

THE VALLEY BOOK GROUP will meet on Friday, August 24 at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room to discuss "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck. This powerful, classic novel tells the story of Tom Joad and his family, who are forced from their farm as a result of the Oklahoma Dust Bowl during the Depression. They set out for California along with thousands of others seeking jobs, land and the hope for a brighter future. All are welcome to bring their own coffee and to join in the discussion of this historic book.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR is looking for new members. Contact david.a.jimerson@gmail.com or any choir members for more information. All voices are welcome!

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. Dates available are **October 3-6**. Go to: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yddqb194/> and sign up today! Contact Glenys Craig or the church office with questions.

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Fridays during the month of August.

A FIRST AID/CPR CLASS will be offered on Tuesday, August 28 from 8:30-11:30 AM in Room 14/15. The cost is \$40 and is open to the public.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

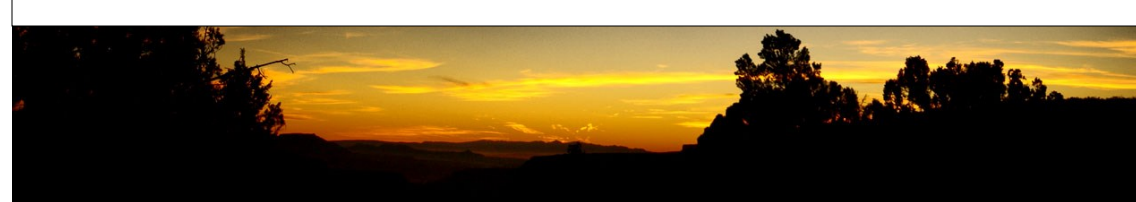
August 19-26, 2018

<p>SUNDAY, August 19 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Dining for Women 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time 7:00 PM Scout Venture Crew</p> <p>MONDAY, August 20 'The Messenger' Newsletter Deadline 8:00 AM Women's Exercise 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>TUESDAY, August 21 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 7:00 PM Deacons</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, August 22 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Exercise 7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study</p> <p>THURSDAY, August 23 12:00 PM Regional Pastor's Lunch</p> <p>FRIDAY, August 24 Church Office Closed 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group</p>	<p>SUNDAY, August 26 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Exploring Presbyterianism Class 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p>
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING (Through July 31, 2018)

	Year to Date		
	Annual	Budget	Actual
Pledged	\$398,505	\$222,778	\$210,531
Non-pledge	\$30,372	\$17,717	\$11,718
Total	\$428,877	\$240,495	\$222,249

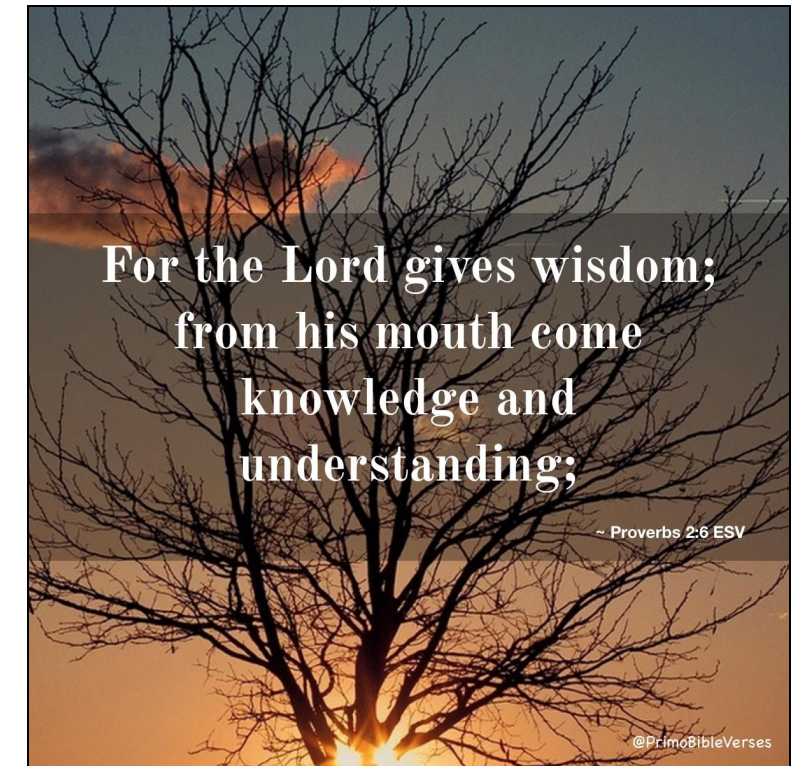


Valley Staff

Jeff Binder.....Pastor
 Chuck Falconer and Jenny 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
 AmyAnn Green Business Manager
 Alex Mendoza..... Building Custodian

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP



AUGUST 19, 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 111

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

❖ OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No 39

OPENING PRAYER

Ernie Bootsma, liturgist

Merciful God, forgive us for hoarding your blessings and not sharing them with others.

