


The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

June 2013

Sunday Mornings

Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.
 Early Coffee in Library, 9:30 a.m.
 Worship, 10:00 a.m.
 Nursery care, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School,
 10:20 a.m., June 2 and 9
 Coffee Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

June

- 2 Communion**
Confirmation Sunday
- 9 Sunday School Teacher**
Appreciation
High School Mission Trip
Commissioning
Session Meeting with New
Members, 11:15 a.m.
- 16 Father's Day**
Summer Worship Begins
Cents-Ability Offering
- 23 Dining for Women, 11:30 a.m.**
- 30 Middle School Mission**
Commissioning
Music & Drama Camp Musical

July

- 7 Communion**
- 14 All-Church Picnic**



High School Youth To Serve In Idaho



On Sunday, June 16, a group of 16 youth and adults will leave Portland and head to the Nez Perce Reservation in Lapwai, Idaho for a week of service, learning, worship, and community-building. We are very excited to spend our week among the Native American community on the Nez Perce reservation. The youth are looking forward to learning more about another culture and immersing themselves into a new community for the week. We hope to listen to their stories, make new friends, build new relationships, and share the love of Christ. Our mission trip this year is through YouthWorks, and the theme for the summer is *Desirable*.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Valley congregation, as you all have given money, supported our fundraisers, and offered your prayers. We do hope you will partner with us for this week of mission and learning by holding us in your prayers. We will be on the trip June 16-21, and we ask for your prayers for these youth: Maggie, Emily, Kegan, Troy, Hannah, Brian, Sarah, Arielle, Ashley, Fan, Kenadee, Sophia, and for these adults: Rebecca Chancellor, Laurel Cluthe, Rebekah Hanson, and Bob Rasmussen. We look forward to sharing the stories of our mission with you in worship on Sunday, July 28, which has been set aside as "Youth Mission Sunday."



Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday June 9

Thanks to all 46 of you who helped with Sunday School activities or as Shepherds for our Pre-K through 4th grades this year. Thanks to the 10 adults who led Club 56 for our 5th and 6th graders. Please plan to attend the 10:00 a.m. Worship on June 9 for a special thank you presentation.

Music and Drama Camp June 24-28

This popular camp is for children entering the 2nd through 7th grades in the fall. Campers will put together a musical over the course of the week and perform it at a retirement home at the end of the week as well as during Sunday worship on June 30. Other features of this camp include drama games, a talent show, making new friends, scooter time in the gym, and artistic endeavors through scenery/poster making. Registration forms are on the church website and in the church office. For more information, contact Amy Rheingans at amy@valleycommunity.org or 503.296.1079. **Dates:** June 24-28. **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$155 per camper.

Session Highlights

Session Stated Meeting, May 14, 2013

- Members of the Confirmation class and their mentors were welcomed to the meeting. Class members shared their personal statements of faith and class projects. Session approved acceptance into Valley membership of Sarah Blair, Dane Carlson, Cole Cavanaugh, Ken Cavanaugh, Arielle Elisara, Ashley Elisara, Addy Pratt and Sophia Scarce. Baptism of Addy Pratt on June 2, 2013 was also approved.
- The Adult Education supplemental curriculum was approved as presented by the Christian Nurture Committee.
- Grants recommended by the Mission Endowment Committee were approved. See p. 3.
- Connie Brenner and Carol Powers were approved to be Valley's commissioners to the Presbytery Meeting on June 28-29 at Milwaukie Presbyterian Church.
- **Commendations**
 - Baird Smith for his superb teaching abilities
 - The Lift Team
 - Donna Rueff for taking on the task of scheduling greeters
 - The Church Workday cleanup day volunteers, particularly Kerrie Standlee, Ed Sanders and Terry Hercher
 - David Marquis for his work in painting the narthex
 - Amy Rheingans, Tom Rheingans, Sarah, Allison, and Liz for their leadership and assistance with the Children's Musical on May 5, as well as all the children in the King's Kids Choir who participated
 - Steve Bird and the Clippers Mariners for preparing the food for the Pancake Breakfast for Youth Mission
 - Kay Gold for her years of faithful service to the children of Valley
 - Adam Steele and the Men's Chorus for the beautiful Mother's Day anthem, "Steal Away"

Finance Report



FINANCE REPORT

Operating results for the first four months of 2013 continue to be positive, with revenues exceeding expenses by \$7,300 although April did have a deficit of (\$2,800). The operating success is mostly due to program expenses coming under budget. Adult giving exceeded budgeted amounts through March but April adult giving was less than budgeted by \$11,100 and contributed to the monthly deficit.

