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# The Messenger

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Valley Community Presbyterian Church September 2020

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## Sundays at Valley

Online worship at 10:00 a.m.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyCommunityPresbyterian/> and

click videos on the left side.

## September

6 Communion

13 Baptism

20 Ordination and Installation of  
Church Officers  
Dining for Women, 11:30 a.m.

27

## October

4 World Communion Day



## Stained Glass Preserved for Generations

Bovard Studio's mammoth work trailer pulled into Valley's parking lot last Thursday from Fairfield, Iowa glad to leave their storm ravaged Iowa homeland for calm and temperate weather. The team was made up of four preservation specialists. Their trailer was filled with pre-fabricated Valley materials and custom tools of the trade. Seven 12-hour workdays later, they left us with transformed and preserved windows to last another 70 years or longer.

*See pages 6 and 7 for more photos.*



## Sewer Line Replacement a Necessity



Anyone who's been a homeowner knows there are possible hidden "land mines" behind walls, ceilings and basements. Valley has even greater possibilities.

In late September, the sewer discharge line at the Youth House residence started to cause problems. What went down did not always keep going and there was a back-up into the basement utility room. Cleaning out and sewer-scoping detected the 1947 old line had lost its grade (slope) and a variety of patch jobs over the years were the source of the problem. Many bids later, Alpha Environmental came to our rescue. As a result, a tree was removed, the patio was broken up, a six foot trench was dug, new pipe was laid, cleanouts were added, and underground bursting (tunneling of new pipe) ran beneath the parking lot to connect with the city sewer line for a total of about 160 feet.

Like most hidden, and costly, projects, all was put back together and there is little evidence anything occurred. Besides trouble-free flushing, the residence now has a new, much improved, aggregate patio, and the removed tree no longer crowds the remaining one.

## Generosity Begets Generosity



Rev. Jeff Binder

### *Update on Presbytery of the Cascades Stimulus Grant Challenge*

The Presbytery of the Cascades (Portland) organized a “Stimulus Grant Challenge” a few months back in an effort to inspire local Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations to think about how they can be a blessing to their respective communities. In a time where money seems to be short and many are experiencing economic hardships, the Presbytery issued a check for \$1,000 to each of its 99 churches and worshiping communities with the instructions to share God’s abundance with the neighborhood. As of this month, 85 of the 99 churches reported using these funds to inspire even more generosity, raising an additional \$393,000 to help address community needs. Valley Community used its \$1,000 grant to raise a total of \$5,801.23 that was given to Beaverton School District family hunger relief programs.

I wonder... how many more opportunities are there to help share God’s abundance with others in need today? Even when we feel that there is just not enough to go around, Jesus tells us to share with generous and thankful hearts. The amazing thing is that the act of generosity does not lead to scarcity, but instead leads to more abundance and generosity.

How can we share in generosity these days? Maybe it’s sharing money with others. Or maybe it’s giving of our time to have a meaningful conversation with someone who just needs to talk. How can volunteering help not only others, but also ourselves? It is a blessing to wake up each day of our life; how will we share our blessings with others so that they may in turn continue sharing God’s blessings with even more in the world?

Here is a two part video from the Presbytery of Cascades Capture which shows how congregations, including Valley, invested in their communities:

[Click here to watch part one of the \\$1,000 Stimulus Challenge Grant](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4KoDQxxxJA&feature=youtu.be) or go to:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4KoDQxxxJA&feature=youtu.be>

[Click here to watch part two of the \\$1,000 Stimulus Challenge Grant](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPENvoiTMXk) or go to:  
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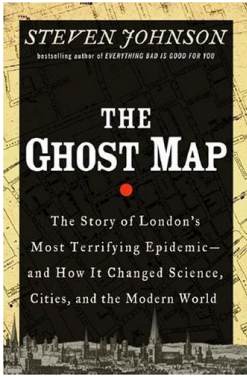
## September Birthdays

