
The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

December 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.

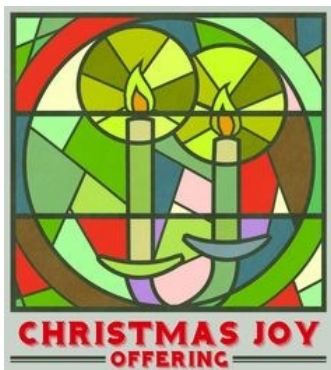
December

- 3** Communion
Advent Fair, 11:30 a.m.
- 10** Pageant of the Holy Nativity,
10:00 a.m.
- 17** Christmas Cantata, 10:00 a.m.
Dining for Women Meeting,
11:30 a.m.
- 24** Christmas Eve Worship,
6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

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January

- 7** Communion



December 24

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT VALLEY

Advent means *coming*. It's the first season of the Christian year when we wait through four Sundays with great anticipation for the coming of Christ. It's a season of Holy waiting for God's peace to come to earth...waiting for the light of Christ to shine...waiting for the shepherds, the angels, and the Christ child.

We'll light the Advent candles, one more each week, as we watch for the light of Christ. We'll sing hymns celebrating the miraculous gospel story in verse and song. We'll hear the prophets' words of warning and of promise. We'll tell the stories leading to Jesus' birth. We'll wonder and marvel with the shepherds and hear the angels' announcement with great joy. We'll journey to Bethlehem in our hearts and minds, waiting for the birth of the Christ child.

And then we'll celebrate Christmas: the birth of Jesus, God-with-us, Emmanuel! We hope you will keep watch with us during the season of Advent. There are many ways to prepare for Christ's birth as we approach Christmas:

December 3 - First Sunday in Advent

We begin Advent with symbols of the season displayed in the sanctuary. The first candle of Advent will be lit as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. After worship, all are invited to Davis Hall for the Advent Fair. Start the season with crafts, fellowship and treats.

December 10 - Second Sunday in Advent

The second candle of Advent will be lit. "Pageant of the Holy Nativity" will be presented during worship. Children, youth and adult choirs will sing and dramatize the intrigue and wonders with the coming and birth of Jesus.

December 17 - Third Sunday in Advent

The third candle of Advent will be lit. Our sanctuary choir will offer "Run Ye Shepherds to the Light" by Michael Haydn with guest soprano Cathryn Olson and PSU string trio.

December 24 - Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:00 a.m. worship will be filled with carols and hymns. The fourth candle of Advent will be lit. Please share in the Christmas Joy Offering.

December 24 - Christmas Eve

6:00 p.m. Worship will feature the Children's Nativity Tableau. (If K-5th grade children would like to participate, contact the office by December 14.)

8:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship of Lessons and Carols with the Sanctuary Choir.

Our Christmas celebration continues through Epiphany, January 7 Worship.

From Waiting to Celebration



Rev. Jeff Binder

I remember waiting a lot in December as a kid. My brothers and I were waiting for school to end so that Christmas break could begin. We were waiting for Christmas day, so that we could open the presents that Santa would bring. Sometimes we did not wait so well, as we maneuvered through attics and closets in search of buried treasure...or the contents of giant toy store bags that our parents came home with the previous night. Waiting was tough!

Valley Community has had its share of waiting over the years and recent months. We have waited for building projects, financial investments, staff hiring, and new vision for the future of this congregation. I can feel the child-like excitement of this congregation when we talk about these hopes and dreams here at Valley Community! Here's the thing about waiting; it builds character. The Israelites would not be the same people without the waiting in exile. The Disciples would not be the same people without the waiting of the risen Christ. We would not be the same congregation without the season of waiting in our lives.

Today we celebrate that our waiting, our hopes and dreams, our vision is slowly being realized. Little by little, drops of new life are falling upon this community—do you feel it?! We are so excited to welcome Misty Bonham as our new Director for Children's Ministries, and Preston Russell as our Director for Youth Ministries! We have new groups sharing our building with hundreds of children, youth, and families coming through our doors each week!