The 2013 pledge drive is still continuing and, as of May 16, 2013 pledges trail those of 2012 by \$23,000. It will assist session greatly, even though the budget is passed, if that gap could be reduced to add certainty to the total of estimated adult giving, which constitutes 78% of total revenue.

We prayerfully request that you remember Valley in your financial planning and we thank everyone for their continued support of the mission and programs of Valley.

Lyle Chadwick, Treasurer

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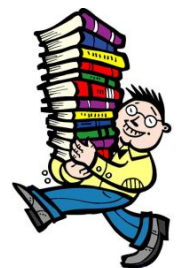


Library News

A big thank you to all who came to the Library Book Sale. We made about \$100, which will be used to buy new library materials. New items are being added all the time, so stop in and find something that will interest you for summer reading or listening. Remember we have a large collection of children's books too.

Book Group June 28

The Book Discussion Group will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. on June 28 to discuss the book, *The Orchardist: A Novel*, by Amanda Coplin. This novel is set in the orchard country of Washington State. In this story, the orchardist becomes a foster father to two adolescent girls who have escaped from a brothel owner. All are welcome to join in the lively discussions.



Mission Endowment Grants Serve Needs Near and Far

Mission Endowment funds totaling \$8,900 were awarded to six recipient groups, serving needs of people in our local area as well as Idaho, Eastern Europe, Africa and Latin America in the fields of mission, food, health, education and housing. In the last ten years, the Mission Endowment fund has awarded \$172,045 in grants.

- **Valley High School Youth** – funding to cover transportation costs and scholarships for the mission trip to Lapwai, Idaho to serve the Nez Perce tribe.
- **Corvallis – Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association** – funds for the purchase of a cow for Pavlovo Farm which serves 15 orphaned girls in Ukraine. The cow will provide milk, cheese and calves for consumption on the farm and for sale in the local village.
- **United Nations Foundation** – for the purchase of chemically-treated bed nets which kill malaria-carrying mosquitoes.
- **The Wellspring Foundation for Education** – support of a conference being hosted between church leaders from Rwanda and Burundi and Christian educators to share best known methods and improve the quality of education in the region.
- **Seeds of Learning** – provide scholarship money for students in rural villages to attend universities and give back to their communities upon graduation. Tuition cost per student is \$600 per year.
- **Impact NW** – funds for the operation of Richmond Place, a transitional house facility in SE Portland with on-site case management and skill-building services for low-income families.

Dining for Women June 23 for Lunch

Dining for Women at Valley learns about Cameroon on Sunday, June 23 at 11:30 a.m. in Armitage Hall for a potluck lunch, an educational program and an opportunity to support the grant request made to Dining for Women by Breaking Ground in Cameroon. This month's featured program, through the Women's Entrepreneurial Program (WEP), provides instruction to women in applicable business and farming techniques to help them go beyond subsistence levels by helping to create a community garden with education in organic farming, providing seeds for transplantation into family gardens and instruction on how to include these crops into their diets. They also provide specific training in other vocational opportunities such as soap making, palm and coconut production and oil processing, and pig farming while also providing microcredit to help launch new businesses.

All are welcome to come to this meeting. As Pastor Rebecca said from the pulpit, it is dining *for* women, not just *of* women! Young and young at heart, men and women—you are all invited!

Contact Ruthann Marquis at 503.297.8992 for information or visit the website at www.diningforwomen.org.



Bicycle rack for all to use donated by Valley Christian Preschool. See page 11.

Right:
Children sing
in the Spring
musical
"Technicolor
Promise."



Tai Chi Summer Schedule

"In tai chi, strength and flexibility are balanced, as a tree stands strongly rooted while bending and flexing in the wind. Sometimes referred to as the art of movement, tai chi suggests we move with ease, seeking balance in our lives."

Join us as we explore ways to practice balance, movement and stillness, in our lives. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., in Armitage Hall, through June 20. Note that tai chi will be on **summer vacation from June 25 to September 3**. Questions? Contact Diane Harris, dianeharris@mac.com or 503.805.6011.

Meet Our Valley Family



Andy and Amy Dee

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Andy and Amy have been active members of Valley for about 10 years. Andy will complete his fourth year on Session this month and Amy enters the second year of her second term. In addition to fulfilling the duties required of an Elder, both have accompanied youth on mission trips and regularly volunteer around the church. Amy currently chairs the Personnel Committee and occasionally fills in at the pulpit.

