

# The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

March 2020

## Sundays at Valley

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

## March

- 1** Communion  
Congregational Meeting
- 8** Youth Pancake Breakfast
- 15** Dining for Women, 11:30 a.m.  
Youth Plant Sale begins

**22**

**29**

## April

- 5** Palm Sunday  
Communion



## 7 Marks of a Vital Congregation Conversations

A **Vital Congregations Lenten Bible Study** will be held Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in Armitage Hall and on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room through April 1. Each week will feature a different host and topic on the Seven Marks of Vital Congregations. Please come and support the people who are diving deep on each topic! A recording of the conversations can be found on our website, [www.valleycommunity.org](http://www.valleycommunity.org), on the "About Valley" tab under "Vital Congregations."

**Mark 3:** March 1 and 4  
**Outward Incarnational Focus**  
Connie Brenner

**Mark 4:** March 8 and 11  
**Empower Servant Leadership**  
Carolyn Stennett

**Mark 5:** March 15 and 18  
**Spirit-Inspired Worship**  
Brad Carlson

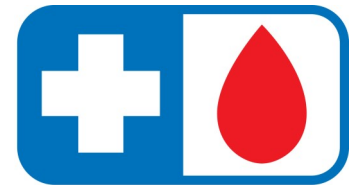
**Mark 6:** March 22 and 25  
**Ecclesial Health**  
Chuck Falconer

**Mark 7:** March 29 and April 1  
**Caring Relationships**  
Joyce Wood



**Deacons' Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Wednesday, March 18, 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Up to three people may be helped with each pint of blood collected  
Contact Karen Miller,  
[plmkmm@comcast.net](mailto:plmkmm@comcast.net)  
Jim Sandberg, [jim.sandberg@comcast.net](mailto:jim.sandberg@comcast.net),  
for more information. A sign up table will also be available during coffee fellowship on March 8 and 15.



**GIVE**  
*Blood*

## Mark #7 of Congregational Vitality: Ecclesial Health



What in the world does *Ecclesial Health* mean?

Simply put, what we are thinking about is what it takes to be a healthy church in today's world, and at the same time as we envision the future. So what goes into being a healthy church? Is Valley Community healthy? Whatever your answer, why or why not?

According to the Vital Congregations Initiative...

- Healthy churches **prayerfully discern** their calling in this world. How often do you pray asking for God's voice about how we are called to be the church here today?
- Healthy **decision-making** is also a hallmark of church health. Do we allow for people to speak openly? Or do we let individuals and groups dominate the decisions of this church?
- **Pastors** are healthy. Does the church have a process for knowing this about a pastor, or allowing for health?
- Healthy **stewardship and budget**. Is our budget healthy? Where do we spend our money?
- **Clarity in mission**. Do you know what the mission of Valley is? If not, what do you think it is?

The good news for us friends: In Christ Jesus, we are made new, and we are called to **be the church**. We are not just called to go to church because *it's Sunday*, and that's what we do. We are called to *be* the church; the community that shares with the world that no matter how fast society arounds us changes, Christ's message of love and reconciliation remains the same. We are called to continually meet the world where it is: at our coffee shops, and social media, and family issues, and we are called to offer the resurrected Christ to the world. It is in Christ that we offer God's unconditional love, forgiveness, new beginnings, and reconciliation with God and with one another.

So why are you here today? Perhaps it is for any variety of reasons we discussed, or one that is personal to you. Or perhaps it is because you are called to be the Church of today. So where do you see yourself playing a role in being the church of the present as we look to the future?

Whatever that reason is for coming to church, in order for us to celebrate being a healthy church, our #1 priority must always be pointing to the resurrected Christ. It has to be about Jesus. This is what separates the Church from any other institution, organization, or community group. This is what our ancestors celebrated in the past. This is what we celebrate today as brothers and sisters in Christ. And this is what the church is called to be in the future for eternity.