This month as we await the coming of the Christ child, let us hold on to this sense of waiting filled with anticipation, hope, and love. May our waiting slowly transform into celebration for all that God continues to provide for us yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

Peace to you this season of waiting,

Pastor Jeff



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Cantata by Sanctuary Choir and Guest Musicians December 17



Celebrate the Advent Season

As boys, both Joseph and Michael Haydn left home in Rohrau, Austria, to become choristers at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna. Their paths soon parted, however. While Joseph (1732-1809) was traveling in the highest musical circles at Esterhazy and in Vienna and London, Michael (1737-1806)

settled in Salzburg, where, in 1763, he first became court musician and concertmaster to Archbishop Sigismund Schrattenbach.

In that position he produced a great deal of music for the church. Among those compositions is the short cantata, "Laufft, Ihr Hirten, Allzugleich" ("Run, Ye Shepherds, to the Light"). The Valley Sanctuary Choir will offer this piece in worship December 17. Cathryn Olson will be our guest soprano, and the accompaniment will be a string trio (violin I, violin II, cello). The string players will be graduate students from the School of Music at Portland State University.

This is a wonderful time to invite guests to come and celebrate the advent season with us at Valley Church.



'Approaches to Success' at Dining for Women December 17

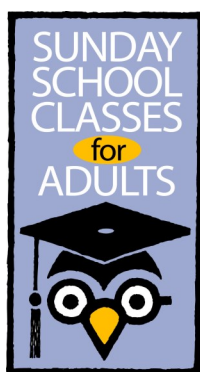


The Dining for Women group learns about an interesting program called Creating Healthy Approaches to Success (CHATS) in Malawi. The featured non-profit organization is Advancing Girls' Education in Africa, and their mission is to provide life-changing opportunities for young women in Malawi through targeted initiatives. CHATS is a three-year, weekly after-school program for adolescent girls that builds their core life skills while

helping them negotiate the challenges of continuing their educations. AGE Africa works closely with the Malawi Ministry of Education and the local schools to support this initiative.

Come to the December Dining for Women at Valley meeting on Sunday, December 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Bring a potluck dish to contribute to the lunch, learn about this worthy non-profit program and make a donation to their grant request. To learn more go to diningforwomen.org or contact Ruthann Marquis, 503.297.8992.

Adult Education



Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Jesus and his Jewish influences - DVD series

- * **December 3** – Religious reforms in the rein of Josiah led to the destruction of all materials associated with Baal and Asherah. Josiah's reforms, based on Deuteronomy, greatly strengthened Judaism, but his death in battle was metaphorically described as "the battle of the end of day." The Babylonian exile extended from 586 B.C. to 539 B.C. The glory of God was said to move to the Mt. of Olives after the destruction of the Temple. That site was, by legend, where the messiah was destined to appear. Accordingly, it was the site where Jesus' disciples questioned him concerning signs of his coming and of the end of the age.
- * **December 10** – The end of the Babylonian exile and repatriation of the Jews reflected Persian policy. However, the Jews attributed their return to Israel as fulfillment of God's intent. Jews subjected to exile were predominately upper class. Blood purity subsequently became a major feature of Judaism and led to a schism with Samaritans who had intermarried with other nationalities during that period. Samaritans were excluded from worship in the Temple. Subsequent worsening of relationships with the Samaritans formed the backdrop of the story of the good Samaritan. Likewise, Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well highlighted the negative impact of religious dogma on religious practices.
- * **Dec. 17** – The book of Tobit is an apocryphal source, emphasizing that God is with us even during turmoil and suffering. Its hero had been blinded by Assyrian authorities because of his righteous burial of the dead. His sight was restored ultimately proving that God rewards the pious, even if they have endured suffering. i.e. redemption occurs. The book of Tobit had an earlier version of the Golden Rule – what you hate, do not do to anyone. Leviticus: 19:18 admonishes us to "love thy neighbor as thy self." Contention over who is our neighbor has grievously compromised application of this magnificent principle. Jesus expanded the scope and authority of this concept by his admonishment to love their enemies and pray for their persecutors. Subsequent psychological studies suggest this practice is often therapeutic. The concept is further validated by the focus of the Golden rule "to love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your might and all your strength" – i.e., unequivocally and unreservedly.
- * **December 24 – Christmas Holidays – No Class**
- * **December 31 – New Year's Eve – No Class**



Advent Fair December 3



Sunday December 3 is the first Sunday in Advent and also Valley's Advent Fair! There will be fun and festivities planned to happen after worship in Davis Hall. There will be holiday crafts and activities for the young and the young-at-heart. These include the Reverse Advent Calendar boxes, an Advent wreath, chocolate covered pretzels and Christmas card making. Pizza will be available for a donation. Other offerings include coffee, cider and cookies! Holiday music will fill the air and there might even be a little singing.