We keep silent when a word is needed, and we speak when silence is the right course. Our hands remain idle and clean when they should be busy working with your people. Our hearts remain distant from your call to love one another.

Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us.

Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in our words and our actions—in our homes, our communities, and throughout the world.

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* N° 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 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* N° 591

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH
CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

Cheryl Rees

SOLO ANTHEM

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Raoul Bellis-Squires, bass

Luigi Zaninelli

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 2:1-11

New Testament, p. 585

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Wisdom

Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *There Is a Balm in Gilead* N° 792

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Valerie Conner, Deacon

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

OFFERTORY

❖ *Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass* ❖

❖ DOXOLOGY

N° 606

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

N° 729

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Proverbs 3

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

In all our ways acknowledge God, and God will make straight our paths.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

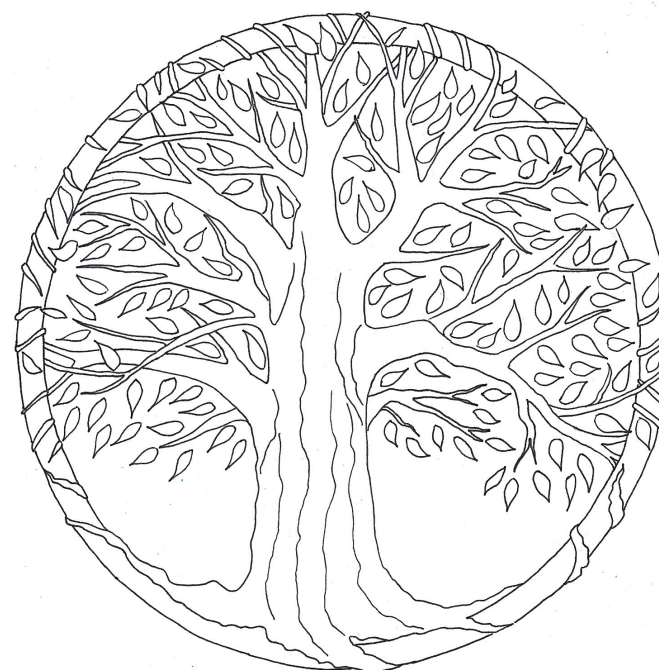
It will be a healing for our flesh and a refreshment for our bodies.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

❖ POSTLUDE

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.

PLEASE WELCOME Janet Colman who will be our guest accompanist today. Janet is one of Portland's finest and best known pianists. She holds a Master's degree from the University of Oregon and has performed with the Oregon Symphony and Portland Opera. Her summer activities include collaborative work at the Aspen Music Festival, Astoria Music Festival and the Oregon Bach Festival. Janet is in great demand as an accompanist. She is on the faculty at Pacific University. Janet and her violinist husband, Adam Lamotte, perform repertoire for violin and piano and have recorded a CD: *The Exquisite Hour*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Bedsaul Family upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

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

EXPLORING PRESBYTERIANISM - Congregational Vitality: Are Presbyterian Churches Thriving or Dying? Join Pastor Jeff as we explore a recent study through the PCUSA that shares results from hundreds of congregations nationwide about our congregational health, and as we learn more about the Office of Vital Congregations. What do dynamic churches look like? And on the flip side, what do dying congregations look like? How does Valley Community fit into all of this? Find out Sunday, August 26 at 11:15 AM in Armitage Hall.

DINING FOR WOMEN will meet today, August 19, at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room to learn about the organization in El Salvador called Con Textos. Their focus is on restorative justice in their work with incarcerated women and their children. In a country where violence is endemic, these women participate in facilitated dialogue and creative writing workshops to foster social emotional learning and conflict resolution. These skills help build positive self-expression and behavioral skills like empathy and tolerance. It promotes healing and success in learning, work and relationships in their future lives outside the prison. Join us to learn more about this interesting non-profit at our potluck lunch meeting.

THE SEAL COATING AND STRIPING of the East parking lot and alleyway will occur on Monday, August 27 and Tuesday, August 28 weather permitting. The parking lot and alleyway will be closed to traffic on those days.