Andy was born at home in Kilmacthomas, County Waterford, Ireland. His first home, which was without electricity, was next to a railroad crossing where the family lived rent-free because his mother was the gatekeeper for the twice-daily train. Once in the United States, he was educated at Catholic schools and then San Jose State University where he was recruited for the

wrestling team. He has worked as a design engineer at Intel for the past 27 years, first in Santa Clara and now in Hillsboro. He is an avid reader who collects specific autographed books and, in true engineer style, maintains a spreadsheet of his collection. Andy also enjoys DIY projects around the house, watching all kinds of sports, and playing racquetball.

Amy's early years are far less interesting. She was born in Utah and moved to California where she met Andy while working at her first job in a restaurant. Also a graduate of San Jose State, she began her career as a teacher and then moved to school administration at the school site and district office levels. After taking time to raise children and complete a doctorate degree, she returned to the field of education at the collegiate level teaching first at Linfield and now at George Fox. Her research publications center on preservice teacher development, and she has a book on Biblical themes in education. For fun, she enjoys "helping" Andy with projects around the house along with reading, baking, and learning how to be a mom to adult children.

Andy and Amy have been married for almost 32 years and have two children. Shaun is a graduate of University of Oregon where he attended on a wrestling scholarship. He works in social media marketing and lives nearby. Taryn attends Pacific Lutheran University where she played soccer for three years and currently runs on the cross country and track teams. Taryn recently convinced Andy and Amy to run the Tacoma City half marathon with her and they completed the race with most toenails still intact. As a family, they enjoy traveling and just spending time together.

Habitat for Humanity Build

Seven Valley people helped with the Habitat build at BraunerBrook in Hillsboro on May 4. Paige Unangst, Gaylen Uecker, Rebekah Hanson, Paul Brown, Jan Falconer, Glenn Simenson, Lynne Fowler, and Chuck Falconer helped with final preparation of the Faith Build home supported by a Valley grant, weather stripped a home, spread soil, put on siding, and completed other fix it work. Thank you to all who took part in this project.



Valley workers at the BraunerBrook Habitat build site in early May.

Successful All-Church Work Day May 4

Approximately 40 members and friends of Valley Community Presbyterian Church participated in the spring 2013 cleanup and maintenance workday on Saturday, May 4. Several projects at the church were undertaken and completed, and some were given a good start toward a future completion. Everyone's service to the church is greatly appreciated!

Brice Hammack and his crew of Barry Armentrout, Steve Bird, Neil Blair, David Derting, Marilyn Farrier, Laura Freeman, Rita Hammack, Bob Hayes, Kristina Kurtz, Tim Kurtz, Lindsay, Ruthann Marquis, Mark Norman, Frank Powers, Dan Rueff and Eloise Zwald worked on outdoor projects such as tree trimming and chipping branches and wood debris in the south parking lot, weeding flower beds around the church, Youth House and preschool play area and clean-up of the patio area outside the Fireside Room. The work made a very noticeable improvement to our outdoor spaces.

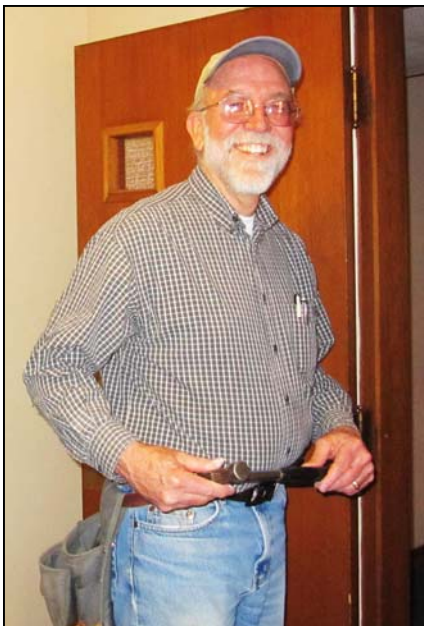
Several construction-type projects to make the building more user-friendly, such as installing a new hand rail on the north wall of the east parking lot entrance corridor and repairing a hanging light fixture in Armitage Hall, among others, were undertaken by Terry Hercher, Mark Norman, Roger Rees, Steve Rees and Kerrie Standlee.

