

ValleyPress

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Dear Friends,

On October 25, several Valley members gathered at the Minneapolis Convention Center for the annual fundraising luncheon for Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. Over 1,000 attendees joined together, and we learned about our shared vision of ending homelessness.

Our two community mission causes for Valley are PRISM and Families Moving Forward. A few years ago, Beacon was able to incorporate the FMF program into their program as they worked toward the "three legs" of ending homelessness. These vital areas are:

1. Develop affordable housing
2. Provide emergency shelter for families
3. Advocate for policy change with a focus on those earning less than \$25,000

Our connection with Beacon gives our FMF program financial stability and allows us to share resources that provide a continuum of care for families who are getting back on their feet following a housing crisis.

Our youth started us off this year on September 29 with their first "TENT CITY" designed to raise awareness, raise funds and educate our youth about the challenges of homelessness. FMF Program Manager, Sakinah Mujahid, came and spoke to our kids about the program during the Tent City event.

Our FMF guests will arrive on
November 19 and will stay from

Sunday to Sunday. We are now in our "getting ready" mode as we gather volunteers on Sunday mornings and prepare our supplies. This year we have received a donation of brand new sheets to replace our old ones. We still need volunteers, so please visit the sign-up table during coffee hour or call the church office.

One of our favorite events for our guests in November is to take each family out to buy new snow boots for the winter. All of your generous donations make special gifts like this possible.

We are so blessed to be able to host these families and to extend hospitality as they journey toward their goal of stable employment and safe and affordable housing. All of these efforts remind me again of our Stewardship Theme this year: *Valley Cares!*

Thank you for your open and caring hearts.

See you in church,

**Remember:
Daylight Saving
Time ends Sunday,
November 5.**



Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night. There will be a short congregational meeting following the one service at 9:30 a.m. that day to elect new officers.

The Opportunity Gap: A Critical Conversation at Valley

Saturday, November 4

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Valley

The Opportunity Gap is not about statistics, it is about children. Perhaps a kindergarten child whose parents could not afford quality daycare, or a middle school student whose parents work multiple jobs to pay for rent and groceries and have no time to help with homework, or a high school student who lives with her parents in a homeless shelter.

Join the conversation, sponsored by Liberty Community Church, that will feature Dr. Ross Roholt, Associate Professor and specialist in youth development from the School of Social Work, University of Minnesota, as we prayerfully search for ways we can all make a difference. To register for the event, e-mail kkennerly@gmail.com or call the church office.

Fall Clean Up Day at Valley

Saturday, November 4

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Bring your rake and help prepare the property for winter. It's a lot of fun to work in a group!



Fridays in the Valley November Concert

Friday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m.
The Irresistible Allure of Art Song

Join us for an evening of art song as we welcome Valley natives: soprano, **Emi Chen** and tenor, **Jamie Marshall**. Supporting them at the piano will be none other than Valley's esteemed Director of Music, **Roderick Phipps-Kettlewell**.

The music will range from the lush offerings of Debussy and Quilter to more contemporary works by Bernstein, Finzi and Sondheim. It promises to be an evening of tunes that will keep you humming!

The free will offering will benefit Families Moving Forward.



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 26

Following the one worship service at 9:30 a.m.

Stay after the service and help decorate the church for the Advent season. The Worship Committee will be here to help guide volunteers with hanging greens, setting up nativity scenes and decorating the Christmas trees around the building to prepare for Advent.



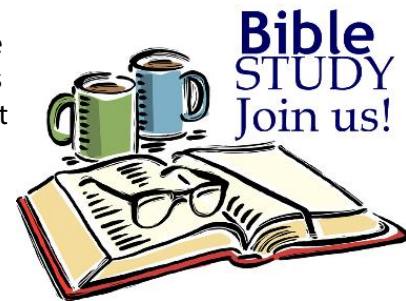
Bible Study with Rev. Jim Cook

Sunday, November 19 at 11:15 p.m.

***To Understand the Bible: Things to Believe;
Things Not to Believe***

Presbyterians often refer to themselves as "people of the Book." Perhaps, more accurately, we are "people of the word." Is it in reference to the Bible? If so, it is rather essential that we read carefully and apply critically. Perhaps, since we are living in a post-Christian world, we have become "people of – (something else). What on earth could that "else" be?

Join Jim at the 11:15 service on November 19 to hear his thoughts and consider what it means to be people of the word.



**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

New Members

Received November 12

We have a wonderful group joining the church at the 9:30 a.m. service on November 12. Please be here to meet them and greet them after the service to introduce yourself. New members say over and over how welcoming we are as a congregation, so let's live that out. Remember to wear your name tag — it's so others may get to know you by name. Are you introducing yourself each Sunday to one new person you see?



Do you have questions about online giving or your quarterly giving statement? Online giving is safe, easy and convenient. Contact Mary Thielke at 763-639-3550 if you want help getting set up.

What Do You Think? What Do You Know?

The Mission Possible: Peace and Justice Committee at Valley continues to study issues of immigration and sanctuary and will share information with the congregation on a regular basis. Did you know that 17 million children under the age of 18 currently live with one or more immigrant parents in the US?

Two popular misconceptions about immigrants that you sometimes hear in the news:

Misconception 1: Immigrants are responsible for high US crime rates.

FACT: Immigrants are LESS likely to be incarcerated than native born citizens. Statistics show that high immigration rates are, in fact, associated with lower crime rates.

