

**PI(E) DAY IS COMING!** The Valley Youth will be going on a mission trip this summer in conjunction with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to Puerto Rico. Part of their fundraising efforts include a pie sale. Order your Willamette Valley Pie Company pies, cobblers, and bags of fruit today during coffee fellowship to help support them in going on this trip. All products will be delivered frozen on March 3, ready for you to bake at home until needed for events like Pi(e) Day, 3/14, Easter, and Mother's Day which are all around the corner! Thank you for your support!

**LIBRARY BOOK SALE** will continue during coffee fellowship today, February 16, in the gym. Stop by and find out what books the Reformed Churches in Hungary is requesting for the Hungarian and immigrant families that they serve.

**KIDS' NIGHT OUT** will be Friday, February 21, 5:30-8:30 PM. RSVP to donna@valleycommunity.org.

**GOT POTS?** Here is another way to reuse some plastic. If you have stacks of planting pots taking up space in your gardening area, call Valerie Conner, 503.453.7193.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The congregation's annual meeting has been called for Sunday, March 1, immediately following worship. Business includes voting to approve the Terms of Call for Pastor Jeff, and a presentation of our financial results for 2019 and the approved budget for 2020. There will be a time for questions and new business.

**SMALL GROUPS:** St. Patrick's Day is coming up and what better way to celebrate it and meet some new friends is by attending the Murray Irish Dance performance at the Sherwood Art Center on March 8 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person. Afterwards, there are reservations for 20 people at the Smokeville Brew House, 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Sandy Cundiff at 503.819.1265 via call or text.

**WE ARE COLLECTING** plastic Easter eggs, candy and Easter stickers for our Egg Hunt/Family Festival scheduled for April 11. Please bring donations to the basket in the office lobby.

**Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff**

Rev. Jeff Binder ..... Pastor  
 Rev. Chuck Falconer and Rev. Jenny Hale ..... Pastoral Associates  
 David Jimerson ..... Minister of Music  
 Bob Hinson ..... Organist/Pianist  
 Anne Scearce ..... Director of Valley Christian Preschool  
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**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

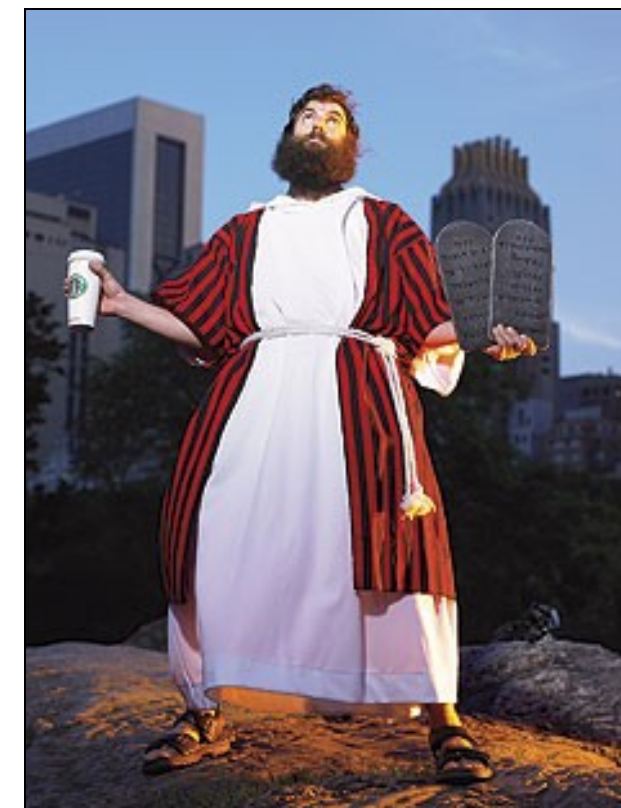
February 16-23, 2020

<p><b>SUNDAY, February 16</b>          9:00 AM Adult Education          9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal          9:30 AM Early Coffee  <b>10:00 AM Worship</b>          11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship          11:00 AM Library Book Sale          11:00 AM Sailors Mariner Potluck          11:20 AM VC Lenten Study          11:30 AM Armonia Choir          11:30 AM Dining for Women          12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service          1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time          5:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 592          7:00 PM Scout Jamboree Committee</p> <p><b>MONDAY, February 17</b>  <b>Presidents' Day</b>          10:00 AM Meals on Wheels          6:30 PM Scout Troop 5592          7:00 PM Girl Scouts          7:00 PM Scout Troop 592          7:30 PM Troop 5591</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, February 18</b>          12:00 PM Staff Meeting          12:00 PM PEO Meeting          4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop          6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 592          7:00 PM Deacons Ministry</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, February 19</b>          8:00 AM Men's Bible Study          9:30 AM TOPS Meeting          10:00 AM Calvary Bible Study          10:00 AM CONC          5:00 PM Cherub Choir          5:00 PM Melodia Choir          5:30 PM Middle School Youth          6:00 PM VC Lenten Bible Study          6:30 PM High School Youth</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, February 20</b>  <b>'The Messenger' Newsletter Deadline</b>          8:00 AM Soup Kitchen          10:00 AM Library Comm. Mtg.          4:00 PM Worship and Music          5:00 PM Music Selection Team          6:30 PM Pack 592 Meeting          7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, February 21</b>          10:30 AM Calvary Prayer Meeting          5:30 PM Kids' Night Out</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, February 23</b>          9:00 AM Adult Education          9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal          9:30 AM Early Coffee  <b>10:00 AM Worship</b>          11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship          11:00 AM Chili Cook-off          11:20 AM VC Lenten Study          11:30 AM Armonia Choir          12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service          1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time          2:00 PM Beverly Helmer Memorial and Reception          7:00 PM Scout Jamboree Committee</p>
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**7 Marks of a Vital Congregation Conversations**