Preparations began on May 4 for the transformation of the east wing, south corridor walls from their previous appearance to a fresh, updated one with a water fountain scene and the nine Fruits of the Spirit. Kay Gold and her team of Liz, Sarah Boyle, Jini DeVries, Richard Gold and Judy Huddleston prepared the walls and painted the first coat of white paint in preparation for the detail work. The wall transformation in that area of the church is an effort by the children's ministry team to provide a welcoming and inviting experience for the children who participate in our children's ministry programs. We all look forward to the exciting change that will be forthcoming in that area of the building. Thank you to those volunteers who started the process.

The refurbishment of the walls and ceiling in the church narthex was undertaken by David Marquis and his team of Steve Bird, Cheryl Rees, Marcia Sanderman, Don Sowers and Janice Viestenz. Holes in the walls and ceiling were filled with plaster where needed, and then a new coat of paint was put onto the surfaces to bring them back to a refreshed, finished look. Lamps were added to help brighten the room and a wall hanging originally located on another wall in the church was placed as a centerpiece on the south wall. The changes to the narthex are just the beginning of hopefully more changes to come to our facilities, but the work completed by the painting crew has gone a long way to make a noticeable change.

On the morning of the May 4 work day, youth leaders Pastor Rebecca Chancellor, Laurel Cluthe, and Ruthann Marquis worked with Sarah, Megan, Troy, and Fan to clean out several spaces in the Youth House and take a van load of kitchen appliances and tools to the Community Warehouse for neighbors in need. In the afternoon, the High School Mission Team met for orientation and preparation for their June Mission trip. A big thank you goes to all the youth who spent their Saturday morning helping to make the changes in the youth house that will make it easier for the youth leaders to organize the space and materials for use in the youth program.

Finally, all the volunteers were provided lunch and refreshments by two of our Fellowship Committee members, Donna Rueff and Donna Sele. The work provided by the two was greatly appreciated by all those who participated in the work day.



People helped out in many ways at the All-Church Work Day which helped spruce up the interior and exterior of the church and grounds.

Children's Ministries

'Seven Years'

To the Valley Congregation:

The Bible uses the number seven (7) to indicate perfection or completeness, so I find it fitting to announce to you that after my seventh year leading Vacation Bible School in July, I plan to retire from my position as Director of Children's Ministries here at Valley Community Presbyterian Church. The opportunity to serve Valley's children and their families on Sunday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and during VBS week as well as Kidz Mart during Christmas week has been a *perfectly* and *completely* rewarding experience for me! I have developed some meaningful relationships with the kids and their families, and thus this has been a bittersweet decision for Richard and me. I do hope that you will plan to attend our VBS Sunday Celebration picnic just after 10:00 a.m. Worship on none other than Bastille Day (July 14) to help celebrate my retirement and to say *Au Revoir!*

*In Christ,
Kay Hope Gold*



Sunday School – Making Choices

Kids will join Kay Hope Gold on June 9 for our final Sunday School class for the 2012/13 academic year.

This year's final Sunday School lesson unit teaches kids that God chooses us to do God's work. God gives us freedom to choose our response to God and to others. We look to God's teachings to help us learn how to make choices that reflect what God wants us to do or be. Sunday School will resume in September.

Vacation Bible School July 8-12

Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together!

Parents and Grandparents: Register your children (Pre-K through 5th Grade) *before* our deadline of June 7 (Friday). Classes are filling fast!

Kids will celebrate the cultures of our neighbors from five different countries as they learn meaningful lessons from the Bible, including Sarah and Abraham, A Widow Gives Cheerfully, The Good Samaritan, Jesus Forgives Zacchaeus and God Welcomes Everyone. The kids will experience art, drama skits, music, games, science experiments, snack time and Bible lesson time in a fun-filled, nurturing environment from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. **We're still in need of volunteers from 6th grade through adult.** Contact kay@valleycommunity.org to find out how you can help!

Arts Exploration Camp



This is the afternoon camp during the week of Vacation Bible School; however, children can be registered in this camp even if they are not participating in VBS. This camp is for all children entering 1st through 5th grades in the fall. During Arts Exploration Camp, children will

explore various artistic media, create many different pieces of art, develop musical skills through singing games and music instruction, and explore acting through drama games and creative dramatic activities. Registration forms are on the church website and in the church office. For more information, contact Amy Rheingans at amy@valleycommunity.org or 503.296.1079.

Dates: July 8-12

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per camper



Sunday School children proudly displaying their "Perfect Attendance" gifts from Valley with Kay Hope Gold.