In Christ,

### THE MESSENGER

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## March Birthdays

Janet Adkins	Kevin Killian
Wendy Archibald	Sue Lanthrum
Raoul Bellis-Squires	Ron Leland
Jan Bellis-Squires	Ken Magnuson
Michelle Blair	Gary Nelson
Pat Bryant	Ben Paroulek
Kegan Derting	Addy Pratt
Gary Eaton	Laura Sanders
Zachary Graham	Glenn Simenson
Gwenn Gregg	Charlene Stansbury
Georgia Hoffbeck	Barbara Symons
Ann Johnson	

Happy birthday to all those born in March! If we missed you, please contact the church office at 503.292.3537 or info@valleycommunity.org and let us know.



## Order Lilies for Easter



Lilies will grace the sanctuary on Easter. If you would like to order a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, you may make a donation of \$15 for each lily ordered. Please indicate “lilies” on your check with the name you wish to honor, and place the envelope in the offering plate, or send it to the church office. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations and names must be in to the church office by Monday, April 6.

## Save the Date - May 16

### *Presbyterian Women to hear Jane Kirkpatrick*

On May 16, Presbyterian Women (PW) of the Presbytery of the Cascades will gather at First Presbyterian Church, Portland, for their Spring Gathering. Jane Kirkpatrick will be the keynote speaker, with a theme of “Telling our Stories”. Stories about the many activities and contributions of PW will also be shared. The cost will be \$15, including lunch. Parking is available under the church (at 12th and Alder SW). The deadline for registration will be May 11, and space is expected to be limited. Registration forms will be available soon.

## Valley “Cooks”

Join Small Group’s, Valley “Cooks” 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The fourth Tuesday of the month in March, April, or May and share together Christ’s blessings and bounty as we learn to prepare and eat salads, sauces, desserts, party favs, center of the plate and garnishes with Roy as your culinary guide. Hands on and on hand in the kitchen, fast paced, yummy and easy is the rule so join in the fun. A \$5 or more free will offering is suggested to cover food cost only. All donations in excess of cost will go to the Valley Youth Mission trip fund raising project. Each event group size is limited to 8 to 12 people per event. To join in email [royjconner@msn.com](mailto:royjconner@msn.com) and a confirmation email will be sent.



**Spring is in the air!** Gardeners, it’s time to start planning. Youth Ministry will be selling plant starts as part of fundraising for the Puerto Rico Mission trip. Orders will be taken during coffee fellowship March 15 through April 5. Plants will be delivered on May 2 ready to plant in your garden. Lots of varieties of flowers and vegetables in full or half flats, as well as various sizes of planters and hanging baskets are available.



## Why Serve? A Message from CONC

Your Church Officer Nominating Committee is at work to identify candidates to serve our church as elders and deacons. Why might you want to serve? There are as many reasons as there are people. Scripture tells us in 1 Corinthians 12 that there are many gifts, but the same giver. So one reason is that this might provide an opportunity for you to use your God-given gifts and talents. Another reason could be that serving can strengthen your own faith. One committee member described how this had happened in her own life. Just becoming an elder made her more serious about her own faith journey. That said, not all are called to these ministries, and it’s not always the right season in your own life to accept. It’s not bad to say no. But, just maybe, God is calling you. Stop, pray, think, consider. Are you being called?

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Valley will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering on April 5. The millions of people around the world who lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity are benefitted by OGHS. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Additional information about the offering and programs can be found at “[specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs](http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs)”. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!!!

**Library News:** The Gamble Library Committee will begin selecting NEW BOOKS that are of particular value and interest to Valley’s congregation of all ages and situations in life. If you would be interested in helping the library out, contact Valerie Conner at 503.453.7193. Six boxes of books were left over from the book sale (not from Valley library shelves) and were donated to Value Village. Four boxes of books for infants through late teens were provided to Washington County Foster Parents. Hungarian Churches have sent us their book wish list! A copy is available in the library so you can see what their needs and interests are. Stop by our library and see what is new!

