

MESSENGER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES and photos are due February 20 for the March issue. Please send your submissions to messenger@valleycommunity.org. Thank you!

THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF PORTLAND is again holding its "Legacy of Literacy" book drive. We will collect and distribute new and gently used books for grades K-8, many of whom live in shelters, friends' homes, or cars. You can find our collection box next to the Fireside Room. The drive runs through February 20. Thank you!

THE VALLEY BOOK GROUP will meet on Friday, February 23 at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles. This novel details the life of a thirty-year-old Russian count who is sentenced by a Bolshevik tribunal in 1922 to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. All are welcome to bring their own coffee and to join in the discussion of this thought-provoking book.

A "GET TO KNOW VALLEY" LUNCHEON will be held on Sunday, March 4, at 11:30 AM in Armitage Hall. Want to know more about our church? Want to meet our pastor in person and enjoy a meal together with a few members of the church? Please join us for a free and informal lunch! RSVP to Glenys Craig at g.craig@sbcglobal.net to reserve your spot.

PASTOR JEFF WILL LEAD A MEMBERSHIP CLASS on Sunday, March 18, at 11:30 AM in the office conference room. It is intended for people who are curious about taking the next step and formally joining our church. No obligation. Come learn more! Please join us at the "Get to Know Valley" luncheon as well.

FOR AFTER HOURS PASTORAL EMERGENCIES, please contact Rev. Jeff Binder at 434.944.6716.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON: Join us on Wednesday, February 28, at noon for lunch and a fascinating glimpse into the life of an FBI agent. Valley member, Phil Miller had an exciting career with the FBI and has generously agreed to share some of his most memorable experiences with us. The Senior Lunch crew is looking forward to seeing you! Lunch is \$5.00. All are welcome!



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

February 18-25, 2018

SUNDAY, February 18

9:00 AM Adult Education Class
9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers
9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir
9:30 AM Early Coffee
9:45 AM Nursery
10:00 AM Worship
10:20 AM Sunday Funday
11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:30 AM Dining for Women
11:30 AM Youth Choir
5:00 PM HS Youth Group
7:00 PM Scout Venture Crew

MONDAY, February 19

President's Day
8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
7:00 PM Boy Scouts 592
7:30 PM Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, February 20

'The Messenger' Newsletter Deadline
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
10:15 AM Tai Chi Class
7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 21

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM Women's Exercise
9:15 AM MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
5:00 PM Cherub Choir
5:00 PM King's Kids Choir
6:00 PM Royal Ringers
6:30 PM Scouts Den 6
6:45 PM Middle School Youth Group
7:30 PM Scout Troop 592

THURSDAY, February 22

1:00 PM Worship & Music
Long-term Planning
5:00 PM Scout Pack 592
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, February 23

8:00 AM Women's Exercise
10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group

SUNDAY, February 25

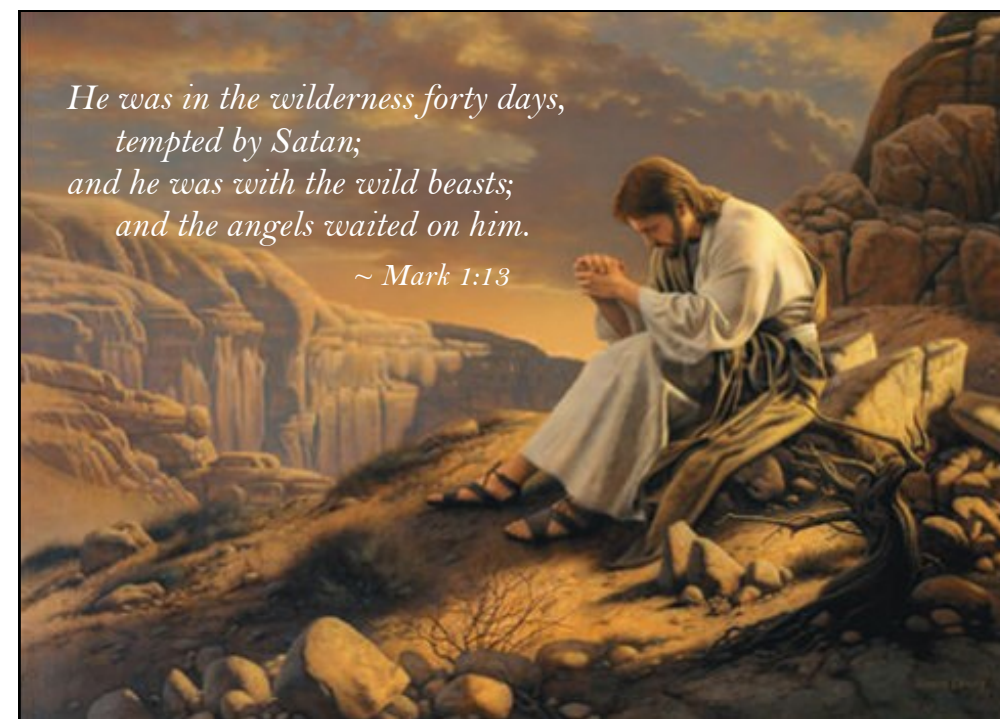
Youth Sunday
9:00 AM Adult Education Class
9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers
9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir
9:30 AM Early Coffee
9:45 AM Nursery
10:00 AM Worship
10:20 AM Sunday Funday
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting and Luncheon
11:30 AM Membership Comm.
11:30 AM Youth Choir

