

**PRODUCE TABLE OPEN:** Summer is here and so is the produce table! As you are scanning your lovely yard, are there flowers to cut, herbs to thin out, or early produce to pick that you could contribute to Valley's Produce Table? If so, please bring them to Davis Hall each Sunday and offer them to members and friends to enjoy during the week ahead. All monetary donations go to the Oregon Food Bank to help ease the way of those dealing with food insecurity. Get ready, get set, grow!

**SIGN UP ONLINE** for our new church pictorial directory! There is no cost to you or the church for the directory or to have your photographs taken. You will receive a complimentary professional 8x10 portrait and a church directory. Current dates that are available are August 8-11. This is a great opportunity to have your college student included in your photo while they are home for the summer. Go to: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yddqb194/> and sign up today! Contact Glenys Craig or the church office with questions.

**THE ALL CHURCH PICNIC** is Sunday, July 29 after worship! This year the theme is **Game On!**, following the adventures that were enjoyed by all during Vacation Bible School the week before. Be ready for good food and refreshing beverages, great fellowship and games for everyone to enjoy. To carry the theme of picnic just a little further, please dust off your favorite picnic basket and **decorate it with SPORTS decorations**. Everyone will vote on his or her favorite **sports themed décor**. There will be a prize for the winner! Load that picnic basket up with your own plates, cutlery, napkins and drink containers, so that we can keep our planet green a little longer. (Don't worry! If you forget, there will be disposables available to you.) Both fried and roasted chicken will be provided for everyone, as well as lemonade and cold water. Congregants are being asked to contribute the rest: **A through H are asked to bring desserts. I through Z are asked to bring a salad or side dish.**

**Valley Staff**

Jeff Binder.....Pastor  
 Chuck Falconer and Jenny Steinbrenner Hale . Pastoral Associates  
 David Jimerson ..... Minister of Music,  
 Bob Hinson ..... Organist/Pianist,  
 Preston Russell ..... Director of Youth Ministry  
 Amy Rheingans .....Director of Youth & Children's Music  
 Anne Scearce ..... Preschool Director  
 Angela Graham ..... Publication & Office Administrator  
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**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

July 15-22, 2018

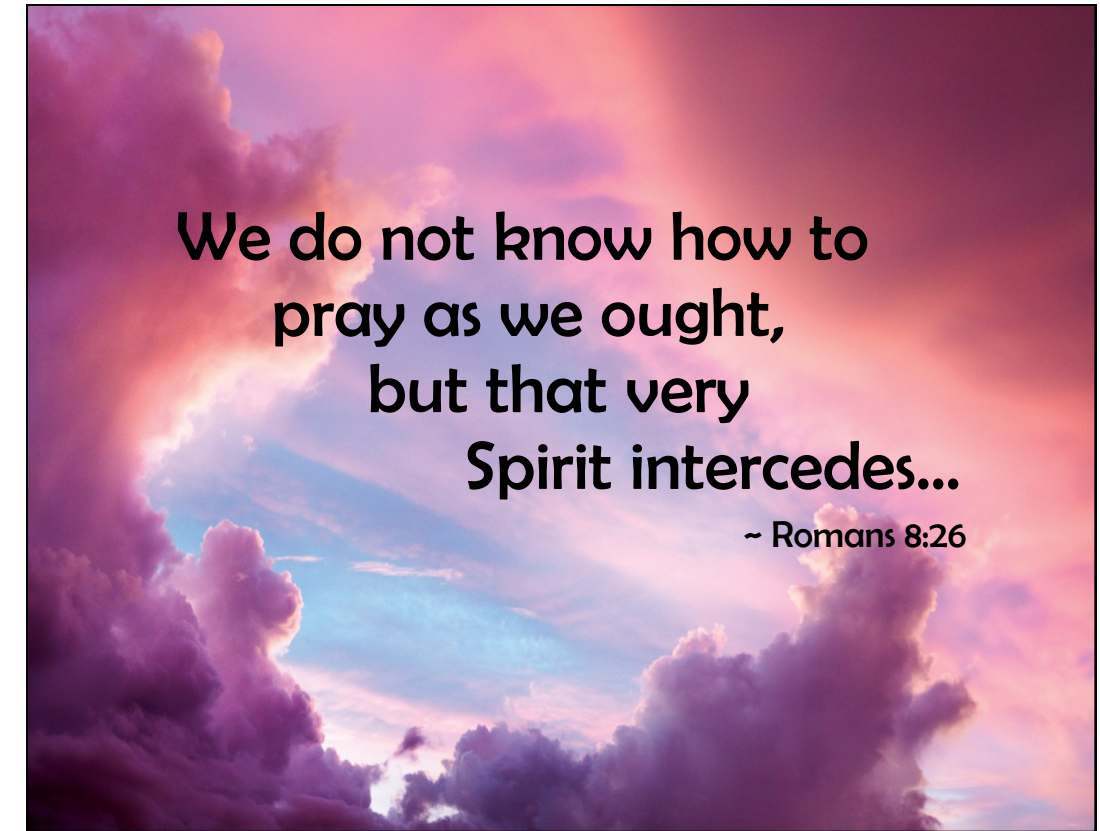
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| <p><b>SUNDAY, July 15</b><br/>         9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee<br/>         10:00 AM Worship<br/>         11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship<br/>         11:30 AM Dining for Women<br/>         12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service<br/>         1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time<br/>         7:00 PM Scout Venture Crew</p> <p><b>MONDAY, July 16</b><br/>         8:00 AM Women's Exercise<br/>         10:00 AM Meals on Wheels<br/>         6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop<br/>         7:00 PM VBS Volunteer Training<br/>         7:00 PM Girl Scouts<br/>         7:30 PM Scout Troop Parent Planning Meeting</p> | <p><b>TUESDAY, July 17</b><br/>         10:00 AM Staff Meeting<br/>         10:15 AM Tai Chi Class<br/>         7:00 PM Deacons</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, July 18</b><br/>         8:00 AM Men's Bible Study<br/>         8:00 AM Women's Exercise<br/>         7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, July 19</b><br/>         8:00 AM Soup Kitchen<br/>         4:00 PM Worship and Music Committee<br/>         5:00 PM Music Selection Team</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, July 20</b><br/> <b>Messenger Deadline</b><br/>         8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group</p> | <p><b>SUNDAY, July 22</b><br/>         10:00 AM Worship - Blessing of the Animals<br/>         11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship<br/>         11:15 AM Exploring Presbyterianism Class<br/>         12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service<br/>         1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p> |
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**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING**

