


The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church November 2022

Sundays at Valley

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

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

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November

6 Communion
Daylight Saving Time Ends

13 Kirkin' o' the Tartan
Mission Market, 11:00 a.m.
Camino Presentation,
11:30 a.m.

20 Christ the King Sunday
Cents-Ability Offering
Together Women Rise,
11:30 a.m.

27 First Sunday of Advent

December

4 Communion
Second Sunday of Advent



Mission Market November 13

This November marks our 19th Mission Market! Over the years we've hosted sponsors from various charity organizations, lending assistance to all and even getting gifts to put under our Christmas Tree for someone we love. This year is no different. We will gather in Davis Hall (the gym) at 11:00 a.m. for a few Scottish dances and then a trip through the market.

This year we are Featuring: Open Arms -Orphanages from Kenya Africa; Second Home – Homeless teens from Washington County, Equal Exchange-fair traded goods; Heifer International-animals and crops for third world countries; Youth Mission-Summer Mission projects; CD's from Siena and Thomas in support of Valley's choirs. We are also collecting new toys and electronic gifts for the St. Matthew's Food Pantry children ages NB – 18. We are hosting Nataliya with Ukrainian items in support of Uzhhorod. Please plan on joining us after worship on Sunday, November 13. Thank you for your support. Your Mission Team

Kirkin' o' the Tartan



Our Presbyterian Scottish heritage will celebrate Kirkin' o' the Tartan on **November 13**. Bagpipes, tartans, Celtic dancers and combined choirs will honor the celebration. Proudly wear your tartans and be entertained by Celtic dancers at the **Mission Market** following 10:00 a.m. worship.

Youth Group News

The youth have been having such a great time in fellowship and study each week, as well as participating in fun outings! This past month we went to the pumpkin patch and attended a concert. I am so thankful for all those who have supported and helped the youth so far this year. I wanted to highlight a few dates/items for you this month:

- 11/9--Volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 11/20--Youth Family Thanksgiving Lunch 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 11/23--No Youth Group
- 11/26--Greening of the Church time TBD
- 12/4--Youth Christmas cookie baking party 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 12/14--No Youth Group
- 12/16--Youth Christmas Party 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed:

We are looking for a few volunteers from the congregation to help with youth group discussion each week. We meet most Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please let Jenn know if you are interested in helping out. (jenn@valleycommunity.org). Thanks!

What's on your list for 2022?

**Thanksgiving is possible only for those who take time to remember;
no one can give thanks if they have a short memory!**

As a pastor and regular public speaker, I am a collector of quotes. I have a file of favorite quotes I frequently refer to as I am crafting sermons and classes. Without fail, every November as I anticipate the Thanksgiving holiday I return to this quote: "Thanksgiving is possible only for those who take time to remember; no one can give thanks if they have a short memory!" I've tried many times to discover the author of this quote. So far, I have been unsuccessful in my attempts!

Each November as I pull this favorite quote from my files, I set aside time to reflect and remember all that has transpired over the last year for which I am most thankful. I create a list of my top ten "thanksgivings" and post it prominently in my home office. Here is my list of "thanksgivings" for this year.

1. Daily experiences of God's goodness and faithfulness!
2. My dad, Clark Grant Reed, World War Two vet, physician, wonderful husband, father, and grandfather who died November 16, 2021.
3. The safe arrival of our first grandchild, Connor, on August 26, 2022, and watching our daughter, Erica, and son-in-law, Josh, begin the adventure of parenting.
4. 38 years of marriage and now sharing the adventure of grandparenting with my wonderful spouse, Roger.
5. The completion of 7 fruitful years of ministry at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, and (nearly) one year of meaningful transitional ministry among the good people, terrific staff, and dedicated session of VCPC!
6. Celebrating 32 years of ordination as a minister (and still really enjoying ministry!) on September 30.
7. Our rescue dog, Penny, who keeps us laughing with her goofy antics.
8. Spending time with my wonderfully supportive extended family...especially my sister, Lynne.
9. Involvement with and completion of a four-year child protection project with World Vision- Bangladesh in which 948 children were extricated from hazardous child labor and returned to school. Thanks be to God!
10. A close-knit circle of faithful friends who enrich my life every day.

That's my list for 2022! What's on your list for 2022? Why not take time to remember and create your list of "thanksgivings" today?