Congratulations, High School Class of 2013

On May 19, these High School Seniors were recognized in worship and gifted with beautiful hand-made quilts from the “Holy Nine Patch Quilters.” We are proud of these graduates and are grateful for all of the gifts they have shared with us over the years. We wish them well in their future endeavors and hope they will remain connected to Valley and know they always have a home here.

- **Dylan Bird** graduates from Beaverton High School on June 10. In high school, Dylan participated in National Honor Society and water polo all four years. Dylan’s role model is his grandpa, the late Don Bird. His favorite high school memory is camping with his family and water polo camping at Redmond and Modesto, California. His favorite memory at Valley is participating in “Flying ‘M’ Ranch” with the youth group. His summer plans include spending lots of time working as a swim instructor and lifeguard. Dylan plans to attend Portland Community College in the fall, taking a variety of classes to determine his next steps.
- **William Bird** graduates from Beaverton High School on June 10, where his favorite subject was Math. In high school, William participated in bell choir, youth group, Mountain Man Black Powder Club, swimming and water polo for four years, and he was captain of the swim team one year. William considers his grandfather, the late Don Bird, his role model. His favorite high school memory is going on a water polo camping trip and pranking his coach. His favorite Valley memory is doing “Giddy up, get along, Gideon.” He plans to work as a lifeguard and swim instructor this summer. William will attend Portland Community College at Sylvania and focus on his Liberal Arts classes.
- **Maggie Bootsma** graduates from Sunset High School on June 13, where her favorite subjects were Psychology and Choir. In high school, Maggie spent four years participating in women’s choir, chamber choir, and Madrigals, as well as the Girl Scouts of America, Gay-Straight Alliance Club, and volleyball. Her role models are her grandparents, Rose Marie Marsh and Bruce Marsh. Her favorite high school memory is having been a part of Sunset High’s variety show all four years. She has many favorite memories at Valley, but ones that stand out are the Hollywood Mission Trip, along with beach trips, lock-ins, youth group and so many more! Maggie will miss knowing that no matter how tough of a day she has, it won’t be more than a week until she can see and be comforted by her loving Valley Youth family. This summer, Maggie plans to go on the high school mission trip, attend Triennium, go on a family trip to eastern Oregon, work, and spend as much time as possible with friends and family. In the next five years, she looks forward to beginning her transition from childhood to young adulthood, as well as learning to become the best teacher she can be. She hopes the next five years bring lots of fun, too. Maggie will attend Oregon State University and double major in Elementary Education and Human Development & Family Sciences.
- **Kayleigh Cavanaugh** graduates from Beaverton High School on June 10, where her favorite subject was Ceramics. In high school, she participated in cross country, hiking, soccer, volleyball, Knitting Club, ACE Mentorship Program, National Honor Society, and GATA Club. She also completed the Fine Arts Career path, played acoustic guitar, and was a teacher’s aide at Kids Campus Learning Center. Kayleigh’s role model is her mom. Her favorite high school memory is prom and also making bottle rockets in freshman science class. Her favorite Valley memory is participating in VBS as a camper and a volunteer; she also loved volunteering at the soup kitchen with the youth group. This summer, Kayleigh plans to take a road trip to Montana with her best friend, Giselle, as well as a trip to Hawaii with her boyfriend, Ben, and his family. She will continue working at Kids Campus this summer too. In the next five years, she looks forward to moving out and starting, experiencing and completing her college years. She wants to start a new, independent life in downtown Portland with a career in Graphic Design. Kayleigh will attend Portland State University and major in Graphic Design/Business.
- **Allie Fox** graduates from Beaverton High School on June 10, where her favorite subject was Business. In high school, Allie participated in cheerleading, tennis, student council, and National Honor Society. She was also an editor of the school newspaper. Allie’s role models include her mom for being so strong and her Aunt Suzie for being so funny and loving. Her favorite high school memory was cheering at Jam the Dam! when BHS beat Southridge. Her favorite memory at Valley is that she and Maddie Rice always found something to laugh about at the worst possible moments. She will most miss singing in the Youth Choir with all her pals, Amy, and “Marky Mark.” This summer, Allie plans to become officially employed for the first time ever. In the next five years, she looks forward to getting a turtle and a cat once she gets her own apartment. Allie is going to the University of Washington in Seattle, where she plans to major in Business with a focus in Public Relations.

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Youth Ministry

Graduates continued from page 7.