## Stained Glass Preservation



We are extremely close to meeting our goal for the stained glass preservation and restoration project. Over the last couple months, Valley has been blessed with many generous donations from our congregation. In addition, Presbytery of the Cascades has awarded Valley a \$10,000 Barnabas Grant. This maximum grant ideally fits their criteria for church preservation projects. Donations now total \$96,677. Other grant applications have been submitted and are pending. Contributions for any amount, designated “stained glass window fund”, will still be gratefully received. All contributors will be recognized when we re-dedicate the windows, unless they choose to remain anonymous.

## Mission Endowment Applications Due April 1

April first is the spring application deadline for grants from Valley’s Mission Endowment Fund. The Mission Endowment Committee will meet in April to consider these applications and make recommendations to Session for grants to be awarded.

Created in 1979 by a generous gift from a member, the Mission Endowment Fund is an important part of Valley’s mission program. What organizations do you know of that further the work of Christ in the world? Think about submitting an application on behalf of one of them. Consideration is given to applications which:

- address hunger, food and health needs of people around the world
- assist volunteers in the mission field
- advance denominational programs of outreach, service and proclamation
- assist secular and social organizations that aid in the care of people.

In the past ten years, this fund has awarded grants totaling about \$200,000 to deserving applicants. No applications will be accepted after the April 1 deadline. Contact [missionendowment@valleycommunity.org](mailto:missionendowment@valleycommunity.org), visit the church office, or go to the church website for a grant application: <http://www.valleycommunity.org/mission--service/stewardship.html#MissionEndowment>.

## Mission Recap for 2019

Besides the four main yearly collections: the Joy Offering, the Peace Offering, Pentecost and One Great Hour of Sharing, here are some of the other things **YOU’VE** participated in: Cents-ability offering on the third Sunday collected over \$2,000 to fight against hunger; Box Tops and Labels for Education; hundreds of layette outfits donated to the Letty Owings Center in May; over 200 pair of eyeglasses and a few hearing aids. There’s the third Thursday Soup Kitchen; Prayer Shawls; and 44 back packs for various agencies around the area. Project Back told us at the last minute they were set for 2019, but the need is still there. There was over 250 pounds of food to the St. Matthew’s Food Pantry with volunteer duties every Wednesday night. We had the Salvation Army Giving Tree and the Reverse Advent Calendar collection which was shared with the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet of the Good Roots Church in SE Portland. A Bake Sale in October gave us Covenant Church status in the Bread for the World organization with around \$400 in donations. There’s also Dining for Women – each month this group of women donate to empower women of the world. Baby hats for the Purple Period of Crying. Coming this April is CROP Walk where Team Valley will walk for its sixth year. We hold the Mission Market in November which supported Equal Exchange, Heifer International, Knit 4 Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Second Home, Luke Dorf homeless, and our own Youth Mission. During the summer months there’s our Produce Table with the donations going directly to the Oregon Food Bank. The Vacation Bible School kids mission project collected over \$1,050 for an African Neo-Natal clinic. Twice each year we distribute close to \$10,000 to applicants through the Mission Endowment Grant; now in its fortieth year. We’ve donated pints of blood to the Red Cross Blood Drive and helped build houses in the Beaverton area with Habitat for Humanity. For our next build date, see Chuck Falconer to sign up. We drive for Meals on Wheels monthly.

We are just so grateful for your continued support of these mission opportunities.... WE are the hands and feet of Christ. Again, your Mission Committee wishes to thank you for your on-going and generous giving.



**Save the Date...**

CROP Walk 2020 on Sunday, April 26.  
More info to come soon!



## Dining for Women March 15

You are cordially invited to Valley's Dining for Women meeting on Sunday March 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. This month's featured non-profit is Women's International Network For Guatemala Solutions (WINGS). Their mission is to provide quality reproductive health education and services to underserved, primarily rural Guatemalan youth, women, and men. The specific grant request will expand WINGS' reproductive health services to three new departments, directly impacting 1,150 individuals annually in hard-to reach villages where population growth, poverty, and malnutrition keep families in a constant state of struggle.

