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# The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church November 2019

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## Sundays at Valley

Adult Education, 9:00 a.m.  
Early Coffee Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

## November

- 3** All Saints Sunday  
Communion  
Stewardship Kick-off and Luncheon  
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 10** Rev. Chuck Falconer to Preach
- 17** Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday  
Mission Market, 11:30 a.m.  
Dining for Women, 12:00 p.m.
- 24**

## December

- 1** Communion



## Stewardship Kick Off Luncheon Nov. 3



*Save the date! Save your appetite!*

A stewardship kick off luncheon after 10:00 a.m. worship on November 3 is being prepared for you. Join us in Davis Hall for a place at the table for a Fall picnic lunch and fellowship time with fellow Valley members and friends. Hear from speakers on how your dollars are at work at Valley and throughout. This is a free event and open to all!

## Important Dates to Remember

- ◆ All Saint's Day Sunday/Stewardship Kick Off Luncheon - November 3
- ◆ Kirkin' O' the Tartan Sunday/**Stewardship Dedication** - November 17
- ◆ Christ the King Sunday - November 24
- ◆ Christmas Tree Lighting/Advent Fair - December 7
- ◆ Christmas Pageant - December 15
- ◆ Christmas Eve services:
  - 3:00 p.m. December 24 - Children's service
  - Note:** This is a new, earlier time
  - 8:00 p.m. December 24 - Candlelight service

## 2020 Stewardship Campaign

The year 2019 is coming to a close. What better opportunity to reflect on all that Valley Community Presbyterian Church means to us. Valley has provided each of us opportunities to participate and grow in our faith. We have experienced a renewed vitality to our pastoral staff, numerous ministries, diverse programs, and physical space. What an exciting time at Valley!

Annual pledging ensures that Valley's mission of awakening souls, sharing joy, serving God in Christ, and transforming lives can continue. Yes, pledging is vital in constructing our 2020 budget as well as for long-term planning. But beyond simply the task of budgeting, your commitment to give ensures that the music, sacrament, and prayer, the communities of caring for young and old, the opportunities to learn, and the serving of others through hammers, kettles, blankets, and countless other gifts will remain vibrant.

As you prayerfully reflect on your giving for 2020, we also ask you to consider increasing your pledge to not only sustain, but expand Valley's missions. Equally, we welcome your reflections on what time and talents you might also offer so that Valley will continue to thrive.

You will be receiving a letter and annual pledge card by mail. There is no magic formula to calculate your financial pledge, only your faith-filled generosity. Bring your pledge card to Dedication Sunday on **November 17** during 10:00 a.m. worship. At that time the congregation will be asked to deposit their cards in the Joash chest. If you are not able to attend, please mail or deliver your pledge card to the church at your earliest convenience.

## Mark #3 of Congregational Vitality: Outward Incarnational Focus



More on this topic can be found in Pastor Jeff's past sermon by [clicking here](#), or by visiting his blog: [revbinder.wordpress.com](http://revbinder.wordpress.com).

What does *Outward Incarnational Focus* mean, exactly?

Simply put, it means to be Christ to the world around us. We invite and welcome Christ's presence within our very bodies; within our daily lives (again, think *Discipleship*) as we share God's love with the world (think *Evangelism*). We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ. We are called to be Christ to others, both Christians and non-Christians. No pressure, right!

This is not always as easy as it sounds. Often times we are conflicted between our actions, and what might be the "right" thing to do. How in the world are we good enough people to *be Christ* to others? Well, believe it or not, God actually prefers to use our imperfect lives to share Christ with the world! Time and time again, God chose the lowly, despised people to share the good news; we are more than capable.

What would it look like for us to be agents of God's love and grace to our neighbors, using the gifts that God has given us? What would it be like for Valley Community to share God's love and grace with our neighbors in the apartments right next door, or across the street, or in our preschool, or any one of the many community groups that gather here throughout the week...or with each other?

Share the Love!

Pastor Jeff

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STYLE.

## November Birthdays

Dick Adkins	Nathan Graham
Len Anderson	Hank Grootendorst
Craig Blair	Aaron Jenkins
Faith Bridges	Ruthanne Keim
Eric Browning	Jamie Martchenke
Nick Browning	Holly Rea
Annika Carlson	David Sanderman
Christine Danner	Dorothy Schumacher
Shon De Vries	Steve Wariner
Taryn Dee	

Happy birthday to all those born in November! If we missed you, please contact the church office at 503.292.3537 or [info@valleycommunity.org](mailto:info@valleycommunity.org) and let us know.