Come join the fun as a participant and as a helper. Please contact Ruthann Marquis at 503.297.8992 to secure your volunteer spot. Tell your friends. Tell your family. Come one. Come all!



Senior Adult Luncheon December 13



'A special tradition'

Valley's Christmas Senior Lunch will ring in the season on Wednesday, December 13 at noon. This Christmas tradition dates back to December 10, 1978. Come celebrate 39 years with us.

Lunch is served at noon followed by a Christmas sing-a-long. Our talented

Bob Hinson and David Jimerson will lead us as we lift up our voices in praise and celebration of Christ's birth. Guests are invited to bring a friend as we enjoy an afternoon of food, fellowship, music and fun! Lunch is \$5.00.

Book Group Meets Dec. 8

The Valley Book Group will meet on Friday, December 8, in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *The News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. This story takes place in the aftermath of the Civil War and follows an aging itinerant news reader who agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa Indians back to her people in Texas. In this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction, the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust are explored. All are welcome to bring their own coffee and to join in the discussion of this thought-provoking book.

Presbyterian Women Report

The focus of the 2017 Presbytery Fall Gathering was "Violence-Free Relationships: What Caring Women Can Do." The take-home message included: "Listen, believe and refer." Something *anyone* can say to a person we believe might need help: "Are you safe?" or "Are you and your children safe?"

As we have seen this month, it is possible for an entire group of people to become victims of domestic violence. This is one area it is appropriate to refer, while being a caring person. Below is a list of local resources to keep on hand (purse, wallet) if God puts you in a place to listen, believe and refer.

- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800.799.7233.
- NW Portland DV Resource Center: 409 NW 112th Ave. 503.469.4580
- Hillsboro DV Resource Center: 503.640.5352
- Beaverton DV Resource Center: 3800 SW Cedar Hills Blvd. #195, 866.469.8600
- Monika's House: 503.469.8620
- Rafael House: 503.222.6222
- Crisis Line (if it is *happening now*) 503.469.8620 or 503.235.5333. The people at these resources will know what to do.

Valerie M. Conner represented women members of Valley at the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering.



Thank you for sending your check for **\$32.00** for the
2018 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



Valley's 75th Anniversary Banner



By Marcia Sanderman

So many of you have asked about the 75th Anniversary Banner and how it came about. I was asked to work on the banner by David Marquis. A few designs were considered early on. In my research online, I found the Tree of Life image and it immediately struck me because of the symbolism it represented. I thought of the tag line Still Rooted after All These Years after seeing the 50th Anniversary banner, which was Rooted in Faith – Still Growing. I presented the Tree of Life design and tag line to the committee. We changed the tag line to include the 75 years. After the design was finalized and approved by Session, the church purchased the rights to use the image. I then got to work putting it together in fabric. The process from start to finish took several months.

To me, the people in the roots of the tree represent those who built the church and provided the foundation on which we continue to stand. The main tree trunk, outstretched arms and legs represent Christ, and all the people in the tree canopy represent who we are today – young and old. I hope you find your own symbolism in the image. Just the other day when it was hanging in the sanctuary, I

noticed some more people in the branches I hadn't noticed before and I have lived with this image for months!

I want everyone to know how much I appreciate your positive comments about the banner. It truly was an honor to design and create it.

Church and Community Service Continues During Valley's 75th Anniversary Year

Valley's 75th Anniversary celebration on October 29 was a spectacular event and a golden moment in our church history. But the celebration does not stop there. Let us continue throughout this year to rejoice in the good work that God has done within our walls and by our congregants outside our church walls.

The Valley timeline, currently on the South wall of Davis Hall is really a living timeline. It will be up until at least January and this gives everyone an opportunity to add their personal information about "**Valley Moments**" that are meaningful to them. Please take a look each Sunday to see what has been added and to delight in the rich story that this timeline tells.

