europe it is not a question of whether they will let refugees in, but how to handle the constant influx of people and serve those entering their communities.

Those three ideals from the Garden of Eden are certainly relevant to the refugee crisis. The needs of refugees are not being met as they struggle to find sufficient jobs, housing, and other basic requirements for life. The conflict of war is what causes many refugees to flee their homes in the first place. Then on the receiving end, people are in constant disagreement about whether or not to accept refugees and, if so, how best to deal with their situations. Finally, the issue is so politicized and polarized (like most other problems facing our world today) that we often get caught up in the details and forget our responsibility as Christians. Pretending we can make sound decisions and arguments without considering how we are made to be loving servants, causes us to further break our relationships with God.

Amazingly, amidst a tense political climate, this gathering of thousands of young adults created a wonderful atmosphere of hope. Within the international group, we had many chances to discuss difficult topics, such as women in leadership in the church and the refugee crisis, and it was refreshing to hear that many of us came from church communities that were generally welcoming and accepting. We crossed political, cultural, and language boundaries to form tight friendships in only a week. I feel like the loving and supportive bonds that were built in such a short amount of time with that group are an example of the harmony that can be reached between fellow human beings once we see them as our neighbors.

As participants, we were invigorated by the overall message of the festival which proclaimed young people can be change makers. There are many examples of this in the Bible (Joseph, David, Miriam, etc.) and as one speaker said, “the world is waiting for authentic young people.” I feel I have received this message when participating in PC(USA) events like Triennium, and was elated to know that young adults around the world are hearing the same inspiring conviction. It is encouraging that across the globe the church community is supportive of young people making change to help reform the church and bring it closer to God’s original plan for us.

Young adults have the power inside them to fuel reformation. Given a spark from our experience as participants in the Starpoint Youth Festival, we have come back to our home countries and churches ready to light a fire of love and hope and accelerate the process of reformation. By growing closer to God, we will be bonded to each other and more capable of achieving the three ideals of Eden: we will be in close relationship with God, in harmony with one another, and live in abundance.

We discussed the important difference between three words: evolution, revolution, and reformation. Evolution is the process of constantly getting better; the new version is always improving on what was in the past (take the iPhone, for example). Revolution is completely throwing away what existed previously and creating something new in its place. Reformation, however, is acknowledging that the original version of something was ideal or perfect and the process of reforming is trying to get back to that state. In a Christian context, this means returning to life as it was in the Garden of Eden. We talked in small groups about what made the Garden of Eden perfect: (1) people were in close relationship with God, (2) all beings were in harmony with one

Valley Scrapbook



Above: The Middle School Mission Team at City Camp in Downtown Portland.

Right: The High School Mission Team prepares to fly to California for their mission trip.



A Mission Trip recap will occur during worship on Sunday, September 24. See p. 7



Left: Over 4,000 young adults from all over the world (ages 18-25) gathered at the Starpoint Youth Festival in Debrecen, Hungary. See p. 7.

Valley Notes

Opportunities

The next Valley Habitat Build day will be Saturday, October 28. This will be a morning only build at Allen Estates in Beaverton. If you are interested, please contact Chuck Falconer.

Please bring your garden goodies to the weekly **Produce Table** during coffee fellowship to share with other Valley members and friends. See if something entices you for your next meal as you donate some cash toward the Oregon Food Bank.

Valley 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 a.m., beginning September 19. Questions? Contact Diane Harris, dianeharris@mac.com, 503.805.6011.

~Move as water flowing around the obstacles of life.~

Thanks

Following is a *Thank You* received from Beaverton Department of Human Services (DHS):

*Dear Valley Mission Team Leaders and VBS children and families,
Thank you so very much for the beautiful "comfort packs" you donated for the children we serve. There was so much care and attention packed in every one of the bags. What a beautiful gift and sign of your thoughtfulness and care for others.*

Sincerely,

*The staff of the Beaverton DHS
– District 16*



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns: Amy Rheingans and Pam Hess (Amy Rheingans' mother), Claire Bedsaul, Marcia Sanderman, Richard Gold, Turner Sanderman

We pray for those who mourn:
- Marilyn Connell and family on the death of Marilyn's brother, Bob Haney, on July 30, 2017.

- Karen Smith and family on the death of Karen's husband, Baird Smith, on August 4, 2017. Family and friends of Jeannine Bendix who died August 5, 2017.

- Family and friends of Carolyn Berg who died August 16, 2017.



Greg Russell, Steve Rees, and Dan Rueff are a few of the behind the scenes people who run the sound board on Sundays for worship.



The remainder of the new hymnals have arrived! The old hymnals will be available free of charge for anyone who would like one on Sunday, September 10 - Kick Off Sunday.

September 2017

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| | | | | | 1 8:00a Women's Exercise Group | 2 10:00a Building Use Meeting |
| 3 9:00a Adult Education Class 9:30a Early Coffee Fellowship 10:00a Worship 11:00a Coffee Fellowship | 4 Labor Day - Church Office Closed 8:00a Women's Exercise Group | 5 10:00a Staff Meeting 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:45p Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting 7:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry | 6 8:00a Men's Bible Study 1:30p Mission Committee Meeting | 7 9:00a Personnel Meeting 12:30p Special Meeting of the Presbytery 6:30p Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 7:15p Sanctuary Choir | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Fall Kick Off 9:00a Adult Education Class 9:15a Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Early Coffee Fellowship 10:00a Worship 11:00a Coffee Fellowship 11:30a Ministry Fair | 11 8:00a Women's Exercise Group 12:00p Safety and Security Meeting 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:00p Girl Scout Troop | 12 10:00a Staff Meeting 7:00p Session | 13 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Exercise Group 6:30p Youth Group | 14 5:00p Worship and Music Committee 7:15p Sanctuary Choir | 15 "The Messenger" Newsletter Articles Due 8:00a Women's Exercise Group | 16 |
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Kick Off Sunday Sunday, September 10



Learn about and register for
classes, programs, and service.

Each ministry will display
information and offer
opportunities to become
involved.