- **Jessie Hansen** graduates from ACMA on June 8. Her favorite subject in high school was photography. She also participated in cross-country, track, and the Valley Youth Choir. Jessie's role model is Claudia Wood, and her favorite high school memories included the dances. Her favorite memories at Valley include the musicals and church. This summer, Jessie plans to spend her time running and trying to get a job or internship. In the next five years, she will be running for Clackamas Community College in Oregon City and continuing her education. She plans to major in Psychology or Occupational Therapy.
- **Madeline Rice** graduates from Jesuit High School on June 2, where her favorite subject was History. She was an editor for the school newspaper, and she was also on the Jesuit Mock Trial team. Madeline participated in Drama Club, had roles in all the musicals, and sang in the Jesuit Women's Choir. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and served as NHS Treasurer. Her role models are her mom and dad. Madeline's favorite high school memory was going on the Jesuit Encounter and other retreats, as well as being in every spring musical and "The 39 Steps." She enjoyed being in the Valley Youth Choir with Amy. This summer, Madeline is going on a "senior trip" with her best friends and to Egypt and the Holy Land with her parents. Madeline is looking forward to going to college at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, where she plans to major in Business Administration.
- **Scott Russell** graduates from the School of Science and Technology at Merlo Station High School on June 8. Scott's favorite activities are playing videogames, dodge ball, soccer, science fair and on the Chess Team. His favorite high school memories are getting staples in his head from playing dodge ball (ouch), winning the dodge ball tournament, playing soccer with his teachers, the State Chess Team Championship and being a State Science Fair Finalist. Scott's favorite memories at Valley are playing dodge ball with Gary and the high school youth, VBS and playing bells with Amy. He plans to take classes at Portland Community College this summer. Scott is looking forward to starting at Oregon State University in the fall, majoring in Software Engineering.
- **Jack Salmon** graduates from Beaverton High School June 10, where his favorite subject was Law. Jack played varsity lacrosse and recreational soccer throughout high school. His role model is his brother, Matt. Jack's favorite high school memory is beating Jesuit this year in lacrosse, and his favorite memory at Valley is hanging out with his friends and Gary at Middle School LIFE. Jack will still be visiting Valley during the holidays while in college. His summer plans are looking for a job and traveling. Jack will attend Oregon State University, where he will major in Pre-Business. He is looking forward to graduating from college.



Valley's 2013 High School graduates with the hand-made quilts that were made by Valley members and gifted to them.

SCRIP Cards for Youth Mission: Summer Dates



Wow! In just over one year of the SCRIP fundraiser, the Valley Youth have raised over **\$1,900** for the Youth Mission Fund (and Triennium this summer). Thank you for purchasing your gift/shopping cards from the youth. Every purchase helps us raise money for mission trips and mission projects that are local, national, and international. It is truly amazing how all the dollars add up. We will continue to have a table at coffee fellowship through Sunday, June 9 for you to pre-order and pay for your SCRIP cards. All pre-ordered cards will be available for pick-up on Sunday, June 16. We will have some cards for immediate sale (grocery stores, Starbucks, Kaady card wash, and a couple restaurants), but plan to place an order no later than June 9 to get exactly what you want. (And don't forget: Father's Day is June 16 if you want gift cards!)

For the rest of June, July, and August, we will only be able to purchase SCRIP cards on the following summer dates: July 7 and August 4 (for pick-up the following Sunday). The Valley Youth can take orders and payment in advance, but cards for summer orders will only be available beginning July 14 and August 11. We will resume ordering most every week on Kickoff Sunday, September 8, 2013.

Youth Ministry

June 2013 Youth Ministry Events

- 2- Confirmation Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Worship, Reception following
- 5- Middle School LIFE End-of-School-Year Party, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
High School FAMILY Party at the Park, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 9- High School Mission Team Commissioning, 10:00 a.m. Worship
HS Mission Team Meeting, 11:45 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- 16-21- High School Mission Trip to Lapwai, Idaho
- 19- Middle School LIFE, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 26- High School FAMILY Movie Night, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- 27- Middle School Tie-Dye Night, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 29- Triennium Commissioning at Presbytery, Meet at 8:30 a.m.
- 30- Middle School Mission Commissioning, 10:00 a.m. Worship
MS Mission Camp begins!

