

COMING TO YOUR HOME MAILBOXES THIS WEEK are Valley pledge cards and the Stewardship letter of explanation. Can it really be that time again? Yes, indeed it is! Each Fall, Valley begins a campaign that captures the commitment of our church members and faithful friends through monetary pledges that support the work of our church throughout the next budget year. This financial commitment allows the carried ministries and small groups within our church to be the hands and feet of Christ here on earth. When you receive this important mailing from Valley, please read it carefully and prayerfully consider your pledge to support our church. Thank you, The 2018 Stewardship Committee.

MISSION TRIP RECAP SEPTEMBER 24: All are welcome to hear first-hand from our middle and high school youth about their mission trip experiences during worship on September 24.

ATTENTION KIDS: Bring your backpacks to Valley on Sunday, September 24 for "The Blessing of the Backpacks" during worship. 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.

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.

MISSION ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS DUE

OCTOBER 1: The Fall application deadline for grants from Valley's Mission Endowment Fund is October 1. Mission Endowment Committee members review applications from both organizations and individuals, whether secular or church-related, local, national or international.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
September 17-24, 2017		
SUNDAY, September 17 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 Dining for Women Meeting 2:00 PM Jeannine Bendix Memorial and Reception	TUESDAY, September 19 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 7:00 PM Deacons WEDNESDAY, September 20 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 9:15 AM MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 6:30 PM Youth Group	FRIDAY, September 22 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group SUNDAY, September 24 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship - Youth Mission Sunday 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Youth Choir 12:30 PM Youth Bell Choir
MONDAY, September 18 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	THURSDAY, September 21 8:00 AM Soup Kitchen 1:30 PM 75th Anniversary Planning Meeting 5:00 PM Music Selection Team 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Session Elders

Connie Brenner
Richard Bryant
Allison Carlson
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Glenys Craig
Kay Hope Gold
Eben Jenkins
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Frank Powers
Steve Rees
Jim Sandberg
Bob Scearce
Fran Scearce
Jean Sowers
Charlene Stansbury

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 ✠ 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

PRELUDE *Be Ever Near Me Lord* Anonymous

ACOLYTES

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 66:1-4
 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
 All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."
 Let us worship our God!

❖ **OPENING HYMN** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No 65

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dan Rueff, Liturgist

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ KYRIE "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy"

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 12 son. Chri - ste, Chr - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
 18 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i -
 24 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

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

ANTHEM Hear My Prayer O God Arcadelt

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE Exodus 14:19-31 Old Testament, p. 582

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Fear of the Lord

Rev. Jeff Binder

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Frank Powers, Deacon

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Take My Life* Nº 697

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community... In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

OFFERTORY *Offertoire* Alexandre Guilmant

❖ 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 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Nº 620

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

POSTLUDE *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Joachim Neander

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

Sermon Notes:

1. Today's sermon topic is on _____.
2. One of my favorite 'journey' stories is _____.
3. When has a fearful moment turned into a moment of faith in your life?

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 24 in Armitage Hall.

Rev. Borg's DVD series, "Speaking Christian," brings to light our fears of a vindictive God which is enhanced by recognition of our human frailties. However, 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. Join us as we hear and discuss this interesting topic. All are welcome!

COME BACK TO ACOLYTING! The role of acolyte has now been opened up to all students from 2nd grade through 12th grade! If your teen is interested, they are more than welcome to participate again as an acolyte. Contact Wendy Jenkins for more information or to sign up, mmm.wendy@gmail.com.

THANKS TO ALL who contributed so generously in response to damage from Hurricane Harvey in Texas. A check for \$1,850 has been sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Further contributions will be gratefully accepted in the wake of Hurricane Irma.

TODAY is the monthly meeting of Dining for Women at Valley. This month the featured non-profit is Burma Humanitarian Mission. They support community-based, predominantly women-led, backpack medics who administer village healthcare services in Burma, as well as grass-roots education programs that empower the youth of Burma. Join us the Fireside Room at 11:30 AM to learn about this organization.

THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be received on October 1, but will be accepted for 2-3 weeks past that date. This is an opportunity to help fund our denomination's work throughout the world to enhance peacemaking efforts and improve the lives of those in need, and to allow Valley to participate in local/regional efforts to further peace.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on the second Tuesday of each month beginning October 10 at 11:00 AM in the office conference room. This year's study is on the book of Hebrews, and study books will be available in the office for \$10.