Joyfully in Christ,

Robin R. Garwin

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November Birthdays

Dick Adkins	Nathan Graham
Courtney Bird	Aaron Jenkins
Dean Bridges	Ruthanne Keim
Eric Browning	Hyeyeon Kim
Nick Browning	Jamie Martchenke
Annika Carlson	Holly Rea
Christine Danner	David Sanderman
Shon De Vries	Dorothy Schumacher
Taryn Dee	

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



Together Women Rise



TOGETHER WOMEN RISE

Collective action for global gender equality

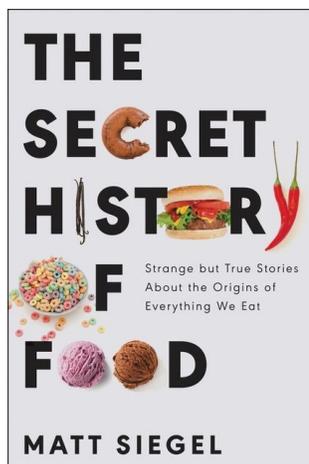
As 2022 draws to a close there are still two more Together Women Rise at Valley meetings that you can attend. The November meeting will be on Sunday the 20th at 11:30 a.m. following worship. The featured project is in Cameroon and is the AUTHENTIQUE MEMORIAL EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION (AMEF).

Through this project, AMEF aims to change the landscape for the most vulnerable young women by empowering them to live a safer, more resilient, and more economically secure life. The project's goal is to provide 120 conflict-affected, out-of-school young mothers and pregnant girls with access to education, livelihood opportunities, and psychosocial support. The project will provide these young women with a clear pathway to economic security, community participation (including decision-making), and improved capacity to care for themselves and their children.

This organization was conceived in 2006 by Dr. Margaret Niger-Thomas Agbaw, a social anthropologist and gender expert. She saw the prevalence of early and forced marriages among girls and women in rural areas of SW Cameroon. AMEF was officially established and registered in February 2014. When conflict broke out in 2016/2017, they were able to be responsive and re-oriented their operations to be able to meet the emerging needs of displaced populations, providing emergency education, child protection, health, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene support (WASH) support, while continuing to focus on the needs of the girls and women who are most affected by this crisis.

Join us on Sunday, November 20, at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck BRUNCH and to hear about yet another worthy nonprofit organization focused on uplifting the needs of women and girls. If you would like to be added to the invite list please contact Ruthann Marquis.

Valley Book Group



The Valley Book Group meets on the fourth Friday of the month but we combine the November and December meetings due to the holiday season. The combined November/December meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on December 9 in the Fireside Room to discuss *The Secret History of Food*, by Matt Siegel. This book provides an entertaining look at the little-known history surrounding the foods we

know and love. Among the interesting questions addressed are: Is Italian olive oil really Italian, or are we dipping our bread in lamp oil? Why are we masochistically drawn to foods that can hurt us, like hot peppers? Far from being a classic American dish, is apple pie actually... English? If you are already on the Book Group email list, you will receive a reminder of the meeting.

Urgent Need for Ushers



Did you know that there is a critical shortage of Ushers on Sunday mornings? Have you ever considered volunteering to usher?

Some Ushers serve as often as once a month, while other Ushers serve less frequently. We understand that everyone has different demands on their time, so we can accommodate this in our scheduling. The more people we can recruit to usher, the less of a burden we place on the Ushers as a group.

We will train you and walk you through the process of becoming an Usher! Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer.

Debbie Purcell, Elder for Worship and Music
(503.704.7989, j-dpurcell@comcast.net)



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

The **2023 Per Capita** will be **\$45.60**.

For more information about what per capita is and how it helps, go to:
oga.pcusa.org/percapita

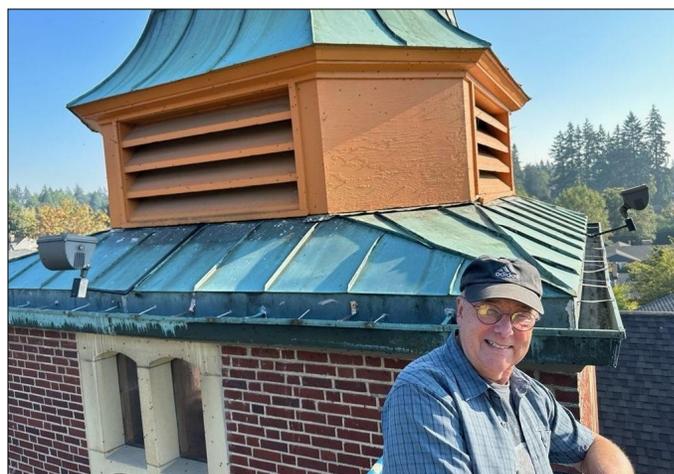


Gutter Repairs in Time for Rain

Remember when it last rained several month's ago? Water was flowing down the face of the bell tower; we had to rush in to avoid getting drenched. Brackets holding the original 1948 copper gutters surrounding the bell tower had finally broken causing the gutters to sag sending water below. Royal Gutters to the rescue. Using a drone with a camera we were able to clearly see the problem. They brought an aerial lift to reach 55' feet. Since the original brackets were only every four feet, they installed new strap brackets every two feet and also added lag screws for the entire perimeter. The gutters, flashing, joints and seams are in excellent shape so no additional repairs were required. It's now "better than new" and should last longer than another 80 years. The highlight of this project was David Marquis getting a before and after inspection tour in the lift; who needs Oaks Amusement Park?