## Adult Education Class November 10

Valley's own Hannah Nolen will speak about the Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) program on November 10 at 9:00 a.m. to the adult education class in Armitage Hall.

This is a great opportunity for the congregation and especially our youth to hear from a former Valley youth member who spent a year in Scotland with YAV. It is also a chance to have our youth interact with the adults in our congregation who attend adult education classes. Hannah will speak about her work, her call to serve, and what she learned through this experience. You can find more information here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/> and here: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/yav-new/hannah-nolen/>.



## Kirkin' o' the Tartan November 17



Our Presbyterian Scottish heritage will celebrate Kirkin' o' the Tartan on **November 17**. Bagpipes, tartans, Celtic dancers and combined choirs will honor the celebration. Proudly wear your tartans and be entertained by Celtic dancers at the **Mission Market** following worship.



## Emotional Intelligence and Spiritual Identity

What in the world is Emotion Intelligence, and what does it have to do with our spiritual lives? Be sure to come out November 24, December 1, 8, and 15, as Pastor Jeff leads a conversation stemming from his doctoral work and the work of Jim Herrington and others. This will be a time to learn something new, share your own experiences, and continue to grow in following Christ! All classes will be from 11:15(ish) to 12:15 in Armitage Hall unless otherwise noted.

## Dining for Women November 17



### *What if Dining for Women had a different name?*

What if it was called *Potluck Lunch Meeting with Eye Opening Information About How You Can Change the Life of Others With Your Dining Out Dollars*? Okay, maybe that's too long for a name! Yet, that is what Dining for Women is all about.

It started over 15 years ago with a birthday wish to have a potluck meal with friends that, instead of giving the birthday person a gift, made a monetary donation to a local charity. That collective giving model is still the basis for Dining for Women. Fifteen years later, Dining for Women is the world's largest educational giving circle dedicated to ensuring gender equality and eradicating global poverty.

Valley's chapter is over seven years old. Each month a dedicated group of members and friends meets for a potluck lunch on the third

Sunday after worship and a program about the featured non-profit selected to receive donations for their grant request. Those attending then write a check for what they might have typically spent if going out to a restaurant. Those donations join with the over 8,000 other DFW members around the country, thus collective giving.

Dining for Women supports other non-profits that provide services for women and girls in underserved areas around the world. They are the vulnerable, the poor, the outcast, the marginalized. This reminds one of *Matthew 25:40* "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Dining for Women is *not* women dining! It is dining together and learning about and lifting up our sisters around the world, one meal at a time, one dollar at a time.

DFW at Valley meets next on Sunday, November 17 at 12:00 p.m. in Armitage Hall. The featured grantee is WORTH in Swaziland. The program is Investing in the Economic Security of Swaziland's Female Caretakers. Come join us-men and women, youth and children!

## Valley Book Group



The Valley Book Group combines the November and December meetings due to conflicts with the holidays. That combined meeting will be held in the Fireside Room on **Friday, December 6** this year. We will be discussing F. Scott Fitzgerald's third novel, **The Great Gatsby**. Set in Jazz Age New York, this novel, published in 1925, tells the tragic story of Jay Gatsby, a self-made millionaire, and his pursuit of Daisy Buchanan, a wealthy young woman whom he loved in his youth. All are welcome to bring their own coffee and to join in the discussion of this classic book.

## A Note from Our Treasurer

If you are like me, when I filed my Federal income taxes for 2018 they were filed claiming the standard deduction (vs. itemized deductions) due to a change on federal tax law. Please remember, however, if you are 70 ½ years old or older and have a retirement IRA you can make a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) and still reap tax advantages from your giving to Valley Church. This is possible because use of a QCD results in neither taxable income nor a tax deduction so your taxable income is in effect reduced by the amount you give. As a bonus, your gift may be used to satisfy part or all of the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA.

More information is available from Valley's Business manager AmyAnn Green ([amyann@valleycommunity.org](mailto:amyann@valleycommunity.org), 503.292.3537).



### Valley Advent Fair and Christmas Tree Lighting... Save the Date!

Saturday, December 7, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
This is a Community Event -  
Invite family and friends.

