

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.

THE VALLEY BOOK GROUP will meet Friday, September 27 at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. We will discuss Where the Crawdads Sing, by Delia Owens. This novel, which has been at or near the top of the New York Times Bestseller list in recent months, combines a murder mystery with the touching story of a child who is left alone to raise herself in a marsh on the North Carolina coast. All are welcome to bring their own coffee and to join in the discussion of this wonderful book.

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.

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.

2019 KIDS FALL FESTIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT is Saturday, October 26, 2:00-5:00 PM. To volunteer, contact Donna Carlson or Glenys Craig.

Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

September 22-29, 2019

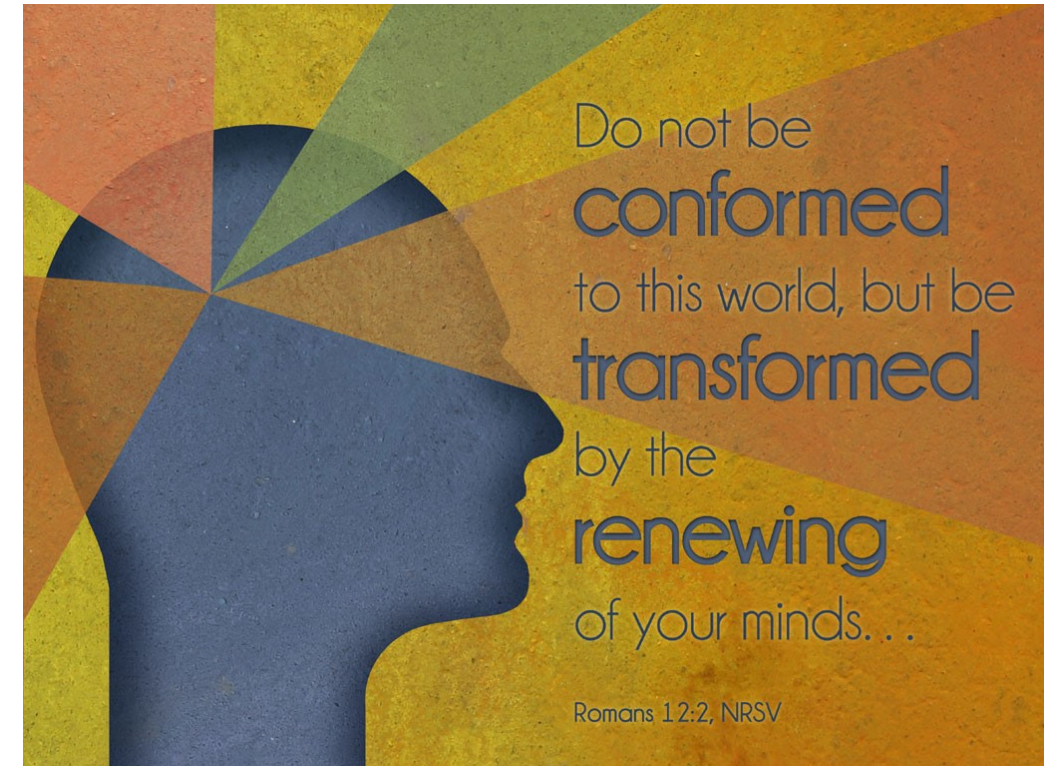
<p>SUNDAY, September 22 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Armonia Choir 11:30 AM Vital Congregations Meeting 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p> <p>MONDAY, September 23 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Scout Troop 592</p>	<p>TUESDAY, September 24 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Scout Budget Mtg.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, September 25 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 9:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 2:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive</p> <p>THURSDAY, September 26 6:00 PM Pack 592 Meeting 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>FRIDAY, September 27 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group 1:00 PM Gloria Freeborg Memorial and Reception</p>	<p>SUNDAY, September 29 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Armonia Choir 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 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	<u>\$464,650</u>	<u>\$248,353</u>	<u>\$256,196</u>

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 22, 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

Aaron Jenkins and Turner Sanderman

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

UKirk Worship

God calls us...

into a life that finds purpose in God's grace.

We know what that grace is because of Jesus Christ...

who brought life out of death, creation out of nothingness, hope from despair.

We gather here to witness to Jesus...

to remind each other and everyone we meet that Jesus brings good news.

Let us worship the living God!

❖ OPENING HYMN *Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing* No 319

OPENING PRAYER Janice Viestenz, liturgist
You, O God, offer us more than we could ever ask, blessing us beyond compare. You call us to feed others, hold others up, and clothe them with peace, joy, and love. But we worry about the food on our own plates before offering it to others. We pay more attention to our own survival than to the well-being of those around us. We ensure that our own backs are covered before protecting society's most vulnerable. Help us to be messengers of humility, patience, and peace. Bind us together—with you and with one another—so that we may follow the risen Lord who feeds us and holds us up. Amen.

☸ *Silence is kept* ☸

❖ RESPONSE *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* No 471

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS
By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is nothing less than God's gift for God's people! Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

❖ 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!* No 591

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

CHILDREN (PRE K-5th GRADE) DISMISSED TO CLASS

ANTHEM *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Carter

SCRIPTURE *Romans 12:1-18* New Testament, p. 161
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Outward Incarnational Focus* Rev. Jeff Binder

YOUTH (6th-12th GRADE) DISMISSED TO CLASS

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* No 835

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith*
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Kathy Bach, Deacon
THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Peace & Global Witness Offering* Connie Brenner
CALL TO OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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

❖ DOXOLOGY No 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 *The Mighty God with Power Speaks* No 13

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING
Jesus encounters us. He says, "Do you love me? Feed my lambs."
"Do you love me? Tend my sheep." "Do you love me?"
"Yes, Lord, you know everything. You know that we love you."
Then go, tend the flock of God that has been given to us.
Be humble before God, so we might be lifted up.
Cast all our anxiety on the Lord, and know that God cares for us.
May we lead our lives with purpose. Keep watch for what God is doing. Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude.

The Seven Marks of Vital Congregations

1. Lifelong Discipleship Formation
2. Intentional Authentic Evangelism
3. Outward Incarnational Focus

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 in the gym today. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

VALLEY COMMUNITY YOUTH CHOIRS: Valley has launched 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.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AT VALLEY: An Adult Education series will begin next Sunday, September 29 and run for six Sundays. The topic will be The Story of the Bible. Each week will begin with a 30 minute video followed by a discussion period. Next Sunday's lesson will include: Telling the Story of the Bible. All are invited to Armitage Hall at 9:00 AM on Sundays!

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.

A NEW MARINERS GROUP has been formed! If you are interested in joining the new group, Sailors, please contact Sandy Cundiff or Cathy Bernhard.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin on Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 AM in the lower conference room next to the library. This year's study is "Love Carved in Stone; A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments," written by Eugenia Anne Gamble, a PC(USA) pastor who has served the church for more than 30 years. Copies of the study are available in the church office for \$10. All women are invited to come, study, and discuss this look at a foundational document of our faith, and get better acquainted with a circle of women from Valley.

THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING will be collected during 10:00 AM worship on Sunday, October 6. This offering is used to further the work of Christ in bringing peace to the world through foreign missions and regional and local efforts to end violence and bring about reconciliation, no matter where it occurs in the world.