
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

AS WE COME together in worship and praise of God, we pray that each person present might experience the presence of Christ in a personal way. A warm welcome to one and all.

Friendship Folder - Please sign and pass the friendship folder. If you are a new or frequent worshiper, please sign in so that we will know you are here. The names in the book also allow you to greet those next to you by name.

For the children - Be sure to ask an usher for one of the "Rainbow Bags" which is full of appropriate activities for the worship hour. Parents, please don't retie the bow on the bag handles as we are using this method to figure out which bags have been used. Thank you!

Prayer Concerns - Valley's pastors and staff pray for needs in the church each week. Fill out a prayer request form found in the friendship folder and *place it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor.*

Nursery care is available every Sunday from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM.

The Sanderman Family will be hosting the Sunday morning coffee/fellowship time after the second service. Please join them upstairs in Davis Hall for coffee, tea, juice, and goodies.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, December 27 at the 8:30 AM service are *1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17 and Luke 2:41-52.*

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for Pre-K through Fifth Grade due to Tiny Bethlehem musical. All children are invited to participate in worship with their parents.

TODAY is the day you've been waiting for! **Kidz Mart** is open for "kids" of all ages! Yes, we are open to adults, high school and middle school students as well as children today after the 10:00 AM service. Prices greatly reduced! All proceeds go to Children's Ministries. Check us out in Room 17 from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM.

STILL LOOKING FOR STOCKING STUFFERS? Equal Exchange (organic and fairly traded) coffee, tea and chocolate products will be available in the gym during the coffee hour after the 10:00 AM service today.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING helps to support current and retired church workers in need of supplemental income and medical insurance, and six schools that provide educational opportunities to racial ethnic students. Special offering envelope/brochures are in the pew racks. Please give generously!

PLEDGE ENVELOPES - All members and friends who donate may pick up your giving envelopes in the Fireside Room.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS must be received in the church office before **12:00 noon, December 31, 2009** in order to be included on your 2009 annual report. Cash contributions must include your name and/or envelope number. Thank you.

CENTS-ABILITY SUNDAY IS TODAY! Share in this Christmas season. Our nickels for hunger go to Presbyterian Hunger programs, including a local agency, Care to Share.

AHOY MARINER SHIPS! Looking for a CARGO project idea for 2010? Consider re-painting one or more of the classrooms in the East Wing. Please contact Kay Hope Gold for details.

LUKE-DORF - If you were one of Santa's elves and did some shopping for our children of Luke-Dorf please remember to come and drop the gift off in the food bins near the Fireside Room by Tuesday, December 22 by 12:00 noon.

INFORMATION GATHERING - The church office will be converting to a new database system for 2010. Information forms have been sent to all available e-mails in the current database and will be available in the church office to fill out. You may also complete a form by visiting the church website at www.valleycommunity.org. If you did not receive a form via e-mail, please contact the church office with an updated address. Thank you.

STUDENT MINISTRIES - 6th through 12th grade

CHRISTMAS REUNION DINNER AT THE YOUTH HOUSE - Save the date and spread the word! A reunion dinner is being planned for Monday, December 21 at 6:30 PM in the Youth House. All young adults are invited. What a fun way to reconnect with friends, share what you have been doing and meet some new people! Email karen@valleycommunity.org or jenny@valleycommunity.org so we can plan for dinner. Friends are welcome!

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6th through 8th grade:

- ◆ **SORRY, NO MIDDLE SCHOOL L.I.F.E.** this Wednesday, December 23. Christmas blessings to all!

HIGH SCHOOL - 9th through 12th grade:

- ◆ **SORRY, NO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** this Tuesday, December 22. Have a wonderful Christmas vacation!



Plan to attend and bring friends:
Christmas Eve Services

6:00 PM Family Service
Children's Christmas Story Tableau
Nursery care available.

8:00 and 10:00 PM
Candlelight Communion Services
Sanctuary Choir and English Handbell Ringers
Sing carols and hear the Christmas story.
Nursery care available.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

December 20 - December 27, 2009

SUNDAY, December 20

8:30 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

MONDAY, December 21

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
 6:30 PM Youth Reunion Christmas Dinner
 7:00 PM APNC
 7:30 PM Troop 592

TUESDAY, December 22

6:00 PM Mission Committee Mtg.
 7:00 PM Children's Ministry Comm.
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

WEDNESDAY, December 23

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 7:00 PM APNC

THURSDAY, December 24

10:00 AM Alanon
 10:00 AM Piecemakers
 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

FRIDAY, December 25

Christmas Day - Building Closed

SUNDAY, December 27

8:30 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship



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