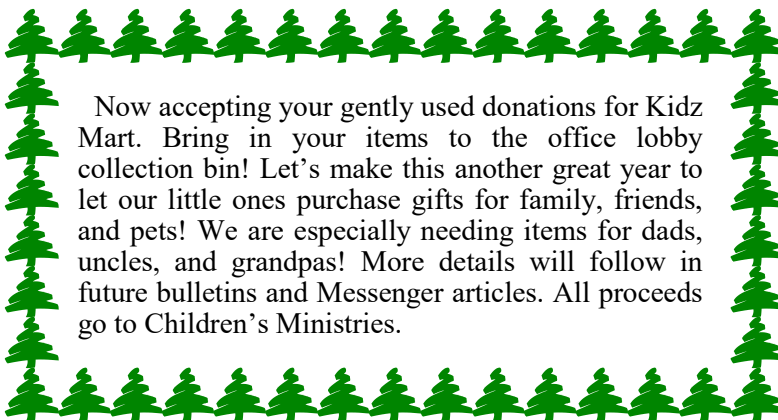


This year combines two holiday traditions - the Advent Fair and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 7. From 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. come make Advent crafts for all ages. Pizza will be served from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (goodwill offering). Come make a decoration for our outdoor Christmas Tree.



At 5:00 p.m. we will move to the front lawn to light the tree and sing carols. Dress for our unpredictable Oregon climate. Look for details in the coming month.

*Left: The Navigators Mariner Ship took a trip to the Hood River Antique Car and Airplane Museum. A few lucky people were able to ride in a Model T.*



Now accepting your gently used donations for Kidz Mart. Bring in your items to the office lobby collection bin! Let's make this another great year to let our little ones purchase gifts for family, friends, and pets! We are especially needing items for dads, uncles, and grandpas! More details will follow in future bulletins and Messenger articles. All proceeds go to Children's Ministries.

### Kids' Night Out

Children ages 3 1/2 through 6th grade are invited to Kids' Night Out (KNO) on Friday, November 15, 5:30-8:30 p.m. 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. There will be dinner, games, crafts, and other activities built around a fun theme. The cost is \$10 per child or \$25 max for three or more siblings in the same household. Please RSVP to Donna Carlson at [donna@valleycommunity.org](mailto:donna@valleycommunity.org) or 503.442.9551.

## Presbyterian Women Gather, Learn about “Better Angels”

Are there people in your life that you love but don't feel you can converse with on controversial topics? On Saturday, October 19, about 50 women from Cascades Presbytery congregations gathered at First Presbyterian, Woodburn for a twice-yearly event that includes a program, a business meeting, and worship. The keynote speaker was the Rev. Cynthia O'Brien of First, Woodburn, who is a Certified Moderator with Better Angels, a nationwide movement dedicated to reuniting the country. She described methods used by the organization in workshops, debates, and public presentations designed to bridge the polarizing political divide we have in the U.S. These events allow conservatives and liberals to get past the destructive stereotypes each group has of the other so that we can have civil conversations about real issues that lead to productive problem-solving. In Better Angels events no one is allowed to attack or ask “gotcha” questions.

At Red/Blue Workshops, equal numbers of conservatives and liberals come together for a full day of structured conversations. The purpose of the workshop is to understand each other's point of view, not to argue with the other side or change someone's beliefs. Observers are allowed. In Skills Workshops, participants learn and practice communication skills for talking to friends and loved ones across the political divide. In addition, local leaders are available to speak to groups about Better Angels.

The website for Better Angels is [www.better-angels.org](http://www.better-angels.org), and the local events website is [www.betterangelspdx.org](http://www.betterangelspdx.org). To join the local mailing list and be informed about upcoming events, e-mail Nancy Matela at [nmatela@better-angels.org](mailto:nmatela@better-angels.org).

The Valley Produce Table is officially closed for the season!

Thanks to all for bringing in garden goodies and for all that made monetary donations. Watch next month for the amount of the check Valley sent to the Oregon Food Bank, to help those in our state battle with food insecurity.



## Cents-Ability Third Quarter Totals



Year to date we have collected \$1,515.10. If we stay on trend, we'll have collected just over \$2,000 for 2019. But, we will not beat out last year's collection of \$2,400. Valley has partnered with Care to Share and the Presbyterian Hunger Fund to help those in the greatest need, locally and nationally. Thank you for your change each month. The next collection will be November 17.



## Valley's Bread for the World Bake Sale 2019

Thank You for baking. Thank You for buying. I don't believe we had any thing left over! We collected \$357, which will go to Bread for the World and their quest to provide our legislature with meaningful data on food programs and their impact to families.