The beautiful **new mugs** are replacing the smaller brown ones used during Coffee Fellowship each Sunday. They are still available - such a deal! For \$10 you get to take one home and one stays in Valley's kitchen for use by all for years to come. Now when you drink fair trade coffee or tea after worship you can smile and remember this wonderful 75 year history at our church.

The new **Valley cookbook** is underway and is being enthusiastically coordinated by Claudia Askew. We have amazing bakers and chefs within our members and friends, so please pick up a few recipe worksheets so that your favorite culinary creations can live on in print.

Last, and very important, are the **75 Acts of Service** that Valley Community Presbyterian Church will be documenting throughout this next year. We have been charged by the Mission Ministry and the 75th Anniversary Task Force to go forth and serve our community, then let us know what you did and write it on the posters that are available. All are invited to be the hands and feet of Christ. How will you serve?



Welcome Misty Bonham, Director for Children's Ministries



Misty was born in Portland, OR. Misty went to Northwest Christian College (now University) in Eugene, OR and graduated in 2001 with a degree in both Social Sciences and Christian Ministries. She continued to pursue both fields in graduate work and moved to Lexington, KY to attend Lexington Theological Seminary and University of Kentucky. Misty now holds an M.Div and a Masters of Social Work.



Misty loves to travel and went on a mission trip to Austria for two weeks. She also lived in Romania for three months as a social work intern (working with a faith-based organization).

After grad school, Misty lived for a short time in Indiana as a community organizer with churches. But the call home to the Northwest was too strong. So, she loaded up her Nissan Sentra and headed back west in 2006.

Misty met her husband, David, in 2007 and they were married quickly after in 2008. They now have four children Jacob (8), Jenna (6), Emmett (2) and Caitlin (2.5 months). Misty worked in the social services field from 2006-2016 and then stayed home for a while with her kids, until being called to Valley.



Welcome Preston Russell, Director for Youth Ministries



Hello! My name is Preston and I'm excited to come to Valley Community Presbyterian as the Director of Youth Ministry.

I grew up up in Milwaukie, however I'm not technically an Oregon native, I was born in Fayetteville North Carolina. I was raised by my mother and grandparents and graduated from Rex Putnam High School. From there I went on to study Linguistics at the University of Oregon, but I'll still root for the Beavers as long as they are not playing my Ducks.



In my free time I enjoy the outdoors, going on hikes and enjoying the scenery that Oregon has to offer. One of my fondest adventures was a trip with my best friend to the snow covered Crater Lake. While the getting there and back was quite rough, the view was breathtaking. Nothing beats experiencing God's creation with a good friend.

Leading in churches and helping in Younglife over the last seven years, youth ministry has been a big part of my life. I have served with many great people who have come to be dear friends. Now, I look forward to continuing in youth ministry here by engaging with the students and families of Valley Community. I hope to continue the excellent work in the youth ministry and to team up with the youth, families and everyone involved here to make it even a better place for our youth.

Best,
Preston

Youth Update

We are excited to welcome our new Director of Youth Ministries, Preston Russell. Preston will be joining our youth program on December 4. To learn more about Preston, please see the article on page 6. We hope members of the congregation will offer Preston a warm welcome during coffee hour after the Pageant of the Holy Nativity December 10.

The youth had a successful fundraiser with Willamette Valley pies at the Mission Market. To date, they have sold 115 variety fruit mini-pies and 18 full size pumpkin pies. For those of you who ordered frozen pies to be delivered in December, the pies will arrive on December 5. You will be able to pay and collect your pies on December 10 in Davis Hall.

This month our youth will have their annual Christmas party on December 6 at the home of Carolyn Reed. The youth will enjoy a pizza dinner, a white elephant exchange, cookie decorating, and shoot some fun Christmas photos with holiday props.

On December 13, Preston will lead youth group at the youth house from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We hope most of the youth will be able to attend and welcome him into our Valley family.

It is possible during the Christmas break that we will schedule an outing with the youth, or perhaps catch a holiday movie, so parents watch your emails for an update with time and location as vacation draws near.



The youth group and families helped sort items for children at the Northwest Children's Outreach center in Beaverton.



Stewardship Campaign 2018

Valley's 2018 Stewardship campaign is well underway. It has been extremely encouraging to see so many pledges come in and to feel the hearty commitment to Valley's programs for this coming year. Thank you!