Ministers: All members of the congregation

Valley Staff:

Jeff Binder Pastor, ext. 133
Misty Bonham Director of Children's Ministries, ext. 135
Connor Campbell Building Superintendent, ext. 143
Chuck Falconer and Jenny Pratt Pastoral Associates
Angela Graham Publication & Office Administrator, ext. 126
AmyAnn Green Business Manager, ext. 128
Bob Hinson Organist/Pianist, ext. 139
David Jimerson Minister of Music, ext. 139
Frank Powers Treasurer, ext. 129
Preston Russell Director of Youth Ministries, ext. 131
Amy Rheingans Director of Youth & Children's Music, ext. 145
Anne Searce Preschool Director, ext. 146

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



FEBRUARY 18, 2018 ✠ 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

For Me to Live is Jesu

Pachelbel/Harris

ACOLYTES

Kjel Carlson and Ian Luehr-Sele

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Let us worship our God!

❖ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

No 215

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sam Connell, Liturgist

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

☪ 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 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* N^o 203 (Refrain and verse 1)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Misty Bonham

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

ANTHEM *I Need Thee Every Hour* Beck
(Reference Hymn N^o 735)

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE *Mark 1:9-15* New Testament, p. 34
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Wilderness* Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Stay with Me* N^o 204
(Sing twice)

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967*
In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all people.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joy Eaton, Deacon
THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

OFFERTORY *What Shall I Render to the Lord* Wilson/McConnell
(Reference Hymn N^o 655)

❖ 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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* N^o 223

❖ CHARGE & BENECTION

POSTLUDE *Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love* Lowell Mason
(Reference Hymn N^o 449)

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

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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Navigators Mariner Group upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS next Sunday, February 25 at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall. In the DVD series, *Does Christianity Have a Future?* Rev. John D. Crossan will speak on "Why I am Still a Christian." Rev. Crossan states that faith and reason are supported by the history of human evolution and by Biblical tradition revealed in the New Testament. Join us for discussion.

CHILI COOK-OFF: We invite the congregation to support our youth mission fundraiser on Sunday, February 25. Please join us after the youth lead worship and the congregational meeting for a delicious lunch in Davis Hall. We have multiple chili entries along with a few soups, some cornbread muffins, and delicious treats. To join in on the tasting and contribute to voting for your favorites, the cost is \$10/person, \$5/child, and \$25/family. If you would like to enter a batch of chili in the contest, please contact Allison Carlson at 5beavs@comcast.net or 503.701.9853. The prizes awarded this year will be for Tastiest, Keep Portland Weird, Instagram Worthy (prettiest), and WOW award (best-themed chili).

VALLEY'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, February 25, directly following worship. Items of business will include approving proposed 2018 terms of call for Pastor Jeff, and hearing a report from the Finance Committee on the 2018 budget. The 2017 Annual Report will be distributed, and there will be a time for questions.

YOUTH SUNDAY is next Sunday, February 25 when middle and high school students will be writing and leading nearly all aspects of worship. Please mark your calendars and experience the awesome gifts of our own Valley Youth, 6th-12th graders who have been cared for and loved by their church family for years. Thank you for supporting our youth each day, particularly on Youth Sunday, with your presence.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS BREAKFAST will be Saturday, March 10 at 9:00 am in Davis Hall (gym). The celebration begins with the popular pancake and sausage breakfast prepared and served by the Men of Valley at no charge. Awards for community service will be presented to local public service organizations and Valley's Man and Woman of the Year will be recognized. All are welcome to attend!

PLEDGE ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the Fireside Room for those who requested them.