


The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church October 2012

Worship Schedule

Adult Education class 9:00 a.m.
Early Bird Coffee in Library
9:30 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
Nursery care 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School
10:20-11:05 a.m.
Fellowship and coffee after
worship

October

7 World Communion Sunday
and Peacemaking Offering
Pancake Breakfast for
Youth Mission

14 Stewardship Kickoff
Session Meeting with New
Members, 11:15 a.m.
Pumpkin Patch Trip,
11:30 a.m.

21 Cents-Ability Offering
ReStore Sunday
'Dining for Women' 11:15 a.m.

28 All Saints/Reformation Sunday
Middle School Mania Retreat
Darlene Cusick concert, 3 p.m.

November

4 Communion
Stewardship Sunday
All-Church Harvest Luncheon



Annual Stewardship Campaign



**Annual
Stewardship
Campaign**

October 14 is the beginning of our annual stewardship campaign, "Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity." During the campaign, our faithful practices of prayer, worship, service, and giving will be highlighted.

I hope that you will join in giving gratitude for our blessings by pledging to support Valley through regular financial contributions on top of the time and energy you already put into serving others. Please consider our existing budget deficit when taking the time to reflect on what your commitment could be for the upcoming year. Our church depends on your generosity.

~ Jeff Keim, Session Elder and Stewardship Committee Chair

Note: The congregation will join for a harvest luncheon after Worship Service on Stewardship Sunday, November 4. Everyone is invited!

World Communion Sunday, Oct. 7



On Sunday, October 7, we will join with Christians around the world in celebrating the sacrament of Communion and remembering our connection in Christ to God's people all over the world. During 10 a.m. worship, children and youth will help with our "Presentation and Blessing of the Breads," which will include breads from cultures around the world. Our music will include pieces that come from or reflect other cultures, and we will sing a little Spanish as well.

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All Saints and Reformation Sunday

On Sunday, October 28, we will recognize All Saints' Day and celebrate our heritage by remembering the Reformation. Worship music and liturgy will reflect these themes of the day. We will also take time in worship to remember all family and friends who died in the last year. Instead of a banner procession this year, we will have an extended time of prayer where we will name each person and ring a bell. In addition to Valley members who have died over the past year, we would like to include all of your loved ones who have joined the saints in the last year. Please send all names of family and friends who have died since last October to Angie Graham in the main office (angie@valleycommunity.org). All names we receive by Wednesday, October 24 will be included in the prayer during 10:00 a.m. worship on October 28.



Ben Paroulek

Standing on Tiptoe

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.” Romans 8:19 (NRSV)

Paul’s famous passage from Romans 8 says, “The Creation waits with eager longing” for people who are willing be led by the Spirit of God... in helping to bring about God’s future. These (originally Greek) words have been translated in more picturesque terms. One interpreter says, “The Creation stands on tiptoe...” Another says, “The whole Creation cranes its neck in expectation,” waiting for the children of God to be revealed. Thus the Spirit of God continues to move among God’s people at Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

I hope you had the opportunity to be in worship on September 9 and enjoy our kickoff celebration. Many have commented how energizing it was to worship in a full sanctuary. Our worship was punctuated by strong congregational singing and elegant music. Following worship, we continued the celebration in Davis Hall where 35 vibrant ministries challenged us to get involved. We had a morning filled with spirit and fellowship!

This is an exciting time to be part of Valley Community Presbyterian Church. This fall many have commented that they sense a new energy at Valley, and it seems like we have turned a corner. Do you feel it too? Can you catch a glimpse of the bright future where the Spirit is leading us?

As you read this issue of The Valley Messenger, I pray that you will be asking yourself, “How can I get involved?” We already have scores of hardy souls laboring in our varied ministries but there’s always more to be done. Please call me if you feel like you’d like to help. I’ll be glad to buy you a cup of coffee and help you discern where your gifts can be used. If you have been out of the loop for a while, this is the time to dive back in!

“The Creation stands on tiptoe in expectation...cranes its neck in anticipation...waiting for the children of God to be revealed.” Waiting for people who are willing to be led by the Spirit of God. Waiting for you and for all of us.

Ben Paroulek

Operations during August showed some encouraging results. Last spring Session passed a balanced budget for 2012. However the Year To Date (YTD) budget for eight months planned for a loss of \$60,200. The actual YTD loss was \$60,400, a difference of only \$200 and an improvement over July of \$10,500. Generally, adult giving continues to need improvement, but net operations for all program areas except mission are under budget through August 31, 2012.

