


The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church October 2022

Sundays at Valley

In-person worship at 10:00 a.m. or online at:

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

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October

2 World Communion Sunday

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25th Anniversary
Celebration
Cents-Ability Offering
Together Women Rise,
11:30 a.m.

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30 All Saints' Sunday
Valley's 80th Anniversary
Celebration

November

6 Communion
Daylight Saving Time Ends



We Believe: The Apostles' Creed

October 5, 12, 19, and 26
10:30-11:30 a.m. in Armitage
7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join with Pastor Robin and Valley friends for this four-week class as we wrestle with Scripture and explore in greater depth the significance of the Apostles' Creed. Along the way we will consider some important topics: The purpose of creeds and confessions. How the Apostles' Creed was developed and its use in the early church. The core convictions affirmed in the Apostles' Creed, and the relevance of this creed for the church today.

Pastor Robin will also be preaching a fall sermon series during 10:00 a.m. worship on Sundays, September 25 through November 13. Our preaching theme during these weeks will be, "We Believe: Exploring the Apostles' Creed." Join Pastor Robin as we explore and reaffirm our faith in the living and personal God whom we worship and adore. Here is the fall sermon series information:



- **We Believe: Exploring the Apostles' Creed**
"I Believe"
John 11:17-27
- **We Believe - week 2**
"God the Father Almighty"
Isaiah 45:18-23
Matthew 7:7-11
- **We Believe - week 3**
"Jesus, his only Son: Identity and Birth"
Philippians 2:5-11
- **We Believe - week 4**
"God the Son: Death and Resurrection"
1 Corinthians 15:1-28
- **We Believe - week 5**
"God the Holy Spirit"
John 14:15-27
- **We Believe - week 6**
"The Church"
1 Corinthians 12:4-31
Hebrews 11:1-12:3
- **We Believe - week 7**
"The Forgiveness of Sins"
1 John 1:5-2:2
- **We Believe - week 8**
"The Life Everlasting"
John 3:16-17

Rooted and Grounded in Love



The Rev. Robin Garvin

On October 25 our congregation will observe its 80th anniversary! On Sunday, October 25, 1942, thirty-two individuals were received as charter members of our church. Since that time, hundreds of men, women, young people, and children have embraced Valley Church as their spiritual home as they have sought to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

Our congregation has a rich history! God has faithfully blessed our congregation, and we have been a source of blessing to many in our community and around the world as we have engaged in the mission of Christ.

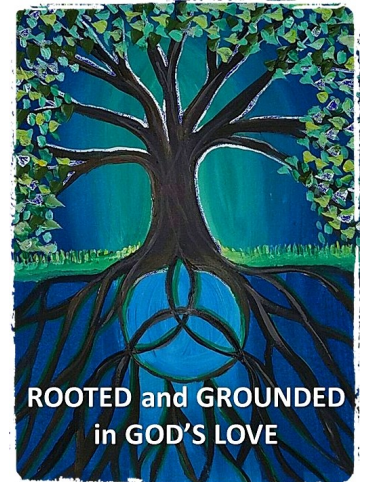
By God's grace, we also trust that our congregation has a hope-filled future ahead. Your Session is currently engaged in a prayerful visioning process to chart the way forward for the future of our congregation. Though the way in which we engage in mission and ministry in the 21st century and beyond will undoubtedly look and feel a little different than in the past, our purpose remains the same: to be a faith community, rooted and grounded in the love of Jesus, who embody Jesus' message of grace and love for all people.

Rooted and Grounded in Love. This is also the theme for our stewardship effort this year which will begin on October 2 and culminate on October 30. On October 30, with much gratitude to God, we will dedicate our financial pledges for the coming year, celebrate our 80 years as a congregation rooted and grounded in the love of Jesus, and look forward with anticipation to the future toward which God is leading us.

You'll be hearing more about our stewardship effort in the weeks ahead. For now, will you join me in praying that our congregation will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love? May it be so!

Joyfully in Christ,

Pastor Robin Garvin



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October Birthdays

Claudia Askew

Marie Bird

Sophia Bird

Connie Brenner

Sue Derting

Angela Graham

Bev Hubbard

Tim Kurtz

Lindsay Kurtz

Diane Meyer

Yvonne Rees

Mary Kay Rodman

Marian Romanaggi

Henry Teed

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



Together Women Rise



TOGETHER WOMEN RISE

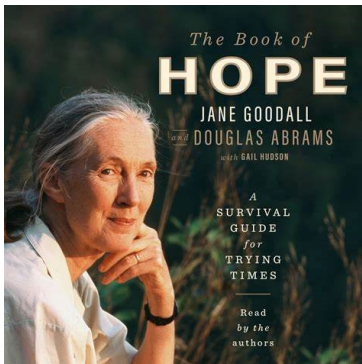
Collective action for global gender equality

create opportunities for young people to empower themselves and transform their lives, their families, and their communities. The Organization for Youth Empowerment excels in creating spaces for young people to engage with their peers, develop leadership and life skills, and drive change in their communities through creative arts, media, sports and youth-led initiatives.