## Valley Kids and Youth



*Left: The youth assembled care packages for Medical Teams International.*

*Right: Valley youth take notes during the sermon on Sunday.*

*Middle left: Amy Rheingans leads singing during mid week choir.*

*Middle right: The youth help Angela, from the church office, celebrate her birthday.*

*Bottom: Fun was had at the recent Kids' Night Out. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the night a memorable one!*



# Community Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat

A big thank you to all the volunteers (youth and adults) who helped out with the annual Community Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat. There were games and prizes, decorated trunks and treats, a bounce house and more!



## New Courtyard Benches



Valley is blessed once again as the result of sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 592. Scout, Garrett O’Laughlin, requested a possible Eagle Scout project on our church property where they meet each Monday. Project possibilities were explored. It was unanimously decided that the benches in the courtyard needed to be replaced since they were no longer safe or repairable. Working with the Facilities Landscape Committee, it was agreed that a larger patio and another bench would make the space more versatile. Overgrown and unhealthy shrubs also needed removal or pruning. Under Garrett’s supervision, the troop trimmed, removed, mulched/chipped overgrown shrubbery, and spread it in the alley side-gardens. They graded and poured an additional concrete pad. He had the existing iron frames repaired, and built additional bases for a new bench. New wood was sealed numerous times and assembled into seats and backs. Our courtyard now has a more usable space and an attractive fresh upgrade. Garrett will deservedly receive his Eagle Scout badge next month.

*Left: Facilities Elder, David Marquis and Boy Scout, Garrett O’Laughlin, enjoy the space that Garrett helped create.*

## Wednesday Night Live November 6!



There will be a “family dinner” for all on Wednesday, November 6. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. in Davis Hall/gym followed by activities and fellowship. There is no cost for this event, but reservations are very much appreciated so we know how much food to prepare. Please contact Donna Carlson, Director of Children’s Ministry, at [donna@valleycommunity.org](mailto:donna@valleycommunity.org), text 503.442.9551 or Bev Hubbard at [bevmahubb@aol.com](mailto:bevmahubb@aol.com) no later than Monday, November 4. All are welcome to attend!

## Save the Date: Senior Luncheon December 12

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on, Thursday, December 12 at noon.

A big thank you to Chef Roy Connor, the kitchen crew and magician, Bob Eaton, for making our, October Senior Lunch so memorable. The food was delicious and the entertainment magical! We made new friends, laughed together and were surrounded by our loving Valley Community. Plan to join us in December as we celebrate Advent with a beautiful luncheon, music and Christmas festivities!



*Right: Magician Bob Eaton, along with Julie Binder’s assistance, performs a magic trick at the October Senior Luncheon.*



Thank you for sending your check for **\$35.50** for the **2019 Per Capita (for wider church expenses)** for each Valley member.

For more information about what per capita is, and how it helps, go to:

[oga.pcusa.org/percapita](http://oga.pcusa.org/percapita)





# Valley Youth Halloween Party



## Valley Notes

### Reminders

**Daylight Saving Time Ends** on Sunday, November 3. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

**Please use Smile.Amazon.com** for your holiday online shopping and select Valley Community Presbyterian Church as the non-profit to receive your shopping credit. There is no cost to you.

**Calendar events:** If you have an event (one time only or recurring), please remember to check with the church office to schedule before publicizing the event. Contact Angie in the church office, [angie@valleycommunity.org](mailto:angie@valleycommunity.org), or 503.292.3537. Thank you!

### Save the Date

**Mission Market** is coming to town on November 17, 2019. If you would like to represent an organization at this year's event, please see Andrea Murdoch to make arrangements.

### Prayers

*We pray for those with health concerns:*

Chuck and Anne Miller, Sharon Baker, Lizz Brown, Darla Dahlquist

*We pray for those who mourn:*  
- Friends and family of Dorothy Wiley who died October 4, 2019.

- Friends and family of Gerda Krug who died October 18, 2019.

Marshall and Hayley Lauck on the death of their cousin, Elizabeth Mae Dalquist on October 20, 2019.

## Earth Care Corner

Did you know....

Fred Meyer has receptacles in the lobby of each entrance for customers to deposit their used and clean plastic bags? In addition to the plastic shopping bags that are currently an option for taking one's groceries out of the store (and which will be going away soon!) they also accept:

- \*bread bags
- \*produce bags
- \*dry cleaner bags
- \*newspaper bags
- \*cereal box liners
- \*ice bags
- \*Ziploc-type and other reclosable bags
- \*bubble wrap and
- \*case overwrap, like from packages of paper towels and toilet paper.