The format of our monthly meeting is to have a potluck lunch, hear about the program and donate to their grant request accordingly. Typically we write a check for what we might have spent going out to lunch, thus changing the world one meal at a time. See you there!



Valley Youth, along with the Clippers Mariner Group, will hold their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. Help support the youth as they prepare for their upcoming mission trip to Puerto Rico!

## Valley Book Group March 27

The Valley Book Group will meet on Friday, March 27, in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age*, written by Mary Pipher. The author, who wrote the book *Reviving Ophelia* twenty-five years ago, asserts that women growing older often face ageism, misogyny and loss. And yet, she maintains that research shows that most older women are deeply happy and filled with gratitude for the gifts of life. The book offers a timely examination of cultural and developmental issues women face as they age. All are welcome to bring their own coffee and to join in the discussion of this enlightening book.

## PARENTS... SAVE THE DATES!

### KIDS' NIGHT OUT

**Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. on March 20, May 15, and June 19!**

Movie, pizza, fruit, and refreshments. Fun crafts and structured game time in our gym. Ages: \*3 1/2 years of age through 5th grade.

\*Age 3 1/2 requirements: potty-trained, can take simple instruction, comfortable with others while away from parent/guardian.

Cost: \$10 per child or \$25 max for three or more siblings in the same household (cash or check only please).

**RSVP is required. Please indicate the following information:**

Parent/Guardian name, phone, child's name and age. Send information to Donna Carlson, Director of Children's Ministry: donna@valleycommunity.org, text 503.442.9551, or call the church office at 503.292.3537 ext. 135.

## VALLEY'S COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT AND FESTIVAL

**A free event! Saturday, April 11, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Come at 11:00 a.m. to hear Melodia and Cherub Choir groups opening up the event! Promptly after this, our Easter Egg Hunt begins come rain or shine.

\* Bounce House \* Egg Hunt \* Bean Bag Races \* Carnival Games \* \* Photo Booth \* Popcorn \* Hot Dogs and Refreshments \*

## VBS "LIFT-OFF" KICK OFF EVENT

**Saturday, June 6 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.**

Up, Up, and Away! This spellbinding special event starts out with a special guest from Mad Science who will introduce the children to the principles of air and pressure by launching their own hot air balloon in celebration of VBS "Lift Off" coming up in July! Come and get a sneak peek of what's to come. We will have an Early Bird VBS registration table, fun craft, light snacks, goodie bags and then some!

## VBS IN JULY

### "LIFT OFF! SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH GOD!"

**Registration information to follow mid-May 2020**

**July 13-17, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for preschool-5th grade!**

Cost: \$55 per child or \$135 for three or more siblings in the same household.

Preschoolers must be 3 1/2 years old by July 12, potty-trained, able to take simple instructions, comfortable and easily communicate with adults while away from parent or guardian. 5th graders: those entering 5th grade August 2020.

# Valley Scrapbook



*The annual chili cook-off was a big hit! Thank you to all who participated and to those who helped make it a success!*



*Anthony Graham (above) and Olivia Hoffbeck (below) gave a wonderful message about caring for the environment during Youth Sunday.*

*The youth led the congregation in song on Youth Sunday.*



*Guest musicians, Sienna Hertafeld (vocals) and John Harr (guitar) offered beautiful music during Youth Sunday.*

# Valley Scrapbook



*Above, left, and below:  
The Scouts (boys and girls)  
were celebrated  
during worship on  
Scout Sunday.*



*Beautiful candles were lit for the Ash  
Wednesday worship service.*

*Gym time is a favorite at Kids' Night Out. See page 5.*

## Community Service Awards Breakfast March 14



Everyone is invited to the annual Community Service Awards Breakfast on Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. for an inspiring and enjoyable morning. Meet members of police and sheriff departments. Valley's Woman of the Year, Glenys Craig and Man of the Year, David Marquis will also receive awards.