Left: The gutters were visibly sagging before the repair work.



To watch the full YouTube lift video, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8jqKRG4coo>.

Right: David's final inspection in the lift.

Essential Chimney Repairs



Glancing up toward the northeast side of the church you will notice the chimney serving our boiler system. At the top of the chimney is a "crown" made of cement-like mortar to protect the bricks. Over several decades, the crown had been damaged by sun, water, ice, and also heat coming from the boiler below. This was accelerated by the fact that there was no protective metal chimney cap. Broken pieces of mortar were scattered on the roof below. Chimcare built a new crown, water-sealed the entire brick chimney, replaced failed flashing, and fabricated and installed a stainless steel chimney cap. Another successful, better than new, preservation project.



Blessing of the Animals



The annual Blessing of the Animals was held in the gym on October 9. The worship service was centered around thanking God for our animal friends past and present.



Hair Dryers Needed

Got a hair dryer you don't need anymore? Valley's Earth Care Team and Mission Ministry will be collecting WORKING hair dryers for a local nonprofit, the Community Energy Project until November 12. The hair dryers will be used by their workshop participants to install the plastic window film insulation that keeps the homes of over 1,000 low-income families warm in the winter.

Usable hair dryers can be dropped off in the bins next to the Fireside Room. Or, if pick up is needed, please contact Ruthann Marquis. Thank you!

Valley Produce Table



The 2022 growing season has screeched to a halt and Valley's Produce Table is now closed. Since the first shoots appeared in the Spring until the last eggplants were picked in the Fall the table has been covered with our members' produce. Those that enjoyed this bounty made monetary donations that added up to \$195.20. Thank you! This amount will be sent to the Oregon Food Bank on Valley's behalf to help lessen the food insecurity in our state.

Halloween Fun!



The Ahmadzai children enjoy dress up, pumpkins, and creating Halloween pictures during preschool time with Miss Bev and Miss Donna.



Valley Christian Preschool Celebrates 25 Years



Valley Christian Preschool celebrated 25 years along with teacher Karen Broome who has been with the school since the beginning. A hand-made quilt was presented to her by the Holy Nine-Patch Quilters.



Community Recycling Event a Success! (See Earth Care Corner p. 9)



Valley Notes

Opportunities

Youth Fall Pie Sale Fundraiser:

Stock up on all your pie needs for the holiday season. Pre-orders will be taken until November 3, either online at <https://valley-268303.square.site/> or during coffee fellowship on Sundays. Pies will be ready for pickup on Sunday, November 19. Questions? Contact Wendy Jenkins at wendymkj@alumni.rice.edu.

Have you ever thought about completing a 500-mile pilgrimage? Come and listen as Ruthann Marquis shares her journey on the Camino de Santiago that she completed this past summer. Join us in the Fireside Room on November 13 at 11:45 a.m.

Save the Date: Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling on December 3 at 6:00 p.m. Join us on the front lawn for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting with caroling, beverages, and cookies. All are invited!

Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m. Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertefeld, and special guests will provide a fun selection of holiday music including jazz, pop, contemporary Christian, and classical. This concert is free and open to the public!

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns:

Dr. David Lee, Anne Foster, Beth Diedric

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

We pray for new babies:

Scarlett Rose Wolf, born October 25 to Alexis and Ian Wolf. Proud grandmother is Angela Graham.

We pray for those who mourn:

- Friends and family of Sue Lanthrum who died October 5, 2022.

- Friends and family of Ed Brauner who died July 14, 2022.

Earth Care Corner

The October 15 Community Recycling event sponsored by Valley's Earth Care Team was a resounding success!!!! During the three hours of collection in the TriMet lot, over 400 individuals either walked in or drove in to bring their recycling and reusable household goods to seven different stations. There was a steady flow of activity all morning, a lively breeze and sunshine to bask in!

James Recycling collected plastics #1, #2, #4 and #5 with lots of foot traffic and lines cued up.

SBC Recycling collected electronics, including batteries, TVs and computer monitors that filled most of their truck.

Community Warehouse collected usable household goods and furniture and were pleased with the items that they received that will go to fill the apartments and houses of those in need.

Agilyx collected #6 plastic items and rigid Styrofoam. Many truck loads went to their Tigard location to be broken down into the feed to make new polystyrene items.

Fred Meyer collected plastic film and huge bags were filled then brought to their store for shipment to Trex where park benches and decking are made from those collected plastic bags.

St Matthews Food Pantry received 148 pounds of nonperishable food items.

Valley's Youth collected over 40 bags of cans and bottles that are headed to Bottle Drop and toward their mission activities.

Thank you to all who came, who spread the word and who volunteered! Bravo! Well done!

Please mark your calendars for our next Recycling Event on Saturday, April 22, 2023. That date is actually Earth Day! Can you think of any better way to honor God's creation than by keeping unnecessary things out of the landfill?



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Community Recycling event a success! More photos on page 8.

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. Remember to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 5.

