

**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 CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING** will be collected next Sunday, September 22. Change collected will go towards ending hunger locally and beyond. We will go back to the third Sunday in October.

**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. Currently we are at 39 backpacks, thank you!

**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.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)** is working with partners in the Bahamas to respond to immediate needs and is monitoring the storm as it heads along the Atlantic coast in the US. Contributions to Valley with "PDA Hurricane Relief" on the memo line can direct funds to those devastated by this catastrophic storm.

**Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff**

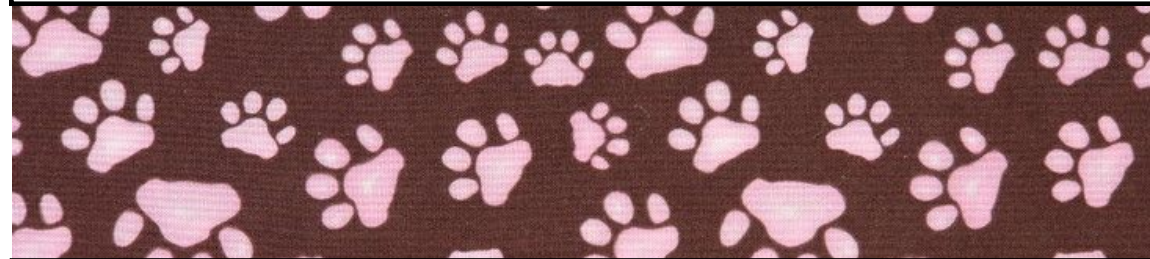
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**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

September 15-22, 2019

<b>SUNDAY, September 15</b> 9:30 AM Early Coffee <b>10:00 AM Worship-Blessing of the Animals</b> 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  <b>MONDAY, September 16</b> 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Scout Troop 592	<b>TUESDAY, September 17</b> 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting  <b>WEDNESDAY, September 18</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 9:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)  <b>THURSDAY, September 19</b> 8:00 AM Soup Kitchen 4:00 PM Worship and Music 5:00 PM Music Selection Team 5:30 PM Faber Institute Night School for Deeper Learning 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	<b>FRIDAY, September 20</b> <b>'The Messenger' newsletter deadline</b> 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics  <b>SATURDAY, September 21</b> 9:00 AM Community Recycling Event  <b>SUNDAY, September 22</b> 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee <b>10:00 AM Worship</b> 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time
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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	<u>\$55,050</u>	<u>\$36,700</u>	<u>\$29,744</u>
Total	<u>\$464,650</u>	<u>\$248,353</u>	<u>\$256,196</u>



**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 † 10:00 AM

❖ Please stand as you are able  
**Bold Text is spoken by everyone**

**GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

GATHERING MUSIC

Oak Street Ramblers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;  
**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**  
 mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**  
 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;  
**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted,  
 whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**Let us worship the God of Creation!**

❖ OPENING SONG

*I Love to Tell the Story*

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

**Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

2. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. **Refrain**

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

## OPENING PRAYER

Jean Sowers, liturgist

Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your wondrous creation thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transforming love.

☪ Silence is kept ☪

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God's love and forgiveness knows no end. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are given new life, time and time again!

## ❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

❖ Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ. ❖

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Guide Dogs For the Blind

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### MESSAGE

Intentional Authentic Evangelism

Rev. Jeff Binder

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### ❖ SONG OF RESPONSE

*Standing on the Promises*

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let His praises ring, glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

**Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. **Refrain**

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. **Refrain**

4. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let His praises ring, glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. **Refrain**

### ❖ BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Almighty and everlasting God, creator of all things and giver of all life, **let your blessing be upon all these animals: furry, scaly, hairy, feathery.**

May our relationships with them mirror your love for us,

**and our care for them be an example of your endless mercy and grace.**

Grant these animals health and peace.

**Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate your love for the world.**

*At this time you are invited forward to introduce your animal and receive a personal blessing.*

### OFFERING AND PRAYER

*No Hiding Place Down Here*

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

### ❖ CLOSING SONG

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

### ❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Go out into God's world.

**May we live in peace with one another and with all God's creatures.**

May we share God's blessing with those we encounter this day and every day.

**May we live our lives assured of God's blessing in our own lives, and be blessings to others.**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

### MORE MUSIC!

The Oak Street Ramblers

### The Seven Marks of Vital Congregations

1. Lifelong Discipleship Formation
2. Intentional Authentic Evangelism

## 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 on the front lawn today. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

**PLEASE WELCOME** The Oak Street Ramblers who will offer bluegrass music for today's Blessing of the Animals service. Members of the band are Jon Newton: fiddle, guitar, vocals; Neal Grandstaff: guitar; and David Day: bass, vocals.

**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.

**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. Visit Valley's website for more information.

**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.

### 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. Email missionendowment@valleycommunity.org for an application or go to our website.

**THE FABER INSTITUTE** invites you to join the Night School for Deeper Learning on Thursday, September 19 from 5:30-7:30 PM. The Night School is an adventurous exercise of depth and reflectivity. This month's classes will be on Eli, the last priest of Shiloh, lead by Geordie Ziegler who is a Trinitarian theologian, writer, teacher, and Presbyterian pastor. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.faberinstitute.com/events.