<b>Mark 1:</b> Feb. 16 and 19	<b>Lifelong Discipleship Formation</b>	Amy Dee
<b>Mark 2:</b> Feb. 23 and 26	<b>Intentional Authentic Evangelism</b>	Valerie Conner
<b>Mark 3:</b> Mar. 1 and 4	<b>Outward Incarnational Focus</b>	Connie Brenner
<b>Mark 4:</b> Mar. 8 and 11	<b>Empower Servant Leadership</b>	Carolyn Stennett
<b>Mark 5:</b> Mar. 15 and 18	<b>Spirit-Inspired Worship</b>	Brad Carlson
<b>Mark 6:</b> Mar. 22 and 25	<b>Ecclesial Health</b>	Chuck Falconer
<b>Mark 7:</b> Mar. 29 and Apr. 1	<b>Caring Relationships</b>	Joyce Wood

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 16, 2020 ✠ 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

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 119

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

**Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek the LORD with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways.**

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

**O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!**

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.**

❖ OPENING HYMN

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

No 666

## OPENING PRAYER

Kent Busch, liturgist

Lord of Creation, create in us a new rhythm of life composed of hours that sustain rather than stress, of days that deliver rather than destroy, of time that tickles rather than tackles.

**To our packed-full planners, we bid, "Peace!"**

**To our over-caffeinated consciences, we say, "Cease!"**

**To our suffocating selves, Lord, grant release.**

Drowning in a sea of deadlines and death chimes, we rest in you, our lifeline.

**By your ever-restful grace, allow us to enter your Sabbath rest as your Sabbath rest enters into us.**

Let us now pray in silence, inviting God's presence into our thoughts, our hearts, our whole selves.

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

## ❖ CONFSSIONAL RESPONSE

*In My Life* (v. 3)

Nº 468

***In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.***

***In your church, Lord, be glorified today.***

## ❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & PEACE

Friends, the good news is that God calls us into a sacred dance of love, forgiveness, and praise with every day that is given to us. Thanks be to God, who brings us new life in Christ Jesus!

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

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

## ❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*The Lord Is My Light*

Nº 842

***The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in God I trust; in God I trust.***

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

## SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 5:21-37*

New Testament, p. 4

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ANTHEM

*See What Love*

Mendelssohn

## MESSAGE

*He Didn't Really Mean it... Did He?*

Rev. Jeff Binder

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

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

## ❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Nº 721

## CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

## ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God wants to bring about true justice and lasting peace on earth;

**we believe that God is, in a special sense, the God of the suffering, the poor and the downtrodden.**

We praise God who gives justice to the oppressed and bread to the hungry;

**who sets captives free and makes the blind to see;**

who protects strangers, orphans, and widows and obstructs the plans of the wicked.

**We believe that the Church belongs to God and that it should stand where God stands:**

against injustice and with those who are wronged.

**We commit ourselves to reject all forms of injustice in ourselves and amongst us;**

and to struggle against all forms of injustice and every teaching that allows injustices to flourish.

**We are called to confess and to do all this in obedience to Jesus Christ, our only Lord,**

even if authorities or laws oppose this, even if punishment and suffering may be the consequence.

**Jesus is Lord! We will follow Him!**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jan Bellis-Squires, Deacon

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

## 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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Nº 366

## ❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Go out into the world confident of God's love for the world.

**May we share this love with all whom we encounter: our neighbors, our friends, and family.**

Go out into the world emboldened to change lives.

**May we share this love with all whom we normally don't encounter: the lonely, the outcast, the lost.**

We are the hands and feet of Christ! Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

*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.

**EARLY BIRD COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** every Sunday, 9:30 AM in the library. Stop by for coffee and conversation!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** following worship will be hosted by the Navigators Mariner Ship in the gym today. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

**SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION AT 9:00 AM:** During February at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall, we will continue the series "The Story of the Bible." Class begins with a 30 minute video taught by Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor of Old Testament at Emory University, followed by a time for discussion. Next week's lesson (February 23), The Historical-Critical Approach, will be taught by Chuck Falconer.

**LENTEN 7 MARKS CONVERSATIONS:** Lifelong Discipleship **TODAY** and Wednesday. The first of the 7 Marks of Vital Congregations conversations series begins today, February 16, at 11:20 AM in Armitage Hall. This week's topic is Lifelong Discipleship. Please join Amy Dee as she leads us through a thoughtful presentation and discussion on this topic. This class will be repeated this Wednesday, February 19, at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room. We hope everyone will join!

**STAINED GLASS PRESERVATION:** A critical project to restore and preserve Valley's stained glass windows has begun. We're seeking to raise funds through grants and special gifts from our Valley family.

Goal	\$110,000
Giving as of 2/6	\$76,077
Balance	\$33,923

Contributions of any amount designated "stained glass window fund" are gratefully received. Contact David Marquis or Carol Powers to answer questions.

**YOUTH SUNDAY AND CHILI COOK-OFF:** It is almost time for Youth Sunday! This year we will be holding our youth led service on February 23. In addition to Youth Sunday, Valley Youth will be hosting its annual Chili Cook-Off! If you plan on competing, notify Marshall at marshall@valleycommunity.org. Admission to the event will be \$5 per person or a maximum of \$20 per family. We hope you can join us!

**ALL ARE INVITED TO THE SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON!** We will gather at noon on Thursday, February 27 for a delicious lunch and an interesting presentation. Eric Wheeler, a Portland architectural historian, will join us to speak about the architecture of Valley and the history and development of our surrounding neighborhood. Lunch is \$5. Please call Karen Mitchell-Yakymi at 503.449.4026 or Angela in the church office if you need transportation to the church.