Summer time giving is usually less than budget, so considering the YTD information above, we encourage members and non-members to continue their giving even while traveling or vacationing.

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

~ Lyle Chadwick, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT



Donate items for Habitat Oct. 20-21



ReStore Sunday (and Saturday too) will be October 20 and 21. If you have good used or unused materials such as doors, windows, appliances, lumber, floor covering, plumbing, millwork, roofing, light fixtures, kitchen/bathroom cabinetry, paint, home furnishings, siding, hardware, tools, housewares, or garden equipment, bring them to Valley’s east church parking lot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. either day. The items will be taken to the Washington County ReStore, where the sale of these donated

items will benefit Willamette West Habitat for Humanity and help build needed homes. If you need to have your items picked up, contact Chuck Falconer at chuckf@clankeith.com.

Senior Adult Luncheon Oct. 24

New schedule begins this fall



Welcome to a new plate of Senior Luncheons beginning Wednesday, October 24 at 12 noon. This year we will meet on the fourth

Wednesdays of October, February, April and May, with our Christmas celebration on December 5, the first Wednesday of December. Please join the kitchen crew for food and friendship extended to all.

We hope to see all of you back and to have some new faces join us. Lunch will remain \$4.

Speaker for October 24 is the Rev. Chuck Falconer, and the program will be about Scotland, using photos from a trip taken by Chuck and Jan Falconer.



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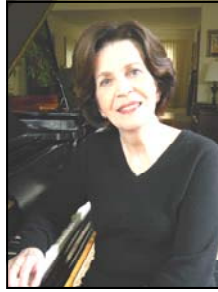
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TO MODIFY SUBMISSIONS FOR CLARITY, SPACE,
CONTENT AND STYLE.

Concert by Darlene Cusick Oct. 28



Darlene Cusick

October marks Darlene Cusick's 25th anniversary as Valley's organist. To celebrate this milestone, Darlene will present a piano and organ concert on Sunday, October 28, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. Included will be selections from J.S. Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Ravel, Vierne and Widor. A reception will follow. Make plans now to bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of great music.

Session Highlights

Regular meeting of Valley Session, September 11, 2012

- Stewardship Committee: Elder Jeff Keim reported that this year's Stewardship drive begins October 14. Stewardship Sunday is November 4 and includes a congregational luncheon. (see page 1)
- Youth: Two fundraisers for the Youth Mission Fund were approved: SCRIP gift card sales and a Pancake Breakfast on October 7. High School youth curriculum, "Faith Questions" from Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) "We Believe," was approved.
- Membership: Sherrie James addressed the congregation on Sept. 9, reminding members to send their Per Capita amount to the church. Bring a Friend to Church Sunday and distribution of new membership directories were reviewed.
- Membership of the Rev. Jennifer Pratt has been transferred from Valley Church to the Presbytery of the Cascades, following her Ordination to the office of Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- Peacemaking Offering and World Communion will be Sunday, October 7. (see pages 1 and 4)
- A session retreat is planned for October 12 (evening) and 13.

Mission Market set for November 11



Valley's Mission Market is Sunday, November 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. It's a great opportunity to learn about organizations supported by our mission budget and to buy a meaningful gift in honor of someone special. Some organizations have products available for sale; most offer donation opportunities. Featured projects include Equal Exchange, Valley Piecemakers, Luke Dorf, Care to Share, Jars for Youth Mission, Knit for Kids, Heifer International, and Habitat for Humanity. The market coincides with Kirkin' o' the Tartan, so join us in Davis Hall for special entertainment while you browse the tables.

Several volunteers are needed on November 11 for table hosting and clean-up. Hosting a table is easy – we just need your smiling face. Please contact Andrea Murdoch at avanmur@comcast.net.

Adult Education



Sundays through December 2, 9 – 9:55 a.m.

“Saving Jesus” class continues the 12-week series on Sundays at 9 a.m. in Armitage Hall. What ever happened to Jesus? Let’s talk about it. And let’s hear what current theologians, ministers, professors, philosophers, and storytellers have to say about it. Each week will feature a new topic, so feel free to drop in on any class. Discussions led by Baird Smith.

Adult Ministry Possibilities

Calling adults of all ages! The Christian Nurture for Children, Youth, and Adults Committee wants to hear from you! If you have not filled out and turned in a form called “Adult Ministry Possibilities,” it’s not too late! We have collected excellent feedback, but want even more from you! Forms are available on the main office counter in the office lobby, or you can download a form on our website from the Adult Ministries tab. Completed forms may be given to Elders Marilyn Hartzell or Michelle Blair, or to Rebecca Chancellor in the church office.