This organization has a 17 year history of making a tremendous difference in the lives of hundreds of young girls and women in the northern region of Honduras. Join us on Sunday, October 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room to learn more and to support their grant request with a monetary donation. We will enjoy a potluck lunch and then hear an interesting program on this grantee.

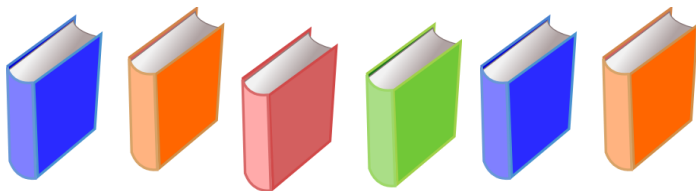
If you have questions about this meeting or Together Women Rise, please contact Ruthann Marquis.

Valley Book Group



The Valley Book Group meets on the fourth Friday of the month and the October meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 28 in the Fireside Room to discuss “The Book of Hope” by Jane Goodall. Drawing on decades of work that has helped expand our understanding

of what it means to be human and what we all need to do to help build a better world, The Book of Hope touches on vital questions, including: How do we stay hopeful when everything seems hopeless? How do we cultivate hope in our children? What is the relationship between hope and action? Filled with moving and inspirational stories and photographs from Jane’s remarkable career, The Book of Hope is a deeply personal conversation with one of the most beloved figures in the world today. If you are already on the Book Group email list, you will receive a reminder of the meeting.



Valley Preschool’s 25th Anniversary, October 16



Join us in worship on Sunday, October 16 as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Valley Christian Preschool! There will be much to celebrate as we offer thanks to God for the countless children and families who have been positively impacted by our preschool. A special reception will

be held in Davis Hall after worship to honor both the current and past preschool staff, children, and families. Karen Broome, who has served as a Valley Preschool teacher since the inception of the school, will be especially recognized for her faithful service during the celebration! Don’t miss this important celebration!

Valley’s Produce Table



Now that Fall has arrived and the growing season is winding down, Valley’s Produce Table will also be closing at the end of October. However, there is still the entire month of October to bring in late growing vegetables and fruits to share with our church members and friends during coffee fellowship time. For those that take items from the table, please donate generously. All donations will get added up and a check will be sent to the Oregon Food bank in November.



Thank you for sending your check for **\$39.00** for the **2022 Per Capita** for each Valley member.

For more information about what per capita is

and how it helps, go to:

oga.pcusa.org/percapita



Peace and Global Witness Offering to be Received Oct. 2



October 2 is World Communion Sunday, when we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all the Earth. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. Our church extends Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We celebrate the peace we find at the communion table and commit to building a more just and peaceful world.

Twenty-five percent of the Offerings stays with our local congregation to support peacemaking efforts in our community, and twenty-five percent with our Presbytery and Synod to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. The remaining fifty percent supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Much of our denomination's international mission work is supported by this offering.

The prophet Isaiah invites us to imagine God's peace in unlikely places. Trees clap their hands. Joy grows where sorrow once reigned. A world torn by enmity, strife and despair blossoms back to abundant life. Lions lie down with lambs and nations once at war with each other come together in peace.

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace – Isaiah 55:12

Presbyterian Women - Oct. 8



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

For the first time in three years, Presbyterian Women of the Cascades Presbytery are gathering in person on Saturday, October 8, at Columbia Presbyterian Church, 805 Columbia Ridge Drive, Vancouver, Washington, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For those still not comfortable meeting in person, the meeting will be in a hybrid format, with a Zoom link shared prior to the Gathering.

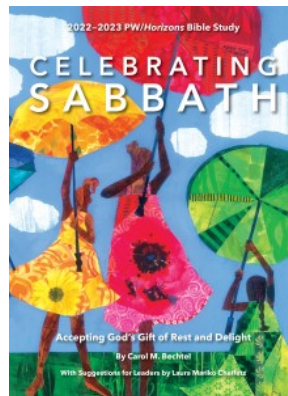
The theme of the Fall Gathering is "Caring for God's Creation" and the principal speaker will be Ruthann Marquis, Coordinator for Earth Care at Valley Community. Other Earth Care Congregations will share what they are doing, and any church can share what steps they are taking to care for God's Creation. Gathering time will be 9:30 a.m., and the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be time for fellowship following the program for those attending in person. Please bring a bag lunch.