By the first week of November, 111 pledges had been received. That is a great start! We hope that everyone that calls Valley Community Presbyterian Church their church home takes the time to fill out their pledge card and turn it in. As your Stewardship Committee, we know that it will greatly facilitate the planning for 2018 finances if everyone returns their pledge card, no matter what and if they can commit to give. Thank you for your love for Valley and the many ways that you show it.

~ Valley's Stewardship Committee

A Charge to the Congregation

The Rev. Jeff Binder was installed as Valley Community Presbyterian Church's Designated Pastor on November 19. During the installation service, Lisa Snodderly, Ruling Elder from First PC, Portland, gave a charge to the congregation. Here is an excerpt:

Paul wrote many letters encouraging both believers and the early leaders to be faithful to the call of Christ in their lives and in the troubled world. He encouraged steadfastness, endurance, tolerance and thanksgiving while reminding us of God's faithfulness. We are asked to do no less today.

Even while Jeff was a twinkle in his parent's eye, God had a plan for him that culminated with a move across the country in 2017 to be your pastor here at Valley Community Presbyterian Church. His call is a reminder to all of us that the work of the church is not singular or simple, it is instead a complicated journey requiring faithful partnerships between simple human beings. You have heard the charge to Jeff, I have a charge for you, the congregation:

- Know and believe that God is in this call and Jeff's acceptance. May your journey together be long, faithful and fruitful. **I charge you to always assume good intent both with Pastor Jeff and with one another and to be faithful prayer partners when the way ahead is not clear.**
- The work of a pastor is never complete. There is always another visit to be made, problem to solve, congregant to meet with, sermon to work on and of course committee meeting to attend. **I charge you to honor Jeff's time off and his occasional "no". Allow him time to recharge, explore the great Northwest, have fun with his beautiful soon to be new wife Julie and of course his study leave.**
- It has taken 75 years to get Valley to the church it is today, your hopes and dreams for the future will not take place quickly. Know that Jeff will work prayerfully and faithfully on your behalf and I ask you to do the same. **I charge you to stay in the journey, to speak the truth directly and with love and remember to say thank you to Jeff for his hard work every so often.**
- You called Jeff because of his gifts but remember gifts go two ways; you also have gifts. He will help you grow, but you will help him grow too. **I charge you to believe in Jeff, to encourage him, to love him, to let him ask the "why" questions and along the way let him do the same for you.**

Valley Christian Preschool Stuffed-Animal Outreach

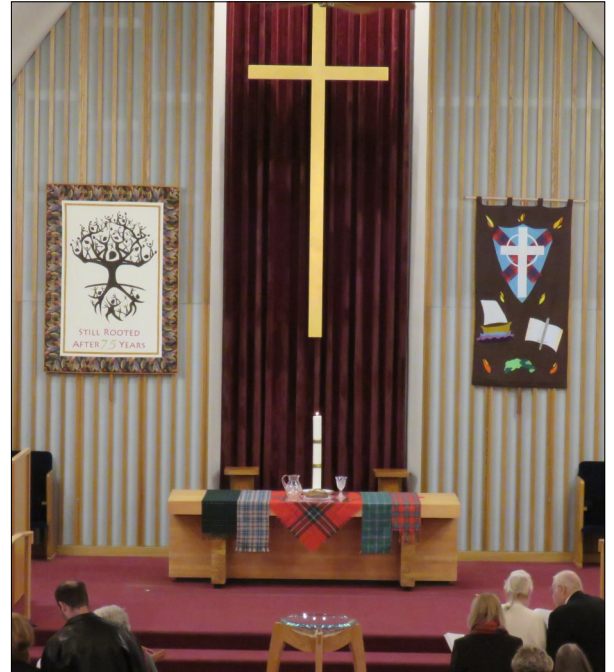
Valley Christian Preschool will be supporting the Ronald McDonald House of Portland this Christmas season by sponsoring a stuffed animal drive. You can join us by donating a new, unwrapped stuffed animal for one of the children staying at Ronald McDonald House. Donation bins will be located outside Valley Christian Preschool through Friday, December 15.