Shirley Anderson	Kathy Martchenke
Linda Armentrout	Jim McClean
Wayne Boyle	Chuck Miller
Tami Brester	Karen Miller
Karen Broome	Bob Peterson
David Caputo	Gary Rawlings
Allison Carlson	Steve Rees
Cookie Clifford	Amy Rheingans
Don Giles	Ed Sanders
Richard Gold	Karen Smith
Lars Hoffbeck	Jean Sowers
Olivia Hoffbeck	Sophie Vermillion
Edie Leland	Larry Yakymi

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



## Valley Book Group Zoom Meeting September 25



Under normal circumstances, the Valley Book Group would be meeting on Friday, September 25, in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. to discuss The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic—and How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World, written by Steven Johnson. However, due to closures caused by Covid19, we will again be meeting using Zoom. As the subtitle makes clear, this non-fiction book tells the story of London's sudden and deadly cholera outbreak in August 1854, and how Dr. John Snow correctly traced it to a certain public water pump in the heart of the Soho district. Snow managed to have that pump disabled, which apparently ended the epidemic after some 500 people had died in only ten days. Obviously, this is a book with parallels to our current pandemic and should be interesting to discuss. If you have not attended in the past, but would like to join us, contact Laura Sanders to have your name added to the list. If you are already on the Book Group email list, you will receive further information about how to attend the Zoom meeting.

## Mission Endowment Applications Due October 1

October 1st is the Fall application deadline for grants from Valley's Mission Endowment Fund. The Mission Endowment Committee meets in October and May to consider applications requesting funds for mission work. Committee members review applications from both organizations and individuals, whether secular or church-related, local, national or international.

Created in 1979, the Mission Endowment Fund is an important part of Valley's mission program. Consideration is given to applications which 1) address hunger, food and health needs of people around the world, 2) assist volunteers in the mission field, 3) advance denominational programs of outreach, service and proclamation, and/or 4) assist secular and social organizations that aid in the care of people. In the past 10 years, this fund has awarded grants totaling over \$180,000 to deserving applicants.

**No applications will be accepted after the deadline.** Contact [missionendowment@valleycommunity.org](mailto:missionendowment@valleycommunity.org), or go to the church website: <http://www.valleycommunity.org/mission--service/stewardship.html#MissionEndowment> for a grant application.

## Valley Helps Clean Beaches



On August 15, eighteen Valley members and friends spent a couple of hours each helping with SOLVE beach-cleaning efforts at Cannon Beach and Manzanita. The Cannon Beach group included our youth advisor, Marshall, and his wife Hayley and several Valley youth and parents, and the Cannon Beach SOLVE coordinator reported 65 pounds of debris collected there. Statistics from Manzanita were not available, but it was reported that tiny plastic pieces were abundant there. The SOLVE coordinator took a few pictures of our group, and the Cannon Beach Public Works Director sent an e-mail thanking us for our efforts! It was a beautiful day at the beach, which was much more comfortable than Portland's 100 degrees that day, and although many people were there, physical distancing on the beach wasn't a problem.

If you go to the beach for a day or a week, take a plastic bag and some gloves and help keep our beaches clean. (And a sieve helps collect the little plastic and Styrofoam pieces that kill sea creatures). Don't be part of the problem by leaving your trash on the beach! See p. 5 for more photos.



Thank you for sending your check for **\$36.50** for the **2020 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)



## Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Timely



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

In March 2017, the Bible study committee of the board of "Horizons", the magazine for Presbyterian Women, selected a proposal for a study based on lament for 2020-21. The title of the study is "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament". The study was developed from a proposal by P. Lynn Miller, D.Min., a Presbyterian pastor and artist, and was field-tested by Presbyterian Women's groups in six states. Coincidentally or not, the theme selected for the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, held this summer (virtually), is "Lament into Hope". Both the GA and the Women's Bible study come at a time of dealing with the ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic and what seems to be a decisive reckoning with decades of racism and violence.