### David Marquis, Man of Year 2020

David Marquis has attended Valley with his wife, Ruthann and children, Andrea and Carter, since 1997. The family had been church shopping since moving to West Slope a few years prior. Gary Tranby, a Valley member and work colleague with Ruthann, invited them to Valley, and they never left.

David is a second generation Oregonian. He and his twin sister were born on Mt. Tabor in Portland. In first grade, the family moved to the Oak Grove area near Milwaukie. He attended Oak Grove Methodist Church and graduated from Milwaukie High School. He earned his BA from University of Oregon in Education with a concentration in fine arts and art history.

However, David's goals were interrupted when he was called to serve in the US Army during the Vietnam War era. After basic and advanced trainings, luck and good fortune sent him to southern Germany for over two years. During that time he immersed himself with a German family and their traditions, and traveled throughout Europe attending festivals, visiting art museums, historical locales, and architectural sites. This experience made him a lifetime traveler.

Upon returning to Portland, employment was a necessary priority. David immediately found himself at Fine Arts Graphics where his applied arts and design background were an ideal fit. For over 27 years he served numerous positions in sales, estimating, contract negotiating, and management until the company sold. Still not ready to retire, he joined the administrative staff at Consumer Cellular officially retiring in 2017.

About 20 years ago, David's financial advisor asked what he planned on doing when he retired. He replied that volunteering would be his primary "profession". That has proved more than expected. Since joining Valley at about that same time, David got an early start volunteering on numerous committees and ministries: VBS classroom assistant, VBS theme and prop construction, sanctuary liturgical arts, Mission Endowment Committee, Memorial Gifts Committee, Sanctuary Choir, Deacon Moderator, Worship and Music Elder. Ruthann and David are charter members of Starfish Mariners, have been a host family for a Second Home homeless student, and support each other's ministries.

Now officially retired, he recently accepted the "moving target" challenges of an aging church as Facilities Elder. Who knew there was such an unending list of day-to-day maintenance issues to be tackled? Or that there are numerous long-term major projects awaiting strategic planning? Since beginning this role in June, David's primary project has been the preservation and restoration of Valley's valuable stained glass windows. After exhaustive research and funding, craftsmen and artisans are finally scheduled for their renovation this summer.

Outside of Valley, David has sung with PDX Vox an a cappella group for over 13 years. He is "facilities, landscape and chicken 'elder'" at their West Slope home which is also too-conveniently located close to Valley. He also helps maintain their family cabin on the Salmon River at Welches.

Today it is difficult for David to imagine life without his Valley experiences, family and friends. He's humbled to be recognized and to join the honor role as Man of the Year.

### Glenys Craig, Woman of Year 2020

After growing up east of Salem (shout out to Aumsville), Glenys lived 20 years in Sacramento, CA, and then nine years in the leafy Chicago suburb of Wilmette, IL, a mile from Northwestern University.

After moving back to Oregon in 2012 with her daughter, Katie, Glenys made a list of local Presbyterian churches. Katie picked the first one to visit...Valley Community. When they arrived, Connie Brenner spotted a fellow adoptive mom and welcomed them with open arms. Faith befriended Katie and took her to Sunday school. After church, Katie responded, "Mom, we can stop looking. We've found our church." A year later Glenys transferred her membership and joined Valley Community.

Under Kay Gold's shepherding, Glenys began to teach Sunday school classes and help out with the kids, including co-directing VBS a couple of years. Katie joined Miss Amy's wonderful children's choir and enjoyed summer VBS programs.

In 2016 Glenys felt called to join church leadership and in 2017 she answered the call when asked to stand for Membership elder. Soon afterward, she restarted the Communications Committee and had the privilege of working with Angela Graham and fantastic people on the Communications committee. After Pastor Jeff arrived, Membership felt called to add "Outreach" to its name and the committee began to sponsor fun community outreach activities like the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing, and co-sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt and Earth Day Event. Also with Pastor Jeff, Membership initiated a two event membership series and Communications started on a website redesign project (more coming this spring!).

