
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 Hartzell/Standlee Family has graciously volunteered to host 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, January 24 at the 8:30 AM service are *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a* and *Luke 4:14-21.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR JANUARY 17

Pre-K (3 and 4 yr. olds)

Time: After *Time with the Young Church* until 11:15 AM*

Classroom: Room 4

Bible Story: Kindergarten Class will join the Pre-K class for the Bible Story lesson with Kay Hope Gold and "Gigot" the puppet

Music: Amy Rheingans will visit during class

Guardian Angel: Lynn Duncan

Lesson: Baptism of our Lord

Creative Classroom Circuit (Grades K – 5th)

Time: After *Time with the Young Church* until 11:15 AM*

Music: Led by Amy Rheingans in Armitage Hall during the first 15 minutes

Classrooms: Kindergarten - Cooking in the Fireside Room with Claudia Askew

First/Second - Drama in Room 17 with Jan Bellis-Squires

Third - Science in Room 14 with Wayne Boyle

Fourth/Fifth - Art/Video in Room 15 with Shannon Blair

Shepherds: Amy Henning-Blair, Ruthann Marquis, Richard and Kay Gold

*Parents, as a courtesy to the activity leaders and shepherds, please pick up your children promptly at the end of class.

THE FLOWERS in the entryway are given in loving memory of Dick Tuffs.

PLEASE WELCOME Bernie Kuehn as guest choir director this morning as Adam is away.

RIDES TO CHURCH: Your help is needed. Valley's Deacons want to ensure that no one misses Sunday services for lack of transportation to church. They plan to connect those needing rides with members and friends willing to offer rides. Please help by signing up for rides or to be a driver. Phone Frank Powers, Ron Leland, or the church office at 503.292.3537.

DIGGING SOME PRESBYTERIAN MUSICAL ROOTS - Our Presbyterian, Congregational, and Reformed ancestors limited the use of music in worship to versified psalm texts sung to simple melodies by the congregation in unison without accompaniment. No organs or choirs. To those accustomed to the rich tradition of Protestant hymn singing and the contribution of choral and organ works to the experience of Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican worship, the Reformed use of music seems austere and odd. Many assume that this music reflected the dour disposition of Geneva's reformer John Calvin. A closer look, however, suggests that the music of Reformed worship was an extraordinary expression of Christian humanist ideals. It also appears that the liturgical musical practices initiated in Geneva were carefully deployed to maximize the spiritual growth of the congregation. Join Ross Miller, retired senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Portland, for a special Adult Education class Sunday, February 14 at 11:30 AM in Armitage Hall and explore the musical roots of the Presbyterian faith.

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

STOP BY THE NIGHTSTRIKE TABLE during coffee hour and learn about this new outreach opportunity for Valley with Bridgetown Ministries. Our first group of the new year will help on Thursday, January 28. See how you can lend a hand.

THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will be meeting on Friday, January 22, at 10:00 AM in Room 15. The book we will be discussing is *Still Alice*, by Lisa Genova. New people are always welcome to join the group for lively and interesting discussion. Remember to bring your own coffee.

CENTS-ABILITY SUNDAY IS TODAY! We are saving "Nickels for Hunger" and putting 5 cents per meal in our Cents-Ability banks. Our coins go to Presbyterian Hunger programs, including a local agency, Care to Share, which assists in emergency food boxes.

WHY NOT SPEND SOME OF THESE RAINY DAYS READING A GOOD BOOK? Be sure to visit the library table at coffee hour to see many of the new books that have been added during the past year and check one out for your enjoyment.

SENIOR LUNCHEON - Come celebrate the New Year with friends old and new. Lunch will have an Italian theme and begin at noon, Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Eli Nicholes, our Youth Ministry Assistant will be giving us an update on all the happenings in the Youth House. We look forward to seeing you all in this new year.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE CASCADES LEADERSHIP FAIR. Whether you are a church officer, the church organist, a staff person or a member interested in growing your faith, there is something for you at the Cascades Leadership Fair to be held Saturday, February 27, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM at Lake Grove Presbyterian, Lake Oswego. Hear nationally known speakers and attend two of many appealing workshops. Visit the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org to view or download a brochure or contact the church office.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) HELPS HAITI - Thanks to your generosity in giving to One Great Hour of Sharing in previous years, PDA is rushing an initial \$100,000 to help provide immediate emergency relief to the affected people. If you want to give through Valley, make checks payable to VCPC. In whatever form you give, please include the special designated giving account "DR000064 - Haiti."

STUDENT MINISTRIES - 6th through 12th grade

DECEMBER was a meaningful, rewarding and fun month for our Middle School youth. We talked about the birth of Christ and how his birth changed the world. We challenged each other to find the true meaning of Christmas in simple everyday life. Many of the kids brought toys for our Salvation Army Giving Tree and food for the Oregon Food Bank to share with those in need. Each week we prayed for grandparents, neighbors, sick friends, pets and anyone who needed a prayer. This group of wonderful kids not only discovered the true meaning of Christmas, they made a difference in the life of others. Love, hope and peace is our wish for each of you in the New Year,

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6th through 8th grade:

- ◆ **MIDDLE SCHOOL L.I.F.E.** this Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Join us for a discussion on *Living Life* in the Youth House, 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

HIGH SCHOOL - 9th through 12th grade:

- ◆ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** this Tuesday, January 19, 2010. *Dinner and Art!* will be the topic of discussion in the Youth House from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

January 17 - January 24, 2010

SUNDAY, January 17

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
 3:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 592
 Den 7
 4:00 PM New Spirit Ringers
 5:00 PM Youth Choir

MONDAY, January 18

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 10:00 AM Century Club Board Mtg.
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball
 Practice
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
 6:30 PM Capital Improvements
 Committee
 7:00 PM APNC
 7:00 PM Personnel Committee Mtg
 7:30 PM Troop 592

TUESDAY, January 19

10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball
 Practice
 6:00 PM Mission Committee Mtg.
 7:00 PM High School Uth Group
 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry

WEDNESDAY, January 20

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 12:00 PM Wednesday Adult
 Education
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball
 Practice
 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, January 21

8:00 AM Soup Kitchen
 10:00 AM Alanon
 10:00 AM Piecemakers
 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball
 Practice
 6:15 PM English Handbell Choir
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir
 8:00 PM Mom's Basketball

FRIDAY, January 22

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 10:00 AM Library Book Club -
 "Fourth Friday Features"
 3:30 PM Junior Girl Scouts
 4:00 PM Upward Basketball
 Practice

SATURDAY, January 23

9:00 AM Upward Basketball Games

SUNDAY, January 14

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
 4:00 PM New Spirit Ringers
 5:00 PM Youth Choir

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