

**YOUTH CHOIR (6th-12th graders)** begins with a musical rehearsal today, September 9, from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM in the choir room. The musical, "Land of the Lost and Found" will be performed on October 21. Interested youth should stop by the church office lobby and pick up a script and CD to listen to the musical prior to the first rehearsal. All youth are invited to participate!

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC:** There are three musical offerings for children from preschool-5th grade as follows:

-Cherub Choir: 4 year olds through 1st grade - begins Wednesday, October 3, from 5:00-5:45 PM.

-King's Kids Choir: 2nd through 5th grade - begins Wednesday, October 3, from 5:00-6:00 PM.

-Royal Ringers Bell Choir: 2nd-5th grade - begins Wednesday, October 3, from 6:00-6:30 PM.

Contact Amy Rheingans, amy@valleycommunity.org, or 503.351.2153, if your child would like to sign up!

**HIGH TEA IN MEMORY OF VERNICE TRASK:** You are invited to join us for High Tea to celebrate memories of our dear friend, Vernice Trask. The tea will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 2:00 PM in Armitage Hall. All are welcome! Because of the preparation involved, we are asking you to RSVP if you plan to attend. Please contact either Karen Mitchell-Yakymi (yaklaka@aol.com, 503.449.4026) or Carol Powers (carol.bethards.powers@gmail.com, 503.568.6466) if you can join us. We hope to see many of you there!

**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 9-16, 2018

<p><b>SUNDAY, September 9</b>  <b>Kick Off Sunday</b>          9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee          10:00 AM Worship          11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship          11:00 AM Ministry Fair          11:30 AM Youth Musical Rehearsal          12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service          1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p> <p><b>MONDAY, September 10</b>          8:00 AM Women's Exercise          9:00 AM Personnel Committee          6:00 PM VCP Board Meeting          7:00 PM Finance Committee          7:00 PM Girl Scouts          7:30 PM Boy Scouts 592</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, September 11</b>          10:15 AM Tai Chi Class          12:00 PM Staff Meeting          6:00 PM Pack 592 Den 2          7:00 PM Session</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, September 12</b>          8:00 AM Men's Bible Study          8:00 AM Women's Exercise          2:00 PM High Tea in loving memory of Vernice Trask          6:30 AM Youth and Parent Meeting          7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, September 13</b>          7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, September 14</b>          8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, September 16</b>          9:00 AM Adult Education          9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal          9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee          10:00 AM Worship          11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship          11:30 AM Dining for Women          11:30 AM Youth Musical Rehearsal          12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service          1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time          5:00 PM Legacy Giving Seminar          7:00 PM Scout Venture Crew</p>
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**Building Improvement Campaign Update**  
 (As of August 27, 2018)

Total 3-year pledges	\$500,671
Pledges received - 84%	\$422,385
<b>Outstanding pledges</b>	<b>\$78,287</b>
Non-pledges received	\$93,066

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING WELL;  
 HE EVEN MAKES THE DEAF TO HEAR AND THE MUTE TO SPEAK.

~ Mark 7:37

SEPTEMBER 9, 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 *Bluegrass Medley; This Train* Oak Street Ramblers

ACOLYTES Hayden Bach and Turner Sanderman

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE *Iona Worship Book*

The world belongs to God,  
**the earth and all its people.**  
 How good it is, how wonderful,  
**to live together in unity.**  
 Love and faith come together,  
**justice and peace join hands.**  
 If Christ's disciples keep silent  
**these stones would shout aloud.**  
 Open our lips, O God,  
**and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

❖ OPENING HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* No 450

## OPENING PRAYER

Don Sowers, liturgist

Let us pray with the assuredness of God's grace-filled love.

**O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

❖ CONFSSIONAL RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us* N<sup>o</sup> 575

❖ 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 *Alleluia!* N<sup>o</sup> 587

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Donna Carlson

ANTHEM

*Were You There*

Oak Street Ramblers

SCRIPTURE

*Mark 7:24-37*

New Testament, p. 42

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

*Do You Believe In Miracles?*

Rev. Jeff Binder

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Standing on the Promises* N<sup>o</sup> 838

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS

*(From the Book of Order, F-1.0304)*

**The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

QUESTIONS OF THE TEACHERS

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Do you, members of Valley Community Church, confirm the call of God to our brothers and sisters as educators in the service of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

**We will.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us together put into words our faith. What do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## COMMISSIONING PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Global Witness and Peacemaking Offering*

Connie Brenner

OFFERTORY

*Down By the Riverside*

Oak Street Ramblers

❖ *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.***

N<sup>o</sup> 606

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* N<sup>o</sup> 837

❖ CHARGE & BEDICTION

*Romans 15:13*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**To God be all glory, honor, and praise. Alleluia! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Swing Down Chariot; What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Oak Street Ramblers

*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 Deacons upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Visit our Ministry Fair while enjoying a cup of coffee! You will have the opportunity to see the many different groups who meet at Valley and learn how you can be a part of the future plan. All are invited and welcomed!

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS:** Join us starting Sunday morning, September 16 for a five-week study based on the scripture lessons in the Gospel of John and the Book of Acts that were studied by our children during Vacation Bible School in July. Valerie Conner, who led the church through this content, will facilitate our adult review. This is a unique opportunity to look more deeply into what our kids learned this summer, and hopefully enable intergenerational communication this fall! We meet from 9:00-9:50 AM in Armitage Hall. Please contact Valerie at [vmconner@msn.com](mailto:vmconner@msn.com), or at 503.453.7193. Look for more adult education offerings during Kick Off Sunday on September 9!

**PLEASE SIGN UP** for an informational seminar "Overview of Legacy Giving" which will be presented by Rev. Dr. Rob Hagan and Joe Tackett on Sunday, September 16. This program will help you familiarize yourself with various estate planning concepts and considerations for reducing estate and probate taxes. The seminar will be at 5:00 PM and last approximately one and a half hours. A light dinner will be provided. For planning purposes, please RSVP to the church office by **September 12**. This is an educational seminar courtesy of the Presbyterian Foundation. They will not be selling any programs. Come and learn about charitable giving opportunities.

**ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (October 7),** Valley will participate in the Peace and Global Witness special offering (formally Peacemaking Offering) which helps support our denomination's efforts to bring justice, reconciliation, transformation, unity and peace to our world in these divisive times. 25% of the offering received at Valley will be retained here to support Valley's efforts to support ministries working to bring people to Christ's table of peace.

**PROGRAM BACK AND BLESSING OF THE PACKS:** We are 2/3's of the way to our goal of 35 backpacks which will be blessed on September 16. Bring your own backpacks to be blessed for the school year. There's still time to bring in those last few needed backpacks. Thanks to all who have donated so far!