Presbyterian Women’s Bible Studies



Two PW Bible Studies will be offered this school year. All women are welcome to join us for either study.

- **First Tuesday of each month, beginning October 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m.** in the Fireside Room.
- **New! Evening Bible Study on the fourth Wednesday of each month, beginning October 24, 6-7 p.m.** in the Fireside Room.

Both Bible Study groups will be using the Presbyterian Women’s study: *Dispatches to*

God’s Household – The General Epistles. Six books of the New Testament are explored, 1 and 2 Peter, 1–3 John, and Jude, teaching us what it means to live in community, and what it means to belong to the household of God.

For more information on the new fourth Wednesday study, contact Paige Unangst at paige@unangst.net or Rebecca Chancellor at rebecca@valleycommunity.org or 503-292-3537.

World Communion Sunday (cont. from p. 1)

Peacemaking Offering

You are also invited to join other Presbyterians on October 7 by contributing to the Peacemaking Offering. This year’s offering targets anti-bullying by holding each other in esteem; peace and civility; peacemaking in a violent world; and a special emphasis on addressing human trafficking through legislative advocacy, consumer campaigns, responsible investing, public awareness, and direct service. Proceeds from the offering are used for these purposes across the denomination, with a portion retained by Valley to address peace-making efforts in our local community. Please give generously.



Several **canopies and lanterns** loaned for VBS and the All-Church Picnic have not yet been claimed. Pick up your item directly across from the Fireside Room. Thank you!

Important dates

November 4 - Stewardship Sunday and Harvest Luncheon

**November 11 - Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan celebration of our Presbyterian heritage
- Mission Market: alternative gift market to benefit missions**



December 16 - ‘Tiny Bethlehem’ Christmas pageant and musical



Gamble Library



October news

The **Book Discussion Group** will meet on Friday, October 26, at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room to discuss *The Outliers*, by Malcolm Gladwell. The author (also the author of bestsellers *Blink* and *The Tipping Point*) puts forth the idea that there is logic behind why some people become successful, and he feels that it has more to do with legacy and opportunity than high IQ. All are invited to join this lively and fun group.

Library news

Fall is here, and as the outside activities wind down, it is a good time to curl up with a good book. The church library has many interesting volumes including self-help, Bible study, biography, fiction, and lots of children's books and videos. Why not stop in and find a "good read"?

Preschool Corner



Here we are with the first few weeks of school already behind us. We had a couple of tears here and there at drop-off time, but overall, it's been a wonderful beginning. Now it's time to start working toward upcoming events and activities. Mark your calendars:

- **Thursday, Oct. 18** - Evening Parent Education Class on Nutrition. *Everyone welcome!* Join us for an hour of learning and discussion led by Registered Dietician and Nutritionist Angela Hermes, a mom in our preschool program. We'll meet in Armitage Hall at 7 p.m.
- **Friday, Oct. 26** - Spaghetti Feed and Movie Night! We'll be showing "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" in Armitage Hall. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Free-will donations will be collected in support of VCP's Scholarship Fund. Bring pillows and blankets to cozy up with friends for this fun evening event for the whole family.
- **November 12-16** - for our Scholastic Book Fair. This is a great time to pick up Christmas items. Find us in the Preschool Office Monday-Thursday from 8-2, then in the Fireside Lounge on Friday from 8-2. This annual event supports the preschool library for staff and families.

We're so lucky to have such a dedicated, spirited and warm group of experienced professionals managing our happy classrooms. A special Thank You to each of them for all the extra efforts they've put in at the start of this year: Cheers to Mrs. Broome, Mrs. VanDitti, Mrs. Scott, Miss Heather, Miss Christy, Miss Berkeley, Miss Judi, Miss Claire, Miss Gigi and Miss Katherine. Happy fall, everyone!

~ Kristina Kurtz, Director

Pumpkin Patch trip for all ages

Children, youth, and adults are invited to join us for this intergenerational church family outing! After 10 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 14, we will gather in the back parking lot to load up the Valley vans. You may bring a sack lunch or money to buy lunch at the farm. We will head out at 11:30 a.m. and be back to the church by 4:00 p.m. Families and individuals may also choose to take their own vehicles and/or carpool.