(Through June 30, 2018)

|            | Year to Date |           |           |
|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
|            | Annual       | Budget    | Actual    |
| Pledged    | \$398,505    | \$181,920 | \$175,372 |
| Non-pledge | \$30,372     | \$15,186  | \$10,000  |
| Total      | \$428,877    | \$197,106 | \$185,372 |

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**



We do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes...

~ Romans 8:26

JULY 15, 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

PRELUDE Hymn Sing Valley Congregation

ACOLYTES Paige Bedsaul and Claire Bedsaul

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
*Please pass and sign the friendship folders.*

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 24  
 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;  
**for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**  
 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?  
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**  
 They will receive blessing from the LORD,  
**and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

❖ OPENING HYMN We Are One in the Spirit No 300

## OPENING PRAYER

Jini De Vries, liturgist

Gracious God, searcher of hearts, help us to know and to live in your forgiving light. Open our hearts this morning to your presence, when words fall short, and intentions fall flat. Empower and embolden us to live in such a way that people in every corner of this community would experience the joy and passion of your love through what we say and do. We ask in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior.

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* N<sup>o</sup> 469

❖ 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 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* N<sup>o</sup> 69

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH  
CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

Cheryl Rees

SOLO ANTHEM

*Then Shall the Righteous Shine*  
Aaron Lange, Tenor

Mendelsohn

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE

*Romans 8:18-27*

New Testament, p. 158

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

*When There Are No Words*

Rev. Jeff Binder

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* N<sup>o</sup> 291

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBER, Joyce Wood

❖ PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## WELCOME

Let us welcome Joyce as she joins with us in the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Richard Hegdahl, Deacons

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

OFFERTORY

*God's Time Is the Best*

J. S. Bach

❖ 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

*Loving Spirit*

N<sup>o</sup> 293

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING

*1 Thessalonians 5*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

**May the God of peace himself sanctify us entirely; and may our spirits and souls and bodies be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls us is faithful, and he will do this. Alleluia! Amen.**

❖ POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

G. P. Telemann

*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 Wade and Claudia Askew along with Tom and Shirley Sagerser upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** will be taking a break during the month of July. Have a wonderful summer!

**ARTS EXPLORATION REGISTRATION** is available on our website, valleycommunity.org. See our events page on Facebook for future kids activities.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** along with Bluegrass music during worship, Sunday, July 22 at 10:00 AM on the front lawn of the church. Bring your pets (or a photo) for a special blessing and enjoy free fair-trade coffee and snacks at this family-friendly event. Dress casually and join us for blessings, music, snacks and fellowship. All are welcome to attend!

**EXPLORING PRESBYTERIANISM CLASS:** Join us July 22 in Armitage Hall at 11:15 am for a class entitled, 'Celebrating the last 25 years of Valley Community.' We have a lot written down about the beginnings of Valley Community, but what has been part of our more recent history? Join us for a time to share photos, memories, and help tell the ongoing story of the last 25 years, as we look ahead to the future!

**VBS VOLUNTEER** training will be Monday, July 16, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the Fireside Room. We are in need of volunteers to help with the Mission station as well as the Bible station. We are also in need of someone who has technical skills to help out with sound and video. These are perfect opportunities for youth! If you are able to help out, please contact Bev Hubbard at bevmahubb@aol.com.

**THE VBS "WISHING TREE"** located in the front lobby still has tags available to help with the cost of running this vital program for our youth and neighborhood kids. Items purchased may be brought to coffee fellowship today, July 15 or to the church office by July 18 and placing them in the 'pink crate' provided. We will also be collecting any cash donations at coffee fellowship today, July 15 to defray overhead costs. Thank you for your support! Children's Ministry and VBS Directors: Bev Hubbard and Glenys Craig.

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

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