A year ago Session approved our church's participation in the Vital Congregations Initiative. Glenys joined the VCI Team and traveled to Denver in 2019 for Pastor and Elder training. Glenys feels like VCI is her calling for the next couple of years and is excited to see where the process takes Valley Community.

Glenys likes to see Christianity worked out in community, like at Valley Community. There are so many skills, abilities, and spiritual gifts represented here. As you can see from her story, so many other people were, and are, the reason behind her involvement at Valley. Glenys thanks, and is grateful for each and every person who has offered friendship and support.

Valley Community will continue to respond to God's will in 2020 and beyond. It's exciting to imagine where God will take us. But where ever God leads us, we will go together!



## Valley's Preschool Offers New Curriculum

At Valley Christian Preschool we help prepare our students for their next year of school. Because students are developing and learning at such an advanced rate during the preschool years, the amount of time spent at school, and the expectations of the students increases exponentially each year of preschool. For example, the 3-year old students are beginning to recognize the letters of their name and the 4-year-old students are learning to actually write their first and last name.

One of our main objectives for our 4-year-old classes is to nurture the social, emotional, cognitive, physical and spiritual development of each child to prepare them for their next year of school: kindergarten. Once in kindergarten, students will attend school 5 full days a week; this is quite a leap from the 3 mornings a week they attend preschool.

To further prepare our students for kindergarten, Valley Christian Preschool has added a Pre-K extended day class option to our curriculum for our current 4-year-old students. This new Pre-K class is taught by Susie Erdahl, Valley's lead 4s teacher, and offers an additional hour and half of school one day a week. If families choose to enroll their child in this afternoon program, the students will be at preschool from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. one day a week, and will enjoy a smaller-sized class experience, with a focus on literacy, math and science and also more one-on-one time working with Miss Susie.

Wait, there is more fun learning happening! This year marks the second year that Valley's Preschool has included Mandarin language lessons as part of our 4-year old curriculum. Research shows that the best window for acquiring language skills is between the ages of 0-5 years. Each Friday morning, Miss Qian comes into our 4s classrooms to lead the children in a 15-minute Mandarin lesson. The students are learning how to say common phrases, and learning the meaning of and how to recognize many Chinese characters. The students in both of our 4s classes are very enthusiastic about learning a new language and through visual aids, repetition and songs, they are picking it up very quickly!



*A hands on science project.*



*The children learning Mandarin.*



*Literacy with Miss Susie.*

## Valley Notes

### Opportunities

**The next Valley Habitat Build** will be Saturday morning, May 9. For more information, contact Chuck Falconer.

#### Upward Indoor Soccer Clinic:

Calvary will host a soccer clinic at Valley beginning March 1, 2:00-3:30 p.m. for K5-6th grade. There will be 10 practices as the younger kids learn the fundamentals and the more seasoned kids build on their skills and abilities. Cost is \$40 which includes a soccer t-shirt, water bottle, and soccer ball.

Register online at <https://upward.org/leagues/491879750/Soccer> or when you arrive.

Questions? Contact Donna at [donna@valleycommunity.org](mailto:donna@valleycommunity.org).

**If you are interested** in serving on the adult education committee, please contact Amy Dee.

### Prayers

*We pray for those with health concerns:*

Erin Farrier Edwards, Ron Leland, Jason Shipman

*We pray for those who mourn:*

- Pam Kissinger and family on the death of her father, David Barnes.

- Family and friends of Ruth Fisher who died February 19. A memorial service will be at Valley on March 8 at 2:30 p.m.

- Family and friends of Virginia Nelson who died February 1.

- Melva Ludwig and family on the death of her husband, Boyd, on February 23.



A new flower calendar is available in the office lobby to sign up for flowers in the front entry. Contact Karen Acker if you have any questions.

## Earth Care Corner

Did you know.....

Even though it is March it is still not too late for learning about water saving New Year's Resolutions:

1. **Implement meatless Mondays.** Did you know that a single pound of beef requires more than 1,800 gallons of water to produce? This is according to the Water Footprint Network. Think about how one meal a week could make a positive impact!