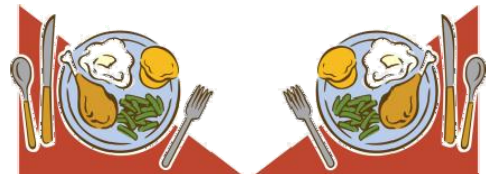
Children and families: To reserve your spot in a van and/or to register your children for this event, please contact Kay Hope Gold in the church office.

Youth in 6th-12th grades: To reserve your spot in a van, please contact Ben Resare in the church office.

Learn about India at 'Dining for Women' Oct. 21

Dining for Women at Valley learns about Anchal in India on Sunday, October 21. Anchal merges design, business, and education to empower marginalized and exploited women living in India. Please join us for a potluck lunch, an educational presentation, and the opportunity to give "dining out" dollars to support this featured nonprofit organization.

We gather in the Fireside Room at 11:30 a.m. All are invited - youth and adults, men and women. Questions? Please contact Ruthann Marquis at 503.297.8992 or go to www.diningforwomen.org to learn more about Dining for Women.



Children's Ministries

Free Music Education for Kids

Did you know your child could receive free music education at Valley Community Presbyterian Church? Yes, it's **Choir** and **Handbell Choir**! In *Choir*, your children learn to use their own instrument, the one they carry with them everywhere, their voice. By learning to sing and developing their voices, children become better musicians. We learn about rhythm and beat, reading notes on the staff, and, as they get older, singing in parts. It's *fun*! Children will have "choir friends" and will enjoy sharing their musical gifts in worship on a regular basis.

In *Handbell Choir*, children learn to read music, play music in a group, and play many cool ringing techniques. We learn songs to share in worship. It's a truly fun and engaging musical experience. Anyone is welcome in these musical groups: church members, non-members, friends, even those who just want to try it out once and see what it is! There is no fee to participate. Schedule is listed below. Please contact the Children's Music Director, Amy Rheingans, if you have questions: amy@valleycommunity.org or 503-296-1079.



Sundays

Youth Choir (6th-12th) 5-6 p.m.

Youth Bell Choir (6th- 12th; adults can join in as space allows) 6-6:45 p.m.

Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 17

Cherub Choir (age 4 - 1st grade) 5-5:45 p.m.

King's Kids (2nd-5th) 5-6 p.m.

Royal Ringers Bell Choir (2nd-5th) 6-6:30 p.m.

Sunday School news

We had 25 kids on our first day of Sunday School, September 16. The Nursery in Room 7 is available from 9:45 until 11:30 a.m. every Sunday, and we're ready and waiting for your infants to 3-year-olds! If you'd like to be included on the rotating volunteer nursery staff list, please contact Donna Rueff or Kay Hope Gold. The Pre-K Sunday School Class (for 3 and 4-year olds) joins the older children for Music Time with Amy Rheingans before they are escorted to Room 4 for Bible Story Time, an activity and a light snack. The Pre-K class leaders are Paul and Elizabeth Brown, Bert and Cheryl Hoffbeck, Beverly Hubbard, Craig and Terri Vermillion, and our sub is Renn Sanderman.

Kindergarten through fourth graders sing with Amy Rheingans beginning at 10:20 a.m. Kay Hope Gold gives a brief Bible lesson before the kids are escorted to their activity stations. Our Bible Lesson for Unit 1 is about Names for Jesus, and each activity reinforces the theme. Unit 1 Leaders are Jini DeVries and Joann Uecker for Art; Kim Smith and Maddy for Cooking; and Birgitta and Lydia for Puppet Show. Kids may be picked up from their activity stations at 11:05 a.m.

Club 56

Club 56 began in September for our 5th-6th graders. They meet in their new "clubhouse" next to the bell tower, near the balcony. Each week there is time for community building, a lesson, and discussion. The class ends with the Sending Hymn and Benediction from the balcony. Class leaders include: Alisha Killian, Tim Kurtz, Jenny Pratt, Ben Resare, Kim and Brad Smith, and Anne and David Scarse.

Pumpkin Patch trip



The **Pumpkin Patch** excursion is October 14. Van departs the East parking lot at 11:15 a.m. We'll be back to the church **before** 4 p.m. Complete the back portion of the Children's Ministries Registration Form or email kay@valleycommunity.org to reserve your space in the van.

KIDZ Mart



We are already collecting miscellaneous items for **KIDZ MART** holiday shopping for children – so check your closets, attics, garages, and basements and bring your gently used items to the balcony landing area.

