
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.

A big thank-you to the Navigator Mariners Group for hosting the coffee/fellowship time during November. Show them your gratitude when you go upstairs for coffee, tea, juice, and goodies in Davis Hall.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, December 6 at the 8:30 AM service are *Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11* and *Luke 3:1-6.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE for NOVEMBER 29, 2009

PRE-K SUNDAY SCHOOL (Ages 3 and 4)

Time: After the *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

From Isaiah with Kay Hope Gold.

Music: Amy Rheingans will visit during class

Guardian Angel: Wendy Jenkins

Lesson: The Messiah is Coming

CREATIVE CLASSROOM CIRCUIT (Grades K-5th)

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

Music: In Armitage Hall with Amy Rheingans

Classrooms: Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd - Computer Lab with Donna Russell

3rd - Fireside Room with Kim Smith

4th and 5th - Room 15 Art/Video with Liz Gregory

Shepherds: Kay Hope Gold, Amy Henning-Blair, Richard Gold, Kristina Kurtz

Lesson: The Messiah is Coming (Isaiah 11:1-9 and Luke 2:1-20)

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS - Everyone is invited to a visit from St. Nicholas during worship on Sunday, December 6, in the sanctuary. In many places around the world it is traditional for St. Nicholas to visit all children on December 6. St. Nicholas will bless all present, especially the children. Youth and children are participating in the service and St. Nicholas will assist the pastors. The Youth Bell Choir plays a traditional Czech carol, "Hydom." All are welcome – invite friends and neighbors.

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!

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.

KIDZ MART IS COMING! Please drop your “gently used” articles in the blue basket outside the Children’s Ministries office. All children may shop on Wednesday evening, December 16, and Saturday morning, December 19, during rehearsals for the “Tiny Bethlehem” musical. Note to ALL ADULTS: We’re seeking shop keepers for the event, please call Kay Hope Gold.

ATTENTION ALL GROWNUPS: Come relax and nourish your body and soul at our next Non-Rush Hour, December 2, 2009 (Wednesday) 5:00 - 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room. You’ll enjoy tasty hors d’oeuvres, spiritual discussion with our pastors, and a hand and neck massage (at no charge!) by a licensed massage therapist.

NEW KEY CARD SYSTEM - The doors to the East parking lot are now programmed to automatically open at 7:30 AM and lock at 5:00 PM Sunday through Friday and remain locked all day Saturday. In addition, ALL the exterior locks on both the main building and Youth House have been changed. Groups that meet after 5:00 PM (weekdays & Sundays) or on a Saturday will need to arrange a time to receive their key card from the church office. With this new change, it will be very important that the church office is notified of your plans in advance to ensure access to the church building at your desired time.

DECEMBER 1 IS WORLD AIDS DAY - This is an opportunity to join with individuals, churches and organizations around the world to remember that our lives are touched by AIDS and to demonstrate our support for people living with HIV and AIDS. Visit www.pcusa.org/aids-international to see what our denomination is doing or for more local information visit <http://WorldAIDSDayPortland.org>.

WE STILL NEED ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS for Christmas Eve services. Would your prayer group or your extended family like to share in the joy of participating in the Advent candle lighting at the beginning of services on Christmas Eve? All three services are available: 6:00, 8:00 and 10:00 PM on December 24. Please call Kay Hope Gold at 503.292.3537 or e-mail at kay@valleycommunity.org.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to participate in the pastor-led Bible study on the 1st Tuesday of each month (December 1). Come for coffee and visiting at 10:00 AM. The study begins at 10:30 AM. This year’s study is on the Book of Joshua. Study books are available for \$6.50.

YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS thanks to Ruthann Marquis! On Sunday, November 15, during the Mission Market, Valley youth sold \$1189.00 worth of “layered cookie, soup and hot drink jars”! This amazing fundraiser would not have been possible without the organization of Ruthann. Not only did she sample new recipes, to ensure the tastiest products, she shopped for all the ingredients, printed the labels, cut fabric for the lids and opened her home to many willing volunteers who filled the jars. She also delivered the goods to the church! A big thank you goes to Ruthann and her team; David Marquis, Marilyn Tuffs, Pat Bird, Linda Nicola and Sandy Cundiff. Thanks to all of you who purchased jars and support our Youth in Mission! If you did not have a chance to purchase jars that day, look for the youth selling them during coffee hour and at the Advent Fair. They make wonderful gifts!

SOUP KITCHEN THANK YOU - Many thanks to the Navigator Mariner Ship and Skippers Yvonne and Steve Rees for gathering, preparing, delivering and serving the November meal at the Glisan shelter.

LUKE DORF - Do you feel the call of Luke Dorf in your heart? Each and every Communion Sunday is the day to bring food and other new/used items, such as used socks, sheets, flashlights, candles and much more for Luke-Dorf and the Homeless outreach program. Donations may be left any time. The bins are located to the left of the Fireside Room. Any and all food is welcome, please no glass. For more information, contact Christine Danner.

STUDENT MINISTRIES - 6th through 12th grade

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6th through 8th grade:

- ◆ **SORRY, NO MIDDLE SCHOOL L.I.F.E.** this Wednesday, November 25. Join us next week for fun and fellowship!

HIGH SCHOOL - 9th through 12th grade:

- ◆ **SORRY, NO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** this Tuesday, November 24. We will resume our meetings next week in the Youth House.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

November 29 - December 6, 2009

SUNDAY, November 29

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

MONDAY, November 30

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 2:00 PM Facilities Committee Mtg.
 6:30 PM Capital Improvement Committee
 6:45 PM Girl Scout Troop
 7:30 PM Troop 592

TUESDAY, December 1

10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study
 7:00 PM High School Uth Group

WEDNESDAY, December 2

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 12:00 PM Wednesday Adult Education
 4:15 PM Royal Ringers
 5:00 PM Cherub Choir
 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir
 5:00 PM Non-Rush Hour
 6:30 PM Middle School L.I.F.E.
 7:00 PM APNC
 7:00 PM Liturgical Arts Committee

THURSDAY, December 3

10:00 AM Alanon
 10:00 AM Piecemakers
 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 12:30 PM Capital Improvement Committee
 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 592
 6:00 PM Worship Committee
 6:15 PM English Handbell Choir
 6:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, December 4

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 10:00 AM Library Book Club - "Fourth Friday Features"

SUNDAY, December 6

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
 11:45 AM Prayer Shawl Luncheon
 4:00 PM New Spirit Ringers
 5:00 PM Youth Choir



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