



STEWARDSHIP 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Stewardship is always a joyful time because it gives us a chance to express our gratitude to God. This year we are considering how *Valley Cares from the Heart*, as we reach out to each other and to the world around us. We believe that Christ's love has been written on our hearts, and here in the Valley we have wonderful opportunities to share that love with everyone we meet.

One of the strengths of this congregation is that we are committed to building community as we share God's transforming love. New members are welcomed and included in our fellowship time. Young families build community with one another. Our expanded children's area in worship creates an inclusive way for all ages to participate in Sunday morning. Even our smallest ones feel comfortable participating in our children's sermon because they are a part of the Valley family!

Our new community room is a wonderful example of our value toward outside community groups as we provide a welcoming space. In 2020 we will be using our Open Doors Campaign funds to create a more welcoming area at the front of the sanctuary, known as the chancel. Our stairs will be wider and safer, and we will have more flexibility to highlight our musical groups and children's pageant.

As we move into our next year, we carry a lot of enthusiasm for our new staffing model and the loving hearts of our staff. Our two newest program staff members, Sheila Sheldon and Phil Romine, are a gift to Valley. Both of them have a heart for ministry and are making a very strong impact on our programs. Many of you have commented on our improved communication and the strength of our education offerings. Being able to phone into the adult education hour has been a blessing to many of our home-bound members.

The caring hearts of Valley will be traveling far during the summer of 2020. After many years of supporting our youth in mission trips, the adults will have their turn. We will send 20 adults to Puerto Rico as part of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Our hope is to create community with new friends we meet. Valley's caring ways will continue close to home. Every week our members respond to the needs that arise through our prayer team, our prayer shawls, our deacon outreach, and meals to those who have returned from the hospital.

This year, our Session is asking all of us to consider a 3% increase in our pledges, which will help us grow while becoming less dependent on our Supportive Ministries Fund. The enthusiasm for our future is contagious. I invite all of you to participate in saying thanks to God for so many marvelous blessings that come to us here in the Valley!

See you in church,

Dedication Sunday
November 3

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.

*I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts;*



and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31

Valley Cares About Mission



Our 2020 mission year will include a partnership visit to Puerto Rico where we will share a generous monetary gift thanks to our Open Doors Campaign. Our traveling team will then report back on ways we can keep our bonds of love strong in this new place!

Valley Cares About Worship

Your stewardship pledge helps support our inspirational worship here in the Valley. Our strong music program which includes the adult choir, small group singers, and our Valley Bells, all combine to warm our hearts and focus us on ways to live out our faith during the week. Our congregation has always valued gathering around God's word through preaching and expressing thanksgiving through prayer and praise.

Valley's Mission Possible: Peace and Justice committee is one of our busiest groups as they search out and offer multiple opportunities for caring. We have long-term relationships with many community agencies. We also have regular hands-on opportunities to make a difference, including building dressers for Bridging, construction help with Habitat for Humanity over MLK weekend, Kid Pack meals, and tutoring at Liberty Community Church and Noble Elementary school. Valley members volunteer directly with PRISM, our food shelf and social service agency. 25% of our giving here at Valley goes to mission. Many new members have come to visit Valley because of our tradition of giving.



Our 2020 worship year includes using our Open Doors Campaign funds to enlarge our chancel area and make it more accessible for all. This will enhance our worship space and allow for many more creative worship opportunities in the future.

Valley Cares About Education

Our new education model now means that all age groups can gather as one large class. This allows our teachers to focus their efforts without having to duplicate times. The bonds of community are enhanced and our children feel part of the whole. Our faith formation emphasis means that all of us are engaged in lifelong learning and that God is still speaking to each one of us. Our children's sermon also incorporates the lesson of the day to help children understand that all of us are blessed when we study God's word together.



Our 2020 education year will include fine-tuning our live streaming of our education hour. The Session anticipates that through the one service and one class time model, community bonds will become even stronger.

Valley Cares About Fellowship



One of the greatest blessings for many is the warm welcome and connected community that is found at Valley. Our members care for each other and pray for each other. They socialize with each other, playing softball and even brewing beer together. Our young families find joy as they share the details of raising their children during such a busy time in their lives.

Your 2020 pledge will support the mission and education ministries of Sheila and Phil, which means that the relationships in these programs will continue to develop. We have much to be grateful for here in the Valley!



Giving from the Heart



Stewardship is a time to count our blessings and respond to all that God has given to us. Valley's ministry is strengthened by a staff that is gifted in so many ways. Our church building has served us very well through the years. We have been able to maintain its beauty and comfort while remaining within our budget.

The Valley Stewardship Committee and Session ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge increase of 3%, along with a gift of your time and talents. We appreciate the volunteer spirit and could not do our outreach and ministry without the help of our members.

We continue our goal of reducing our dependence on the Supportive Ministries Fund as we move into the future. We are so thankful that the generous gifts toward this fund have allowed us to build a strong foundation for the next generation, filled with vibrant youth and young families. Our future looks bright and God's goodness has followed us on our journey.

We thank you in advance for your gifts. **Dedication Sunday will be November 3** to allow the Session to develop a budget that will bring us into the 2020 year ready to do God's work in the world!

Guide to Growth Chart

This guide has been developed to reflect your giving level this year, and how much your pledge would increase given a range up to 7%. A family or household can choose to be represented by one or more pledging units that may include one or more people living in the same family or household, or children who live elsewhere but are still considered part of the household. Please contact the church office if your family or household needs additional pledge cards.

If my/our 2019 pledge is:	and my/our increased commitment this year is...						
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%
	then my/our annual pledge for 2020 will increase by...						
\$100	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$7
\$300	\$3	\$6	\$9	\$12	\$15	\$18	\$21
\$500	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35
\$700	\$7	\$14	\$21	\$28	\$35	\$42	\$49
\$1,000	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70
\$2,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140
\$3,000	\$30	\$60	\$90	\$120	\$150	\$180	\$210
\$4,000	\$40	\$80	\$120	\$160	\$200	\$240	\$280
\$5,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350
\$6,000	\$60	\$120	\$180	\$240	\$300	\$360	\$420
\$7,000	\$70	\$140	\$210	\$280	\$350	\$420	\$490
\$8,000	\$80	\$160	\$240	\$320	\$400	\$480	\$560
\$9,000	\$90	\$180	\$270	\$360	\$450	\$540	\$630
\$10,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700

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