Registration Forms

Parents and grandparents - **if you haven't already** filled out and **signed** the back page of the 2012-13 Children's Ministries Registration Form, pick one up in the church office or visit the church web page, www.valleycommunity.org.

Relax at Non-Rush Hour, Oct. 17

Our first **Non Rush Hour** will be offered mid-month on October 17 from 5 to 6 p.m. Each month thereafter, it will be the first Wednesday until and including May 1, 2013. All adults are welcome! This is your opportunity to sit back and chat with old and new friends, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and simply *relax*.

Youth Ministries

Pancake Breakfast for Youth Mission Oct. 7

Calling all Valley members and friends to the annual fall pancake breakfast for Youth Mission on Sunday, October 7 in Davis Hall from 8:30-10 a.m. or 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5/person or \$15/family. Our summer mission trips and special projects happen because of the generous support of this congregation. Thank you!



Valley Youth Support Oregon Food Bank

For the third year in a row, the Valley Youth will learn more about hunger and will support the Oregon Food Bank during the month of October. A contest between the Middle School LIFE group and the High School FAMILY group will determine who can bring the most food by weight. Money will also count! The Food Bank list includes: canned meats, fruits, veggies, & soups, as well as peanut butter, pasta, rice, and cereal. All Youth who come to our Halloween party on October 31 will need to bring something for the food bank to enter the Youth House. **All Valley members** and friends are invited to help us out—you may bring your own donations (food or funds) for the OFB to the Youth House on Sunday mornings for either the High School Youth or the Middle School youth! Join us in this friendly competition to help fight hunger in our area!



We Love Our Youth Advisors!



Youth Advisors serve the Valley Youth in some really incredible ways. In addition to volunteering their time during youth group events on Wednesday nights and helping with youth fundraisers and retreat, they also offer a listening ear, serve as a mentor, pray for the youth, clean up plates and cups and silverware after a meal, and share their faith. We are excited to welcome back some returning Youth Advisors, as well as welcome a couple of new ones. A special shout out goes to these Youth Advisors: Middle School: Kate White, John Whitehurst. High School: Rebekah Hanson, Ruthann Marquis, Jim and Karen Sandberg

SCRIP Gift Cards for Youth Mission

SCRIP gift cards, sold by the Valley Youth on Sunday mornings during coffee fellowship, are an easy way to continue spending money as you usually do (on groceries, at restaurants, on an oil change, car wash, etc.) while also supporting youth mission. SCRIP gift cards give you 100% of what you pay toward the stores you choose (for your own shopping or for gifts to others), but the Valley Youth receive a portion back for the “Youth Mission Fund.” Come visit our table on Sunday mornings in Davis Hall/Gym to place an order for pick-up the following week, get more information, or even purchase a card if they are available. Thank you for your support!



Youth at a Middle School LIFE Meeting in September. “We all belong to the body of Christ!”



Gathering of High School Youth and Adults at a FAMILY Meeting in September.

Valley Scrapbook



Above and Left: Valley's Fall Kickoff featured ways to get involved with the many programs Valley offers..



"Clyde Drexler" considers joining Valley's choir.



Children cooking as part of the Creative Classroom Circuit at Sunday School.



Left: Welcoming our new 6th graders during the "6th Grade Sneak" in September!

Valley Scrapbook



Music Time for children of all ages on Sunday.



Acolyte training in Armitage Hall.



A puppet show was offered to the children of the Sunday School Creative Classroom Circuit.



Middle School girls enjoying dinner in Armitage Hall during a Wednesday night LIFE meeting. Each week, the Valley youth in 6th-12th grades enjoy a meal together.