The Ronald McDonald House is a wonderful organization that serves families by providing a "home away from home" for families with severely ill children, so these families can stay together and focus on healing while seeking medical treatment. Ronald McDonald House also provides specialty medical services and care for these children during their stay. Our preschool students enjoy the opportunity to pick out a special stuffed animal for another child. We welcome you to join us in this effort. Thank you for sharing this holiday season!

Valley Scrapbook



*ROLL CAMERA...ACTION...and slap down the slate clapper board!
Children enact a play about the Good Samaritan. during Sunday Funday.*



*Recently the sanctuary was decorated with both the
75th Anniversary banner as well as the Kirkin' o' the
Tartan banner.*



*Left: Pastor Jeff and the Highland Dancers proudly
wear their tartans on Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday.*



*Right: New members, Ed and Virginia Vaughan and
Pam Kessinger are introduced to the congregation.*



Valley Notes

Opportunities

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies! The kitchen freezer is somewhat spare of cookies for Coffee Fellowship. If you are beginning your holiday baking, why not include an extra batch to share at church? Just place them in a zip lock freezer bag. Please label the bag with your name, type of cookie and the date. Bring them to church and put them in the freezer. Thanks so much for sharing.

Valley's Fellowship is looking to expand our number of ministry members. If you are interested in helping plan some of the events that bring our church's members and friends together in fun and Christian connection, please contact Ruthann Marquis, 503.297.8992. We look forward to arranging more and different activities and would welcome more hands to make that happen.

Do you have old calendars or old National Geographic's that you would like to get rid of? Bring them to the church office and we will take them off of your hands!

Thanks

Thanks so much to all of you for supporting **Valley's annual Mission Market**. With your generous contributions we raised just under \$1,900 for the mission projects represented. Special thanks to the volunteers and table hosts who dedicated their time to these valuable mission efforts: Jini De Vries, Jenny Pratt, Janet Adkins, Connie Brenner, Jan and Chuck Falconer, Christine Danner, Andrea Murdoch, Donna Russell, Project Back and the Valley Youth. Look for the Mission Market again in November 2018. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers.

The Produce Table had a great 2017 season! Thank you to everyone who brought in some of their garden's bounty during the growing months and thank you to all who made monetary donations for produce that they took home. A check for the amount of \$298 was sent to the Oregon Food Bank to help ease the food insecurity of other Oregonians.

Flowers: A warm and heartfelt thank you to those who so generously provided flowers for Valley's front entry this past year. The congregants appreciate having them.

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns:

Richard Sanderman, Richard Gold, Kay Hudlett

We pray for those who mourn:

Hillsboro Fire Department and family of Ryan Grimaldi.



Session Meeting - November 14, 2017

- **Finance:** Our Preschool is now showing a small profit. We have also had unexpected repairs on our rental houses. Overall, though, October was a good month, with more than \$15K net income.
- **Worship and Music:** Session received a letter requesting that the American flag be put back into the sanctuary. It had been removed over ten years ago. This letter was referred to all committees for input, and also discussed thoroughly in the Worship & Music Committee.

The motion to return the flag to the sanctuary passed. All agreed that our primary allegiance is to our God. Also, we love both our church and our country and don't want this to be a divisive issue. Primary items supporting the return of the flag were that our country's laws enable us to worship as we choose, and our flag symbolizes that. Also, seeing the flag is a reminder to pray for our country. Arguments against having national symbols in the sanctuary were that church and state are separate things, and having the flag in the sanctuary confuses that. Also, we saw in WW II what can happen when a country puts nation and ethnicity before God, and we want to avoid any potential thought of this. The conversation among session was productive, respectful, and positive.

- **Mission:** The Mission Endowment Committee presented a proposal to distribute grants totaling \$10,500 to a wide variety of organizations.

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

DEACON'S RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday, December 19,
from 2:00-7:00 p.m.**



**Up to three people may be
helped with each pint of blood
collected. Please help if you
can. Contact Jim Sandberg or
Karen Miller for more
information.**

December Events

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children's crafts, sweet treats, and more!
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during 10:00 a.m. worship.
- **December 24**
10:00 a.m. worship will include carols and hymns.
The Christmas Joy offering will be taken
- **December 24 - Christmas Eve**
6:00 p.m. - Worship with Children's
Nativity Tableau
8:00 p.m. - Candlelight Worship with
Sanctuary Choir

