

KIDS' NIGHT OUT: All children ages 3 1/2 through 6th grade are invited to Kids' Night Out (KNO) on Friday, September 13, 5:30-8:30 pm. The featured movie is "The Secret Life of Pets." KNO provides a great opportunity for you to enjoy some free time while knowing your child is safe, well cared for, and having a great time with us. There will be dinner (pizza, fruit, and cookies), games, crafts, and other activities built around a fun theme. The cost is \$10 per child or \$25 max for three or more siblings. Please RSVP to Donna Carlson at donna@valleycommunity.org, 503.292.3537 ext. 135, or text 503.442.9551.

DINING FOR WOMEN, SEPTEMBER 15. Join us at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room to learn about and support the grant request for Edu-GIRLS in India. Edu-GIRLS delivers education customized to the circumstance of girls living in poverty. All are invited to a potluck lunch, an exhilarating presentation and the opportunity to let your dining out dollars help meet their grant request.

THE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2:00-7:00 pm. Contact Karen Miller or Jim Sandberg to sign up.

PROJECT B.A.C.K.: Every year, Project BACK seeks donations of two sturdy backpacks for each child registered in the weekly food program. Valley is again teaming up with Raleigh Park Elementary School and the St. Matthew's Food Pantry for the 2019/20 school year. Please donate sturdy backpacks through the end of September and place them in the food barrel by the Fireside Room.

THE FRONT AND EAST DOORS will be locked during preschool hours (M-F 9:00 AM-1:00 PM) for the 2019/2020 school year. If you find the doors locked, please ring the doorbell to be buzzed in. If there is a scheduled event during preschool hours, the doors will be unlocked for the beginning of the event. Thank you for helping keep our young ones safe!

BAKERS ARE WANTED... for our fifth annual Bread for the World Bake Sale on October 20. Sign up during coffee fellowship to donate baked goods.

Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

September 8-15, 2019

<p>SUNDAY, September 8 Kick Off Sunday 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 PM Communication Committee 11:30 PM Ministry Fair 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p>	<p>TUESDAY, September 10 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Session Meeting</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, September 11 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 9:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)</p> <p>THURSDAY, September 12 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>FRIDAY, September 13 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 5:30 PM Kids' Night Out</p>	<p>SUNDAY, September 15 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship-Blessing of the Animals 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 PM Dining for Women 12:00 PM 9th Grade Luncheon 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time 6:00 PM New Mariner Ship Dinner</p>
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING

(Through August 31, 2019)

	Year to Date		
	Annual	Budget	Actual
Pledged	\$409,600	\$211,653	\$226,452
Non-pledge	\$55,050	\$36,700	\$29,744
Total	\$464,650	\$248,353	\$256,196

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP



... they broke bread
 at home and
 ate their food
 with glad and
 generous hearts,
 praising God and
 having the
 goodwill of all
 the people. Acts 2:46-47, NRSV

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 ✠ 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

ACOLYTES

Faith Bridges and Katie Craig

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

Phos Hilaron

O radiant Light, O Sun divine,
of God the Father's deathless face,
 O image of the Light sublime,
that fills the heavenly dwelling place.
 O Son of God, the source of life,
praise is your due by night and day.
 Our happy lips must raise the strain
of your esteemed and splendid name.

❖ OPENING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* N° 321

OPENING PRAYER Martin Luther Pat Bird, liturgist
Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* N° 471

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS
Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

❖ 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 Donna Carlson

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

ANTHEM *Assurance* John Ness Beck

SCRIPTURE *Acts 2:42-47* New Testament, p. 120

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Lifelong Discipleship Formation* Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing* N° 319

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jeff Binder
THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Second Home* Rev. Jenny Pratt Hale

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.*

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* N° 260

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING *Iona Worship Book*
This is the day that God has made;
We will rejoice
and be glad in it.
We will not offer to God offerings that cost us nothing.
Go in peace to love and to serve;
We will seek peace and pursue it.
In the name of the Trinity of Love,
God in community, holy and one.

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

The Seven Marks of Vital Congregations
1. Lifelong _____.

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.

EARLY BIRD COFFEE FELLOWSHIP every Sunday, 9:30 AM in the library. Stop by for coffee and conversation!
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Starfish Mariner Ship upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

VALLEY KIDS in 1st through 5th grade and our middle school kids are invited to Sunday School in Room 17. Parents may pick up their children from Room 17 at any time.

VALLEY COMMUNITY YOUTH CHOIRS: Valley is launching its Community Youth Choirs program with an intent to bring in the wider community. For more information or questions, contact Amy Rheingans at amy@valleycommunity.org or visit www.valleyyouthchoirs.org to register.

COME ON BOARD! Are you interested in joining a Mariner's Ship? All are invited to Armitage Hall on Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 PM to enjoy a Hawaiian themed dinner and hear about creating a new Mariner's Ship. Please RSVP by September 3 to Sandy Cundiff at 503.819.1265.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help Nursery Care Coordinator, Christena Keller, on Sunday mornings during 10:00 AM worship. You would only be asked once every couple of months. Please contact Bev Hubbard at bevmahubb@aol.com.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be on September 15 during 10:00 AM worship. All of God's creatures are invited to attend! A board will be available in the gym beginning today to post photos of pets who are unable to attend or who have passed. The board will be blessed during the service. Also, feel free to post photos and videos of your animal friends on Valley's Facebook page. An award will be given to the best video!

COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENT: Valley's Earth Care team invites you to participate in our first ever Community Recycling event. On Saturday, September 21, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, several community organizations will be located in the lower lot (TriMet Park n' Ride) one block south of the church. More information to come in the e-blast, bulletins, and on Valley's website and Facebook page.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES at Valley will begin September 22 at 9:00 AM with a meeting to discuss what people would like to learn this year. An Adult Education series will begin September 29 at 9:00 AM and run for six Sundays. The topic will be The Story of the Bible. Chuck Falconer will lead the series.