Many of Valley's ministries were on display at this year's Fall Kickoff.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>7 8:30a Pancake Breakfast for Youth Mission 9:00a Adult Education Class 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship 10:20a Children's Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship 5:00p Youth Choir 6:00p Youth Bell Choir</p>	<p>1 8:00a Women's Aerobics 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:30p Portland Highland Games Association</p>	<p>2 10:00a Tai Chi Class 10:00a Women's Bible Study 1:00p Staff Meeting 6:00p First Tuesday Dinner 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:00p First Tuesday Committee Meetings 40168</p>	<p>3 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics 1:00p Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:00p Middle School LIFE 6:30p Cub Scout Meeting 7:00p Youth Dinner 7:00p High School FAMILY</p>	<p>4 10:00a Alanon 10:00a Tai Chi Class 6:00p Tai Chi Class 7:15p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>5 8:00a Women's Aerobics</p>	<p>6 7:00p High School FAMILY Lock-in</p>
<p>14 Stewardship Campaign 9:00a Adult Education Class 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship 10:20a Children's Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a Session & New Members 11:30a Pumpkin Patch Trip 5:00p Youth Choir 6:00p Youth Bell Choir</p>	<p>15 "Valley Messenger" Articles Due 8:00a Women's Aerobics 10:00a Century Club Board Meeting 6:00p Girl Scout Troop</p>	<p>16 10:00a Tai Chi Class 1:00p Staff Meeting 5:30p VCP Board Meeting 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 7:00p Deacons Ministry 40168</p>	<p>17 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics 1:00p Pastoral Staff Meeting 5:00p Non Rusn Hour 5:00p Cherub Choir 5:00p King's Kids Choir 6:00p Royal Ringers Bells 6:00p Middle School LIFE 6:30p Cub Scout Meeting 7:00p Youth Dinner 7:00p High School FAMILY</p>	<p>18 8:00a Soup Kitchen 10:00a Alanon 10:00a Tai Chi Class 6:00p Tai Chi Class 7:15p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>19 8:00a Women's Aerobics</p>	<p>20 Oct. 20-21 Re-Store Collection for Habitat</p>
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<p>28 All Saints Sunday 9:00a Adult Education Class 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship 10:20a Children's Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship 3:00p Darlene Cusick Concert 5:00p Youth Choir 6:00p Youth Bell Choir</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 6:00p Youth House Halloween party and open house</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <h1 style="margin: 0;">October 2012</h1> </div>		

Valley Notes

Opportunities

Supper Connection groups are open for you to sign-up. Meet and share a meal with six to eight others from the church, three times over a period of six to seven months. You may sign up during coffee fellowship through October 7. For more information, contact Marcia Sanderman.

'Leaps and Bounds'

Performance Inspires Faith in Action for God's World. On October 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Affording Hope Project, Eco-Justice Team of Cascades Presbytery and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns present *Leaps and Bounds*, a theatrical production, at Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church in Portland. Find more information under Events at www.emoregon.org.

Thanks

Thank you to all who responded so quickly to the information about the Per Capita collection. There is still time! Just indicate on your check and/or envelope that the enclosed \$23.85 per Valley member is for Per Capita. Thank you. Sherrie James

Congratulations

- to Ben and Blair Resare, whose son Samuel Peter Resare was born on September 17, 2012.

- to Jimmy and Kimberly Wells, whose son Brendan Clifford Wells was born on September 20, 2012. Proud grandparents are Gary and Lisa Rawlings

In Memoriam

Evelyn Johnson Page
September 11, 2012

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns:

Andrea Murdoch, Dona Moore, Robert Elliot (Donna Russell's stepfather), Sally Moody, Milton Bernhard

We pray for those who mourn:

- Richard Page and family of Evelyn Page on September 11.

- Friends and family of Eleanor Hassett who died recently.



Thank you for sending your check for the
2012 Per Capita - \$23.85

for each Valley member. Your checks help Valley's budget planning.

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

Pastor and Elder responsibilities

With our new class of Ruling Elders and transitions within the pastoral staff over the summer months, we made some changes in responsibilities. The following committees of the Session are directed by these Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders (pastors).

Communications & Social Media: Marie Bird, Rebecca Chancellor

Christian Nurture for Children, Youth, & Adults: Michelle Blair, Andy Dee, Marilyn Hartzell, Hannah Nolen, Rebecca Chancellor

Facilities: Steve Rees, Ben Paroulek

Fellowship: Marcia Sanderman

Finance and Stewardship: Sam Connell, Jeff Keim, Ben Paroulek

Membership: Marilyn Conforti, Diane Meyer

Mission & Service: Andrea Murdoch, Ben Paroulek

Personnel: Amy Dee, Tim Kurtz, Rebecca Chancellor, Ben Paroulek

Worship & Music: David Marquis, Carol Powers, Rebecca Chancellor, Ben Paroulek

Valley Christian Preschool Liaison: Marcia Sanderman, Ben Paroulek



Church Leadership

**Pancake
Breakfast for
Youth Mission
October 7**

With the generous help of the Clippers Mariners, Valley youth will once again serve a pancake breakfast benefitting Youth Mission.

All proceeds will help fund youth summer mission trips and special projects. Please join us!

Congregational Harvest Luncheon
Sunday, November 4, after worship



Everyone is invited!



Concert by Darlene Cusick
Organ and piano selections
3 p.m., Sunday, October 28

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