Fred Meyer then sends their plastics to a company called Trex. They make, as part of their product line, eco-friendly composite decking and benches from an innovative blend of 95% recycled wood and plastic film. There are other businesses in our area that accept all of the clean plastic items listed above and that collect for Trex. They are Albertsons, Bi Mart, Kohl's, New Seasons, Safeway, Target and Winco.

**And**, in the spirit of looking at alternatives, please remember to bring your reusable cloth shopping bags and net produce bags to the store the next time that you go shopping, so that you will not need to use new plastic items.

**And**, for those members who frequently use and work in Valley's kitchen, there is a bin on the counter for plastics that will be taken to Fred Meyer. This is just one more way that Valley Community Presbyterian Church is taking care of our God-given earth home.

## Valley Habitat Build

Thank you to the following persons who took part in the Valley Habitat build on Saturday, October 19: Paul DuFresne, Ken Stennett, Craig Vermillion, Dan Knierim, Jim Stevens, and Chuck Falconer.



# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3 All Saints Sunday</b> 9:15a Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Early Coffee Fellowship</p> <p><b>10:00a Worship</b> 11:00a Coffee Fellowship 11:00a Stewardship Kick Off Lunch 11:00a Foundation Committee 11:30a Membership Committee 12:00p Calvary Korean Worship 12:30p Armonia Choir 1:00p Calvary Korean Fellowship</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:00a Personnel Comm.</p> <p>6:30p Scout Troop 5592 7:00p Scout Troop 592 7:30p PDX Highland Games 7:30p Troop 5591</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:00a Women's Bible Study 2:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00p Girl Scout Troop 6:30p Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 6:30p Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b> 8:00a Men's Bible Study 9:30a TOPS Meeting 10:00a Calvary Bible Study 5:00p Cherub Choir 5:00p God and Family 5:00p Melodia Choir 5:45p Wednesday Night Live 6:00p Youth Group</p>	<p><b>7</b> 5:00p Scout Leadership Meeting 7:15p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>1</b> 11:00a Calvary Prayer Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b> 9:15a Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Early Coffee Fellowship</p> <p><b>10:00a Worship</b> 11:00a Coffee Fellowship 11:30p Communication Committee</p> <p>12:00p Calvary Korean Worship 1230p Armonia Choir 1:00p Calvary Korean Fellowship</p>	<p><b>11 Veterans Day Church Office Closed</b></p> <p>6:30p Scout Troop 5592 7:00p Finance Committee 7:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:00p Boy Scouts 592 7:30p Troop 5591</p>	<p><b>12</b> 12:00p Staff Meeting 6:30p Weebelos Den 592 <b>7:00p Session</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 8:00a Men's Bible Study 9:30a TOPS Meeting 10:00a Calvary Bible Study 5:00p Cherub Choir 5:00p God and Family 5:00p Melodia Choir 6:00p Youth Group</p>	<p><b>14</b> 6:30p Sunset Trail BSA District Meeting 7:15p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>15</b> 5:30p Kids' Night Out</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17 Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday</b> 9:30a Early Coffee Fellowship</p> <p><b>10:00a Worship</b> 11:00a Coffee Fellowship 11:30a Mission Market 12:00p Dining for Women 12:00p Calvary Korean Worship 12:30p Armonia Choir 1:00p Calvary Korean Fellowship 5:30p Cub Scout Pack 592 7:00p Scout Jamboree Committee</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00a Meals on Wheels 6:00p Girl Scouts 12301 6:30p Scout Troop 5591 7:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:00p Boy Scouts 592 7:30p Troop 5591</p>	<p><b>19</b> 12:00p Staff Meeting 4:00p Girl Scout Troop 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 592 <b>7:00p Deacons Ministry</b></p>	<p><b>20 "The Messenger" Newsletter Articles Due</b> 8:00a Men's Bible Study 9:30a TOPS Meeting 10:00a Calvary Bible Study 5:00p Cherub Choir 5:00p Melodia Choir 6:00p Youth Group 6:30p Vital Congregations Task Force</p>	<p><b>21</b> 8:00a Soup Kitchen 12:00p Senior Luncheon 4:00p Worship and Music Committee 5:00p Music Selection Team 6:00p Pack 592 Meeting 7:15p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:00a Gamble Library Book Group 11:00a Calvary Prayer Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
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TIME DATED MATERIAL

**Stewardship Kick Off Luncheon**



**November 3 after 10:00 a.m. worship**



**All are invited to a free picnic lunch!**



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