The Zoom link will be sent out to everyone on the PW e-mail list several days before the event. If you would like to be added to this list, please send your name, church affiliation, and e-mail address to Rebecca Jewel at rojewel@gmail.com.

An offering will be taken during the event. The proceeds will be donated to Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Creation Justice program. If you would like to participate in this offering please send check(s) made out to: "Cascades Presbyterian Women" to

Mary Lou Williams, 14601 NW 26th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98685 (360-576-5364)

Women's Bible Study to Meet October 13



All women are welcome to join the Presbyterian Women's Bible study on October 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The Horizon's Bible Study topic for 2022-23 is "Celebrating Sabbath," and study books are available in the church office (and at the study) for \$10. Come

for learning, discussion, and fellowship. The October meeting will cover Chapter 2 of the study.

The topic was selected in 2019 by a committee which reviewed proposals by Reformed pastors and educators for this year's study. It was read and reviewed by study groups, and the feedback was used to write the final version. The author is the Reverend Dr. Carol Bechtel, a professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. She is also the executive director of the American Waldensian Society, an organization that partners with Christians from the Reformed tradition in Italy and South America.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 9 during 10:00 a.m. worship in Davis Hall (gym)



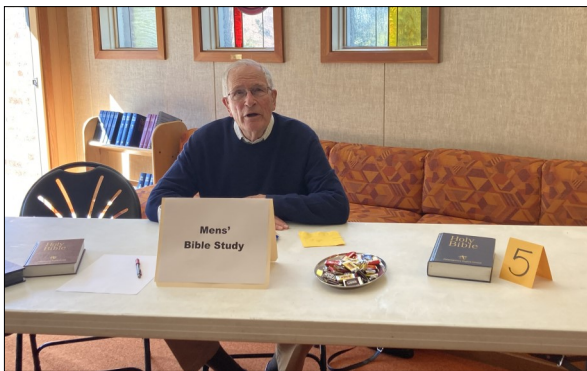
All furry, feathered, and scaly animal friends and their owners are invited to the annual Blessing of the Animals. You will be able to introduce your pet(s) and receive a blessing from Pastor Robin. Feel free to bring a photo of pets unable to attend or who have passed. Family, friends, and neighbors are invited to this time of fellowship and opportunity to thank the Lord for our animal companions past and present.

Kick Off Sunday Open House and Car Show

Valley's Kick Off Sunday Open House and Car Show allowed friends and families to explore the different places in our building and on our Valley campus to discover that makes Valley Community Presbyterian Church our loving home.



Kick Off Sunday Open House and Car Show (cont. from page 5)



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October Mission Opportunities

10/1: Mission Endowment Grant applications due. Forms are available on our website, www.valleycommunity.org.

10/2: Peace Offering collected, see article on page 4 for details.

10/6: First Thursday food and Styrofoam collection, 10:00-11:30 a.m., in the back parking lot of the church.

10/9: Blessing of the Animals: bring animal food in honor of your fur baby, donations will go to the Food Pantry.

10/15: Recycle Saturday with food collection and donation to Bread for the World. See back page for more information.

10/16: Cents-Ability collection of change during worship for PCUSA Hunger Program and Care to Share.

10/20: Third Thursday food and Styrofoam collection, 10:00-11:30 a.m., in the back parking lot of the church.

10/23: Building Halloween baskets for the houses of New Narratives (fka: Luke Dorf). Please bring items (candy and treat items) to add to our gift baskets. About 25 residents in all.



Thank you to all who brought school supplies for Raleigh Park and Vose elementary schools. The supplies were well received.



Valley Youth Group News

Youth Group for those 6th grade through 12th grade has begun! We will meet every Wednesday in the Youth House from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and dinner will be provided. Please note: no youth group on Wednesday, October 5. We will share a meal together, play a game, do a study for about 30 minutes, then play another game. Depending on how many students we have each week, we may end at 7:30 instead of 8:00 p.m. We will see how the first few weeks go. I have chosen three study curricula for the next few months: Faith in an Anxious World (four week study from Fuller Youth Institute), The Apostles Creed (accompanies Pastor Robin's sermon series), and an Advent study (two weeks).

Meals will be provided to the students at Youth Group each Wednesday. If you would like to sign up to provide a meal or "sponsor" a meal by donating money towards food, please let me know. I have created a SignUp Genius with the dates for each week: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aaca62ba0f8c25-fall>.

