
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 Denson-Smart Family and the Steve and Marie Bird Family are hosting this morning's coffee/fellowship time. Join them upstairs in Davis Hall for coffee, tea, and goodies.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, December 13 at the 8:30 AM service are *Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7 and Luke 3:7-18.*

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY DUE TO OUR SPECIAL SAINT NICHOLAS' SERVICE - All children will begin worship with their parents in the Sanctuary. Pastor René will excuse the elementary age* children along with their Shepherds (teachers). These classes will proceed to the Fireside Room for the Bible Story, receive the offering and take attendance. The children will re-enter the Sanctuary with their Shepherds while the congregation is singing the Gloria Patri and will sit in the reserved pews in the front of the Sanctuary. Our special guest will appear during the service and extend a blessing to all children as they are invited up to the chancel. All persons are invited to receive the Lord's Supper.

* Preschool age children may sit with their parents during the service, or join the older children, as the parents deem appropriate. Nursery care is available for children under the age of three.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES - Beginning Sunday, December 13 all members who have pledged for 2010 may pick up your pledge 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.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON - Please join us December 9 at 12:00 noon for our Christmas Luncheon. Still only \$3! Pastor Ben, along with his guitar, and Valley's Preschool children will sing carols for us. We will continue to get into the Christmas spirit singing carols accompanied by Dorothy Wiley at the piano. So come and celebrate the season with friends old and new!

KIDZ MART IS COMING! Please drop your "gently used" articles (household items, desk supplies, scarves, books, soaps, candles, etc.) in the blue basket outside the Children's Ministries office. All children are invited to shop on Wednesday, December 16 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM and Saturday, December 19 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Attention teens and adults, we are in need of shopkeepers. Please contact Kay Hope Gold at 503.292.3537..

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - December 15, 2:00 - 7:00 PM. Please join loyal Valley donors and share the gift of blood. The need is great, the gratification instant! Sign up during coffee hour, or call Mary Lee Marshall.

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.

GAMBLE LIBRARY NEWS - Christmas is coming! Valley's Gamble Library has many Christmas items which will be on display during coffee hour today. Check out some great holiday books or videos to enjoy or share with your family.

NO WEDNESDAY NOON ADULT EDUCATION next week, December 9. Please join us at the Senior Adult Luncheon in Armitage Hall.

SUPPORT THE RALEIGH PARK SCHOOL LEARNING GARDEN by buying your Christmas tree this weekend or next. There are full size, teens and table top trees and all trees are \$30 and under. The sales area is in the school parking lot, which is next to the West Slope Library and south of Raleigh Park. Thank you.

MANY THANKS to Andrea Murdoch and to those who volunteered to help make Valley's Advent Fair a success this year. Wreaths, garlands, bird feeders and many more crafts were available for friends and families to enjoy along with plenty of holiday cheer. Canned goods brought to the Fair will be put to good use by the Oregon Food Bank.

INFORMATION GATHERING - The church office will be converting to a new database system for 2010. Information forms will soon be 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.

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:

- ◆ **MIDDLE SCHOOL L.I.F.E.** this Wednesday, December 9 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Youth House. Time to brush up on your *Christmas Trivia*. Bring a friend!

HIGH SCHOOL - 9th through 12th grade:

- ◆ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** this Tuesday, December 8 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Youth House. We will have a video presentation: Youth and Justice in the World.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

December 6 - December 13, 2009

SUNDAY, December 6

8:30 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
 11:45 AM Prayer Shawl Luncheon
 4:00 PM New Spirit Ringers
 5:00 PM Youth Choir

MONDAY, December 7

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 3:15 PM Camp Fire Meeting
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
 6:30 PM Capital Improvements
 Committee
 7:30 PM Portland Highland Games
 7:30 PM Troop 592

TUESDAY, December 8

10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40168
 7:00 PM High School Uth Group
 7:00 PM Session

WEDNESDAY, December 9

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 12:00 PM Senior Adult Luncheon
 4:15 PM Royal Ringers
 5:00 PM Cherub Choir
 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir
 6:30 PM Middle School L.I.F.E.
 7:00 PM APNC

THURSDAY, December 10

10:00 AM Alanon
 10:00 AM Piecemakers
 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 5:30 PM Preschool Board
 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 592
 6:15 PM English Handbell Choir
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir
 8:00 PM Mom's Basketball

FRIDAY, December 11

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 3:00 PM Campfire Meeting

SUNDAY, December 13

8:30 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
 10:25 AM Youth Sunday School
 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
 2:00 PM Boy Scouts
 3:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 592
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