The study focuses on "lament" as a part of our relationship with God. The tradition is found in every part of Scripture, not just the Book of Lamentations, and is a form of prayer. Lament is more protest than mourning, and is unsymbolic. The language is direct and truthful, although illustrations can be symbolic. A person following the pattern of lament does not feel worse than when she started; the lament has been given to God. The nine lessons focus on the form and types of lament, and encourage participants to write their own.

The study books will be available in the church office for \$10. In our current condition of social distancing, it is unclear what form "meeting" for Bible study will take. Very likely Zoom.

## Dining for Women September 20



Plan to virtually travel to Cambodia with Valley's Dining for Women group on Sunday September 20. We will continue to meet on Zoom until we are able to safely meet in person and although looking at a screen with smiling faces is certainly not as wonderful to look directly into the eyes of fellow chapter members and friends, it is still pretty great! It allows us to meet, support the chosen grantee and help change the world "one meal" at a time!

Attending a DFW chapter meeting on Zoom still shares a program on the featured grantee of the month, as well as the sustained grantee who will receive funding for three months. The latter has proven their effectiveness and has been granted additional funds to continue their good and important work.

In September we will be supporting **Kids Play International**. Their program entitled Gender Equality & Women's Leadership in Cambodia uses sport and Olympic values to achieve gender equality in post-genocidal countries. Rooted in the understanding that sport can be a powerful catalyst for social change, Kids Play International proves that by empowering young girls and creating supportive boys, gender norms can be shifted towards gender equality.

Please join us on Sunday, September 20 at 11:30 a.m. for this month's DFW at Valley meeting. If you are interested and not on the list to be invited to the meeting, please contact Ruthann Marquis at 503.297.8992 to be added so that you can join us and learn about yet another worthy and amazing nonprofit making life changing impacts on the lives of underserved girls and women.

## Valley Christian Preschool Welcomes New Director



Valley Christian Preschool enthusiastically welcomes Kylie Cole as the new Preschool Director. Kylie has the perfect combination of education and work experience for the director position. Kylie also brings positive, playful energy and wonderful ideas that will make VCP even brighter and more cheerful than it already is! Welcome to VCP Kylie!

[Click here to read more about Kylie](#) or go to our website [www.valleycommunity.org](http://www.valleycommunity.org) and scroll down on the front page to see her information.

[Click here to read the 2020 Family Letter](#) that went out to the preschool families regarding the reopening of Valley Christian Preschool. You may also find it on the front page of our website, [www.valleycommunity.org](http://www.valleycommunity.org).



VALLEY CHRISTIAN  
PRESCHOOL

# Valley Scrapbook



Right: The Browns, Vermillions, and Laucks with their debris collections.

Below: The Browns on the beach collecting debris.

Below right: The Vermillion Family with their SOLVE bag.



Connie Brenner holding a SOLVE bag at the recent beach clean-up..



The Sanderman Family leading music during a recent livestream worship service.

The Bovard Team performed the following objectives. Each objective represents using specialized skills, more detailed than can be explained here. Let the pictures tell their story:

- Replace disintegrating exterior wood framing with Bovard’s custom colored aluminum framing and patented ventilation system.
- Replace the current single sheet glass coverings with protective laminated glass.
- Clean and restore the stained glass, lead coming, broken pieces, detached bracing, and major sagging and bulges.
- Replace existing bottom wooden vents with custom aluminum screened louvers.