2. **Reuse excess water.** Did you know that your leftover cooking water is liquid gold? If you save the water remaining from cooking pasta or steaming vegetables, you can nourish your houseplants or outdoor plants with this excess? Think about how your plants will love those extra nutrients!

3. **Replace your showerhead.** Did you know that a great way to conserve water is by installing a low-flow showerhead? You can conserve water and still have plenty of pressure to lather, rinse and repeat when you use an Eco-Performance showerhead. Think about the water you will save!

4. **Invest in reusable water bottles.** We all know that they are convenient and eco-friendly. By utilizing a reusable water bottle you can make a big difference, with the possibility of saving an average of 156 plastic bottles each year, according to EarthDay.org. Think about the difference you can make?

5. **Try a waterless facial cleanser.** Did you know that they can purify your skin of dirt, oil and makeup with just a few drops on a cotton pad or a dry washcloth (which can be used over several days and then laundered?) Again, think about the water that you will save!

And lastly, **SAVE THE DATE**, for Valley's second Community Recycling Event on Saturday April 18. Watch for details next month!

## Kids' Night Out in February Was a Blast!

Children's Ministry welcomed 30 children who couldn't wait to have a fun evening with us! We enjoyed some open gym time and then watched the first half of a hilarious "G" rated movie called, "The Big Trip" from the writers of Madagascar as we ate dinner together.

During craft time, we made a few characters from our movie: a panda bear craft and then their own version of the bear by decorating cookies. Fun games were held in the gym and we ended our evening by watching the last half of our movie as we learned what the true meaning of friendship is all about.

We are always in need of adult and youth volunteers. Please let us know if you would like to help us out for any length of time at Kids' Night Out. Contact Donna Carlson at 503.442.9551, or email [donna@valleycommunity.org](mailto:donna@valleycommunity.org).



*Kids with their panda bear craft at Kids' Night Out.*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:15a Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Early Coffee Fellowship <b>10:00a Worship</b> 11:00a Coffee Fellowship 11:00a Congregational Meeting 11:20a VC Lenten Bible Study 11:30a Armonia Choir 11:30a Membership Committee 12:00p Calvary Korean Worship 1:00p Calvary Korean Fellowship 2:00p Soccer Camp</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>1:30p Mission Committee 6:30p Scout Troop 5592 7:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:00p Boy Scouts 592 7:30p Troop 5591 7:30p Portland Highland Games Comm.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00a Women's Bible Study 12:00p Staff Meeting 2:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00p Girl Scout Troop 5:30p Facilities Committee 6:30p Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 7:00p Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:00a Men's Bible Study 9:30a TOPS Meeting 10:00a Calvary Bible Study 10:00a CONC 5:00p Cherub Choir 5:00p Melodia Choir 5:30p Middle School Youth 6:00p VC Lenten Bible Study 6:30p High School Youth</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>5:00p Scout Leadership 7:15p Sanctuary Choir 4:00p Worship and Music 5:00p Music Selection Team 6:30p Pack 592 Parent Mtg. 6:30p Sunset Trail BSA District Meeting 7:15p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10:30a Calvary Prayer Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00a Community Awards Breakfast</p>
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# March 2020

## THE MESSENGER



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CHURCH  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME DATED MATERIAL

### **April 5 – Palm Sunday 10 am Service**

All are invited to walk in the Palm Processional. If interested, please arrive in the Fireside Room at 9:30 am to practice.

### **April 9 – Maundy Thursday – Simple Dinner and Communion at 6 pm**

### **April 10 – Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross – the sanctuary will be open noon-7 pm.  
Service at 6 pm.

### **April 11 – Community Easter Egg Hunt**

**11 am - 1 pm**

All children welcome!  
Bring a basket. See website for details.

### **April 12 – Easter Day! 10 am Service**

Adult, youth, and children's choirs will sing.  
Easter activities for all ages afterwards.

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