
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.

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.

Join the “College of Elders” as they welcome you upstairs in Davis Hall after the service for coffee, tea, juice, and goodies.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, September 27 at the 8:30 AM service are *Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20* and *Mark 9:38-50*.

PRE-K SUNDAY SCHOOL (Ages 3 and 4)

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

Classroom: Room 4

Music: Amy Rheingans will visit during class

Class Leaders: Connie Brenner and Jackie Bridges

Lesson: Jesus in the Temple

CREATIVE CLASSROOM CIRCUIT (Grades K-5th)

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

Music: Armitage Hall for 15 minutes of Music with Amy Rheingans

Classroom: Grades K-2: Room 16 for videos with Shannon and Jeff Blair

Grade 3: Fireside kitchen for cooking with Marjorie Russell

Grade 4-5: Room 15 for art with Jini DeVries

Lesson: Jesus in the Temple

Shepherds: Michelle Blair, Allison Carlson, Yvonne Caputo-Rees, Anne Scarce

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING RECEIVED 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.

HELP SUPPORT PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARIES. Everyone can help with the special offering for the Theological Education Fund. Use the offering envelopes in the bulletin, or mark your check to Valley “For TEF” (Theological Education Fund) or “Seminaries.” This year, **the offering is in place of a Valley budget line item.**

Our Presbyterian seminaries depend on support from Valley and other congregations to help with the expense of educating our future pastors and educators. The only support from our denomination is from churches in all parts of the country. Contributions of all amounts are welcome and needed. Thank you!

Presbyterian seminaries: **Austin** in Texas, **Columbia** in Georgia, **Dubuque** in Iowa, **Louisville** in Kentucky, **McCormick** in Chicago, **Pittsburgh** in Pennsylvania, **Princeton** in New Jersey, **San Francisco** in California, Johnson C. **Smith** in Georgia and **Union** in Virginia and N. Carolina. **Auburn** in New York and **Evangelical** in Puerto Rico are also related to the PC (USA).

THE SECOND HALF OF PSALM 85 provides a vision of what God's peace on earth will look like when people are centered in God's ways. Do justice, and you shall have peace. The temptation is to look only to ourselves and our own families, but we are to recognize and speak the truth, love others, and ensure justice for all, especially those who usually experience injustice, so that we may all live in true peace. Presbyterian congregations are urged to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering on October 4, World Communion Sunday, so that our denomination can do the work of Christ in furthering justice and peace in our world. Congregations retain twenty-five percent of the offering to support their own justice and peacemaking efforts.

SAVE THE DATE!! September 26th the Washington County Interfaith Committee on Homelessness is planning an event to bring together faith communities in the county to focus on this vital issue. Look for more information to come.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - A big thank you to all our Valley blood donors and volunteer workers. The Red Cross Blood Drive held here September 8 collected 29 pints. As always, the need is constant, and the reward instant in helping save lives. Bruce and Jean Armstrong have donated 166 pints of blood! Please consider joining them at Valley's next drive to be held December 15.

WEDNESDAY NOON ADULT EDUCATION CLASS - Join us at 12:00 noon in the Fireside Room on Wednesday, September 23 for a discussion of the book, "Amazing Grace" with Pastor René Minshew. All are invited.

SENIOR LUNCHEON - Join us Wednesday, September 23 and step back in time to enjoy the music and times of the 1940's. Dan and Kate Murphy will be singing some tunes of that time and Dorothy Wiley will be playing the piano. Bring along a picture of yourself or piece of memorabilia from the 1940's to share on our Memory Table. We gather together on the 4th Wednesday of each month and the lunch is still only \$3 for drink, entrée, dessert and great fellowship!

SUPPER CONNECTION (a new name) - Sign-ups will continue through today, September 20. Dinner groups of eight will gather beginning in October. Please consider this wonderful way to get to know others at Valley. We hope many new members or others who have not participated in this fellowship activity previously will sign-up.

MISSION ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS DUE - October 1 is the Fall deadline for applications to Valley's Mission Endowment Fund. Applications are available in the church office or via e-mail. No applications will be accepted after October 1. Please contact Elaine with any questions.

CARE TO SHARE - Michael Allen Harrison will be the featured performer at the Care To Share annual event on Friday, October 9. It will be held at the Stanford Auditorium on the Nike campus. The doors will open at 6:00 PM with a welcome reception (food provided by Nike) and the concert will begin at 7:00 PM. Marvella McPartland with her "Lighten Up" performers will also be on the program in addition to "The Troublemakers" with their Texas style blues and rock. Tickets are available at 503.277.2402 for \$50 each. Care To Share is a local, non-profit service organization that has been coordinating assistance to families and individuals in the Beaverton area for the past 24 years. We also provided 700 backpacks filled with supplies to Beaverton elementary students this fall. The concert should be great as is the need for emergency assistance in the Beaverton area. Call Cookie Clifford if you have questions.

THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet on September 25th at 10:00 AM in Room 15. The book to be discussed this week is *Stubborn Twig* by Lauren Kessler. New people are always welcome to join this fun discussion group.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

September 20 - September 27, 2009

SUNDAY, September 20

8:30 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
 3:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 592
 Den 7

MONDAY, September 21

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 7:00 PM APNC
 7:00 PM Personnel Committee Mtg

TUESDAY, September 22

10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 6:30 PM Capital Improvements
 Committee

WEDNESDAY, September 23

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
 12:00 PM Senior Adult Luncheon
 12:00 PM Wednesday Adult
 Education
 5:30 PM VCP Ice Cream Social
 8:00 PM APNC

THURSDAY, September 24

10:00 AM Alanon
 10:00 AM Piecemakers
 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 592 Mtg.
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, September 25

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

SATURDAY, September 26

10:00 AM Fall Choir Retreat

SUNDAY, September 27

8:30 AM Worship Service
 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 10:25 AM Youth Sunday School
 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
 12:15 PM Facilities Committee Mtg.

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STUDENT MINISTRIES - 6th through 12th grade

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO RESUME next Sunday, September 27. Please meet in the sanctuary at 10:00 AM. We will walk over to the Youth House together.

High School students needed for Middle School L.I.F.E. staff - High School students (10th grade and up) interested in working with the Middle School group this year, please pick up an application from Karen Yakymi. We are looking for good role models!

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6th through 8th grade:

♦ **SORRY, NO MIDDLE SCHOOL L.I.F.E.** this Wednesday, September 23. Class will resume with a *Fall Round Up* September 30.

HIGH SCHOOL - 9th through 12th grade:

♦ **SORRY, NO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** this Tuesday, September 22. We will resume September 29 with a *Fall Kick-Off* to welcome the new 9th graders!