I am looking for a few volunteers to help make our youth program a successful one. If you are interested in helping with our weekly discussions (even if it is just for one week!), I would be so thankful! I am needing a few people to help out with our weekly Wednesday meetings, since I can't be there alone with all the youth. You will also get a free meal and have a great discussion! Please let me know if you are interested.

I am also looking for someone to volunteer to help lead in the fundraising events for our summer 2023 mission trip. If you are interested, please let me know. This will only be a few events throughout the year.

I wanted to highlight a few dates on the calendar for you. We will be going to Plumper Pumpkin Patch on **October 2** from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost will be \$13 per person, plus money for snacks and other activities. We will have lunch at the church before we head out. I will need a few volunteers to drive for our carpool. Please let me know if you would like to drive for this event.

October 21 we will be going to the We the Kingdom and Cory Asbury concert at Rolling Hills Community Church from 6:00 p.m. to about 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. If you haven't heard either of these musical artists, please check them out! They are both amazing Christian artists. We will need to purchase tickets for this ASAP. The cost per ticket is \$35.49. If you would like to attend with your youth, you are more than welcome to! Please RSVP to jenn@valleycommunity.org by **October 2** for this event. We will plan on meeting at the concert, but if you would like a carpool from the church we can arrange one. As always, feel free to reach out if you want to chat! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Jenn Souders, jenn@valleycommunity.org.

Valley Notes

Opportunities

Our Stewardship Kick Off is Sunday, October 2. A letter and pledge card will be sent via mail to Valley friends and family. Bring your pledge cards on Sunday, October 30, and place them in the Joash Box during 10:00 a.m. worship.

Mission Endowment

Applications are due October 1. Contact missionendowment@valleycommunity.org or visit Valley's website for an application.

Church Photographers/Videographers Needed: We are looking for volunteers who would be able to take a few photos, and possibly videos, of events (and non-events) at the church for publications. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Valley Community Youth Choir Schedule:

- **Cherub Choir** (age 4-1st grade)
Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Beginning October 5
- **Melodia** (2nd-5th)
Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Beginning October 5
- **Armonia** (6th-12th)
Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Beginning September 25

Choirs are for anyone interested, so please spread the word and invite people in! For more information, contact Amy Rheingans at amy@valleycommunity.org or go to www.valleyyouthchoirs.org.

Save the date: Valley's Mission Market will be Sunday, November 13, directly after the Kirkin' o' the Tartan 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns:

David Tuffs, Roberta Danner

We pray for Ukraine: protection for the people and a swift end to the war.

Earth Care Corner

Caring for God's creation is alive and well at Valley!

The Earth Care Team continues to:

- coordinate dishwashers every Sunday for coffee hour and for church events so that durable items are used instead of disposable items that go into the garbage and then to a landfill.
- collect Styrofoam and #6 plastics twice monthly in the East parking lot between 10:00-11:30 a.m. and deliver the truckload to Agilyx, where they have a proprietary process to break it down and reuse it for other polystyrenes.

In addition:

On October 15, the Earth Care Team will sponsor Valley's Fourth Community Recycling event between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the TriMet lot on SW Laurelwood. There is a link on Valley website home page for the complete list of items accepted by the following community groups:

- SBC Recycle - Electronics
- Agilyx – Styrofoam and #6 plastics
- James Recycling - #1, #2, #4 and #5 plastics
- Fred Meyer – Plastic film
- Community Warehouse – Furniture and more
- Valley Youth – Cans and bottles
- New Seasons – Natural corks
- St. Matthew's Food Pantry – Non-perishable food items.

In addition:

All around Valley you will see now updated graphics on trash containers and new recycling bins. The pictures clearly tell what items go where. Please take a good look at the stickers. These are the items that are accepted in Beaverton for recycling and what is considered trash.

If the item that you are considering is NOT pictured on the recycling sticker, please dispose of it in the trash. If you have a returnable can or bottle, please take the cap off, rinse the container and deposit in one of the returnable bins located around the church.

Valley's Earth Care Team is committed to care for God's creation and to guide our congregation in sustainable ways to live. Thank you for your support.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME DATED MATERIAL

RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, October 15 | 9 am – 12 pm

SW Laurelwood Ave TriMet Park & Ride Lot

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We will be hosting the following community organizations that will collect either non-curbside recyclable items or usable items that will go to those in need:

- **Electronics | SBC Recycle**
- **Styrofoam | Agilyx**
- **Corks | New Seasons**
- **Plastic Film | Fred Meyer**
- **Furniture and more | Community Warehouse**
- **Cans & Bottles | Valley Community Youth**
- **Non-Perishable Food | St. Matthews Pantry**
- **Rigid Plastics | James Recycling**

Visit www.valleycommunity.org for a full list of items being collected.