Middle School Mission Camp June 30-July 4

Bright and Shining is the theme for this year's Middle School Mission "City Camp" where we serve right here in the cities of Portland and Salem. Joining with other youth groups around the state, our Middle School youth and adult leaders will stay at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salem for the week. We will learn more about hunger, homelessness, Earth Care, and caring for the elderly during our week of mission and service. We will also enjoy lots of fun and fellowship, recreation, small groups, worship, and singing. Our week will be based on Jesus' call to us from Matthew 5: "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others..." We will open our minds, hearts, and hands as we seek to serve God by serving others. We hope you will join us in worship on Sunday, July 28 to hear all about our week of service and learning as we share stories on "Youth Mission Sunday."



Above: Middle School Youth gather during a LIFE meeting after shopping for supplies to assemble hygiene kits for Church World Service. These kits will be mailed to a distribution center in Arkansas so they are ready when another natural disaster hits.

Right: Youth and adults at a celebration party for the Confirmation class of 2013. Class leaders, mentors, and parents joined in the celebration!

Pancake Breakfast Thank You

The Valley Youth want to give a big shout out to the Clippers Mariner Ship and Steve Bird for their leadership and work at the Pancake Breakfast on May 5. Once again, we are grateful for their service and support of the Valley Youth. We are also tremendously thankful for all of *you* who came to eat pancakes, sausage, and fruit and made a donation to the Youth Mission Fund. We raised \$430 for the Youth Mission Fund! As the youth groups prepare for their mission trips this month and next month, we are especially grateful for the many ways this congregation supports us. Thank you!



Following the All-Church Work Day and Mission Trip Orientation, the High School Youth met for a Mission Lock-In! The group traveled to NE Portland to have dinner on the Grilled Cheese Bus!



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>2</p> <p>9:00a Adult Education Class 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship– Confirmation 10:20a Children’s Sunday School 11:00a Coffee Fellowship, Confirmation Reception</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00a Women’s Aerobics 10:00a Baby Blues Connection 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 6:30p Girl Scout Troop 41486 7:00p Metropolitan Patchwork Society 7:30p Portland Highland Games Association 7:30p Scout Troop 592</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00a Tai Chi Class 10:30a Women’s Bible Study 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p All-Church Inquiry Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00a Men’s Bible Study 8:00a Women’s Aerobics 6:00p Middle School LIFE End-of-School Party 7:00p High School FAMILY End-of-School Party</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00a Alanon 10:00a Tai Chi Class 7:00p Girl Scout Troop 45065 7:00p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Deadline for Valley Summer Camp Registrations 8:00a Women’s Aerobics 2:30p Camp Fire Meeting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:00p Camp Fire Council Mtg.</p>
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<p>16</p> <p>Father’s Day High School Mission Trip 9:00a Adult Education Class 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship 11:00a Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>High School Mission Trip 8:00a Women’s Aerobics 10:00a Baby Blues Connection 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:00p Metropolitan Patchwork Society</p>	<p>18</p> <p>High School Mission Trip 10:00a Tai Chi Class 1:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Deacons Ministry</p>	<p>19</p> <p>High School Mission Trip 8:00a Men’s Bible Study 8:00a Women’s Aerobics 6:00p Middle School LIFE 6:30p Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>High School Mission Trip 8:00a Soup Kitchen 10:00a Alanon 10:00a Tai Chi Class 2:00p Red Cross Blood Drive</p>	<p>21</p> <p>High School Mission Trip 8:00a Women’s Aerobics</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00a Girl Scout Troop 41486</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00a Adult Education Class 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship 11:00a Coffee Fellowship 11:00a Worship Team Luncheon 11:30a Dining for Women Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00a Women’s Aerobics 9:00a Music and Drama Camp 10:00a Baby Blues Connection 6:00p Girl Scout Troop</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00a Music and Drama Camp 1:00p Staff Meeting 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00p Music Selection Team 7:00p Personnel Committee 7:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00a Men’s Bible Study 8:00a Women’s Aerobics 9:00a Music and Drama Camp 9:30a Children’s Ministry Team 7:00p Women’s Bible Study 7:00p High School Movie Night</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00a Music and Drama Camp 10:00a Alanon 2:00p West Slope Library Reading Program 7:00p Middle School Tie-Dye Night</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Presbytery Meeting 8:00a Women’s Aerobics 9:00a Music and Drama Camp 10:00a Library Book Club - “Fourth Friday Features”</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Presbytery Meeting 8:30a Triennial Youth Meet for Presbytery Commissioning</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Middle School Mission Camp 9:00a Adult Education Class 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship 11:00a Coffee Fellowship</p>						

June 2013

Valley Notes

Opportunities

Red Cross Blood Drive: Mark your calendars for our next blood drive, Thursday, June 20. Call Virginia Grubb or Lee Ann Wichman for more information.