Rick, Brandon, Sean, Steve (crew leader)

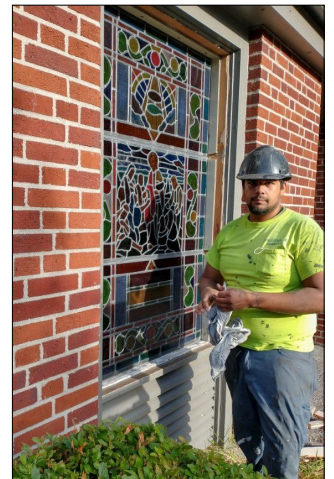
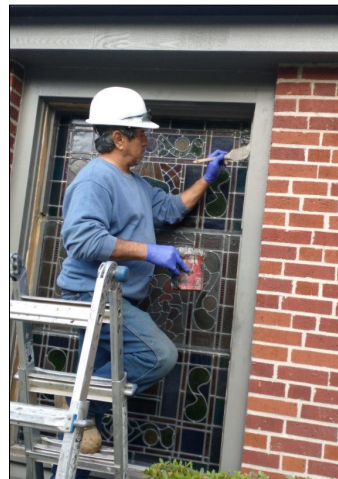
## PROTECTING OUR STAINED GLASS LEGACY

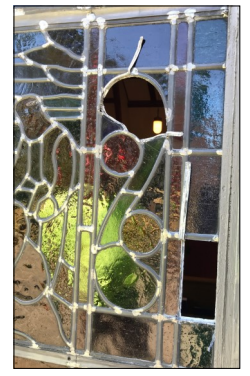
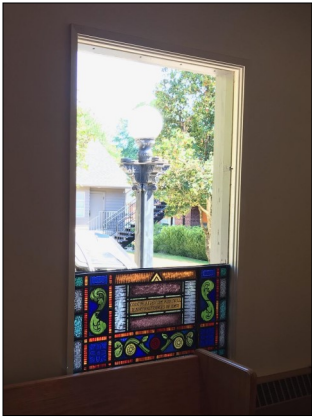


*Left: Dry rot was predictable. However, some was discovered where it wasn't expected. It was removed and replaced with new wood.*



*Right: After repairs and replacement, all wood surfaces were primed and painted. Stained glass windows and leading were "cemented" and dusted with a calcium powder. Finally, they were polished clean to prevent and retard future deterioration.*



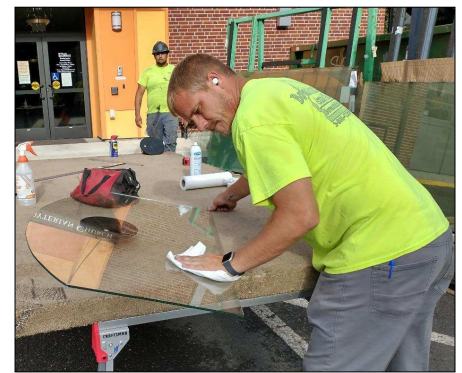
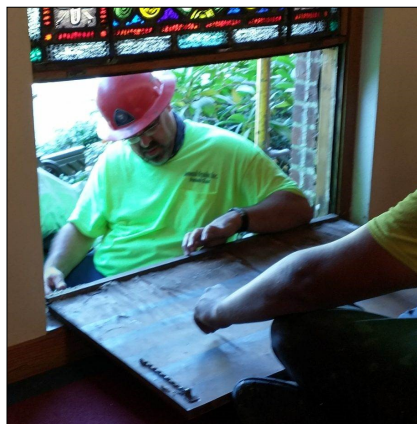


*Above and right: It was discovered that this transept window was originally installed backwards. It was removed, disassembled, soldered together correctly, and reinstalled.*



*Above and left: Another transept window had three broken pieces. They were removed, sent to Iowa, reproduced and returned for installation. Thank you FedEx!*