Adult Education Class, *Reconnecting to the Earth*, led by Chuck Falconer and Paige Unangst, meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Armitage Hall through June 30. The class will discuss clarifying values about our relationship to the earth, how our personal beliefs affect the way we view and treat the earth, and explore what it means to take personal responsibility for the earth. All are invited on any Sunday!

All-Church Picnic – Sunday, July 14! Please mark your calendars and plan to join Valley friends and families for fun, games, food and fellowship on July 14 following worship. More details to come.

Thanks

Many thanks to Ruthann Marquis, coordinator, and the “Holy Nine Patch Quilters” who made gift quilts for Valley’s graduates this year: Jini DeVries, Marcia Sanderman, Karen Sandberg, Pat Bird, Sue Derting, Cathy Bernhard, Sue Koning, Liz Mitchell and Michelle Blair.

Congratulations to Valley Family Graduates

- Laura Powers, daughter of Frank and Carol Powers, is a new graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School.
- Thomas Haines, grandson of Richard and Pat Bryant, graduated from Pacific Lutheran Univ. with a double major in Religion and History.
- Hayley Rea, daughter of Bill and Elaine Rea, graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in May.

- Mackenzie Hodge is a June graduate from University of Oregon with a B.S. in Advertising and Marketing. She is a granddaughter of Jean Gordon.
- Jacob Sele graduated from Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle with a Bachelor of Music, and Sean Sele is a new graduate of Cleveland High School in Portland. Both are grandsons of Gene and Donna Sele.
- Elizabeth Tsen graduated from Jesuit High School, and Jachym Hercher received a master’s degree from University College of London. Both are grandchildren of Terry and Shirley Hercher.
- Brad Noonan is a graduate from the University of Oregon, and Jocelyn Noonan received a masters degree in Speech Pathology from NYU. Parents are Frank and Julie Noonan.
- Gus Giering is a graduate of Lake Oswego High School and grandson of Sam and Marilyn Connell.

Names of family graduates may be sent to messenger@valleycommunity.org for the July issue. Thank you.

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns:

Jean Howe, Lillian Palaide (Christine Danner’s grandmother), Reed Standlee, Christine Danner, Chuck Miller

We pray for those who mourn:

- Family and friends of Myrill Frazier, who died May 22, 2013.
- Family and friends of Luther Mosher who died, May 19, 2013.
- Family and friends of Ken Smith who died March 19, 2013.

Valley Christian Preschool Finishes 17th Year

The sun is shining more often, birds are singing, and the children are crazy with spring fever. New life is popping up all around us, and it is a time of celebration. Yet, a small part of me carries a little sadness. Where has the time gone? Where are those children who walked through our doors those first days of classes last September? Those children have grown. They have grown so much, and it continues to amaze me. They have made friends, sung songs with Pastor Ben, created endless forms of art from a wide variety of materials, explored volcanoes and visited with a police officer and his cruiser, firefighters with their awesome red truck and recently an emergency room pediatric doctor. And now they are ready for the next step...

As we say our good-byes to our fours’ classes, we hope wherever they go that they will take a small piece of Valley Christian Preschool with them. We hope they will come back to visit, and keep us informed of the extraordinary events that take place in their life.

We placed a new bike rack for the entire Valley family to use: Please share in our joy as we ride our bikes to Valley. The rack is located in the east parking lot, under shelter near the steps to the Youth House and is available for everyone to use. (See photo page 3).

Looking forward to Next Year: Classes begin September 3, 2013. There are still a few openings available. Please contact Kristina Kurtz at 503.292.3537 x 146 or kristina@valleycommunity.org.



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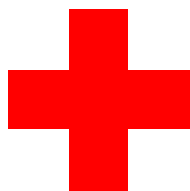
All-Church Inquiry Session

Tuesday, June 4
7:00 p.m.
Davis Hall/Gym

Come share your
thoughts, celebrate our
ministries, and prepare
for our church's future!

Blood Drive June 20

Our next Deacons'
Red Cross Blood Drive
is Thursday,
June 20, 2-7 p.m.



Sign-up during coffee
fellowship.

All-Church Picnic

Sunday, July 14
after 10 a.m.
worship

Rain or Shine! All are
invited!



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