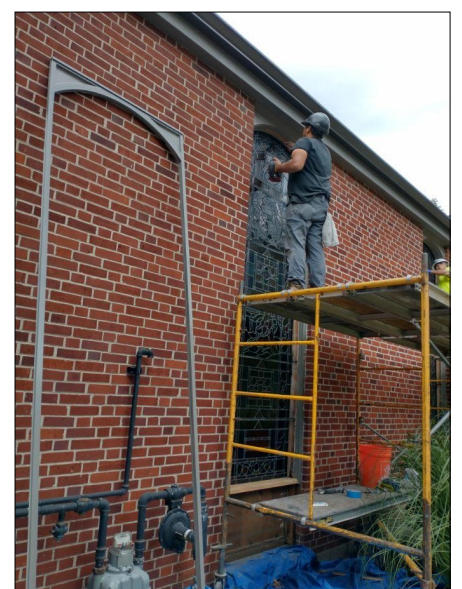
## PRESERVING OUR "GOSPEL IN GLASS"



*Above and below: New matching aluminum Louvers were installed.*

*Above and below: Here are the results. The clear glass no longer hides the stained glass details. Colors are more vibrant inside and out.*

*Above and below: Clear laminated protective glass was custom cut, cleaned and sealed in aluminum framing. There is no exposed wood.*



## August Family Fun Bags a Hit!



A BIG thank you to all our wonderful volunteers: Amy Rheingans, Bev Hubbard, Diane Benz, Alex Fleener, Macy Vermillion, and Sophie Vermillion!

Our August Family Fun-Bags brought 82 happy smiles to children and their parents alike. So many families commented on how much fun their children had with everything tucked inside. We surprised them with a sunflower craft, a watermelon craft and their favorite...a really fun popsicle craft that Sophie and Macy prepped for them! Bubbles, sidewalk chalk, activities and coloring pages added even more fun plus a few fun recipes and a even a freezer pop to enjoy.

If you have not picked yours up, contact Donna Carlson, Director of Children's Ministry, at [donna@valleycommunity.org](mailto:donna@valleycommunity.org). Look for more fun coming in September and RSVP!



## “Kids’ Night In”

Family fun bags for September are coming!



### WHEN?

September 18 and 19 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

RSVP (information below) and mark your calendar to pick up your child's next “Kids’ Night In” Family Fun Bag. All items are put together using strict safety protocols with masks, gloves and sanitizer. After assembly, the bags sit for four days prior to the pick-up date(s).

### WHERE?

**Valley Community Presbyterian Church: 8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, OR. 97225**

A brightly colored canopy will be set up on our front lawn where you can pick up your “Kids’ Night In” Family Fun Bag(s). We have included craft projects, activities, and other fun surprises. All of our activities are centered around the monthly theme. September's theme is Dr. Seuss Fun. We even have a few bags for grown-ups too!

### WHAT?

Relative to our Governors current executive orders concerning COVID-19 and until indicated otherwise, we are currently refraining from having our monthly “Kids’ Night Out” event. In its place, we are providing families with our “Kids’ Night In Family Fun Bags.” These can be enjoyed in the comfort of your own home, a camping trip, or in your own backyard!

### COST?

**There is absolutely no cost to you!** During these unprecedented times, this is simply our gift to you. We want you to know that you and your family are in our ongoing thoughts and prayers. We are providing the necessary materials and items so you can spend some fun quality time together showing your child(ren) just how special they are.

**The most important thing is not the craft projects, or even in all the fun surprises tucked inside. It's the quality time that you and your loved ones spend together by celebrating in all the fun and sweet laughter as you build special memories and moments together which last a lifetime!**

**\*RSVP TO: Donna Carlson - Director of Children's Ministry**

**E-Mail: [donna@valleycommunity.org](mailto:donna@valleycommunity.org) or text: 503.442.9551**

**Include: Child(ren's) first name, age, parent/guardian, e-mail address and phone number.**



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# VALLEY YOUTH

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September 2020

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## BottleDrop

Support Valley Youth by picking up some of our BottleDrop bags by the East entrance of the church! You can take them straight in to BottleDrop when they are full. Skip the line and head right to the drop door.

## Youth Group

Valley Youth will continue holding virtual youth group meetings, but we're hoping to explore options for phase one reopening soon!

## Movie Nights

We will continue holding our bi-weekly movie nights using the Netflix Party browser extension!

## Follow Our Blog!

Subscribe to our blog, [valleyyouth.org](http://valleyyouth.org), for regular updates on who we are and what we're doing!



## Welcome!

We look forward to meeting our incoming Sixth Graders!  
Welcome to Valley Youth!

Congratulations to all of our new Freshmen!

## Confirmation

Confirmation orientation will be on October 4. We will be sending our Confirmation registration forms in early September.

## Prayer Requests

Keep our students in your prayers as they start a new school year in a very unique, different way.

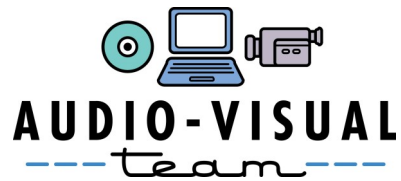
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*Macy and Sophie Vermillion singing "These are Our Gifts" during a recent livestream worship service.*



*The AV team preparing for our Sunday livestream worship service. The livestream service could not happen without our talented AV team!*



*Sophia Searce sung and played the guitar during a recent worship service.*



*Donna Russell gives a view of the sanctuary from the balcony during a livestream worship service.*

## Valley Notes

### Opportunities

**The Cents-Ability Offering** is still being received by checks sent in the mail or through our online giving page on Valley's website. These offerings help support Care to Share, the local social service agency that serves Beaverton and Aloha. Please give generously!

**BottleDrop bags** are available by the East entrance of the church for people to pick up. Support Valley Youth by picking up a BottleDrop bag, filling it, and turning it in at your nearest BottleDrop location. No need to empty the contents, simply drop the bag off at BottleDrop. Thank you for your support!

### Please Note...

**Spam emails and text are on the rise:** Just a reminder, there are SPAM emails and texts that go around from time to time designed to use the pastor's information to solicit 'favors' from church members. Pastors/staff will never request gift cards or any other gifts via emails or texts. Do not respond or open any links and delete the SPAM emails and/or texts. Feel free to contact the church office if you are unsure.

### Prayers

*We pray for those with health concerns:*

John FitzGerald, Judy Chadwick, Helen Green, Lenore Hay, Don Sowers, Sarah Bernhard

*We pray for those who mourn:*  
- Ann Johnson on the death of her mother, Virginia Johnson, on Saturday, August 1, 2020.

- Family of Ellen Wilson who died Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

- George Doolittle on the death of his wife, Mikie Doolittle, on Saturday, August 22, 2020.

## Earth Care Corner

### The Lord's Prayer Liturgy

*From Limestone Presbyterian Church,  
"The Lord's Prayer and Creation Care: A Litany of Confession,"  
written by the Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette.*

Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying, "Our Father ..."

**You created us, you made this world, and you called your Creation very good. Yet, often we forget that you are our loving Parent who continues to bless your world.**

Jesus told us that you are "... in heaven ..."

**Yet, we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted, and we don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.**

We pray, "Hallowed be your name..."

**We confess that our reverence for you does not always lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.**

We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."

**We confess that we often put our own interests first — exploiting your Creation and living for our own convenience and self-interest.**

We pray, "Give us today our daily bread."

**We confess that we consume more than our share of the world's resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole Creation suffers.**

We pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

**We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms, while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and Creation care.**

We pray, "Save us from the time of trial."

**Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more and wasting more.**

We pray, "Deliver us from evil..."

**Free us from greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.**

We pray, "For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever."

**Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards of your creative power and giving you glory.**

We pray, "Amen."

**We end our prayers with "Amen," a word that means "let it be so." We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace. Amen!**



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**Red Cross Blood Drive  
September 23, 2:00-7:00 p.m.**

Up to three people may be helped with each pint of blood collected.  
Please help if you can. September donors will receive a coupon via email for  
a free haircut from Sport Clips.



Sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



Contact Karen Miller or Jim Sandberg for more information.