Misconception 2: Immigrants and refugees come to the US for welfare benefits.

FACT: Undocumented immigrants are not eligible for federal benefits programs. Even most legal immigrants cannot receive these benefits until they have been in the US for 5 years or longer.

Parents Night Out Event

Friday, December 1
5:45-8:30 p.m.

Drop your kids off with the Family Ministries Team and youth volunteers for a fun night with their Valley friends. They will eat dinner, play, make a special Advent craft and have tons of fun together while you enjoy a quiet evening or get a jump

on your holiday preparations.



Nursery care available. The \$10 per child registration fee includes dinner and all activities. Please sign up no later than Sunday, November 26 to guarantee a spot. E-mail your reservation to the team at families@valleychurch.net.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Valley

Thursday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m.

If you're in town for Thanksgiving, why not come to Valley and share your meal with our Families Moving Forward guests. Sign-ups are already taking place in Fellowship Hall. This annual meal brings old friends and new together to share in the joy of the holiday and everyone has a great time. Check the table to see what items you would like to bring and plan to spend the afternoon and evening at Valley. Everyone is welcome!



Multiple Connections Sale

Bring your friends and shop the sale on Saturday, November 18 in Fellowship Hall for deals on used kids clothing, toys and furniture. Sale runs 7:30-noon.

Book Club

November's Book Club selection is *A Truck Full Of Money* written by Tracy Kidder. The group will gather to discuss the selection on **Friday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m.** in the church library. The group will also choose selections for the 2018 list. Call Linda Todd if you would like to join in.

Mission Opportunities



Families Moving Forward Guests Here

Valley will once again host families in housing transition during the week of November 19-26. Be a part of this hands-on opportunity to serve in this unique program. There is still a need for volunteers to help with set up on Sunday, November 19 (before and after church) and extra evening hosts to play with the kids after dinner throughout the week.

Look for the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office to volunteer.

PRISM Food Needs

The families who visit PRISM are in urgent need of food right now, so please bring all you can next week. Staples such as cooking oil, flour and sugar and proteins such as chili, canned meat, hearty soup and beans, boxed dinners, pasta, rice, sauces, peanut butter, honey, jam and jelly are especially appreciated. Hygiene products are also urgently needed, and travel or sample sizes are useful as well as diapers in all sizes and baby wipes.

Leave your donations in the grocery cart at the lower church entrance, or you can place cash or a check in an offering envelope marked for PRISM any Sunday.

Looking Ahead to December

Annual Christmas Dinner Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

The Fellowship Team will host the annual Christmas Dinner in Fellowship Hall this year on Sunday, December 3. Mark your calendar now and prepare for the holidays with a special meal surrounded by your Valley family. Tickets will go on sale in Fellowship Hall in early November.

PRISM Holiday Shoppe Saturday, December 16

Valley will host the PRISM Holiday Shoppe again this year. Volunteers must sign up through the PRISM website at www.prismmpls.org so be sure to check their website for details. If you can volunteer for the last shifts on Saturday, then Valley members will be on hand to make sure everything is set-up for church on Sunday. Toy, gift card and wrapping paper donations begin in November, so be thinking about ways to make the holidays special for the families of PRISM in our community this year.

KidPack Packing Event Thursday, December 14 1:00 p.m.

Join in the fun as volunteers pack for the month of December for students at Noble Elementary School. Interested in learning more about this program? Contact Virginia Day at vday81@msn.com.

Bridging Dresser Build Saturday, December 16 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Valley volunteers will be heading over to the Roseville warehouse to build dressers for our annual event. Sign-ups will begin the first week of November. All skill levels are welcome. The group will carpool from the Valley parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Call the church office or sign-up in Fellowship Hall to take part in this wonderful event.



November Worship Highlights

Sunday, November 5

Communion

Dedication Sunday

Baptism of L. Kopischke

9:30 Worship Service

Rev. Richard Buller preaching

10:30 Faith Formation

10:30 Congregational Meeting
to Elect Officers

Sunday, November 12

Receiving New Members

9:30 Worship Service

Rev. Deb DeMeester preaching

10:30 Faith Formation

11:00 Adult Education

Parable of the Crayon

Speaker: Susie Potter, Elder

11:15 Second Service

Rev. Deb DeMeester preaching

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Baptism of O. Anderson

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Rev. Jim Cook teaching

FMF Guests Arrive for the Week

Sunday, November 26

Hanging of the Greens

9:30 Worship Service

Rev. Richard Buller preaching

10:30 Faith Formation



Remember the telephone ministry line when you are unable to be with us in person on Sunday mornings. Dial **763-220-1455** or go to www.uberconference.com/valleychurch on your computer or tablet.



November 1	Zee Gee Franzen Dorothy Kline Charles Mattin Monique St. John	November 13	Allison Wandmacher
		November 15	Phil Hunt
		November 16	Nora Negus-Green Megan Parks
November 3	Evan Miller Samantha Newman Linda Todd	November 17	Vonnie Olson
		November 18	Mary Dunham Larry Melander
November 4	Carolina Michael	November 19	Todd Hanson
November 5	Ryan Chancellor Jack Halverson Joel Larsen	November 20	Richard Carlson
		November 21	Jasmyn Swanson Lisa Tracy Hsu-hui Wang
November 6	Donald Loubert Sara Perry Matthew Voss	November 22	Rev. Sarah Bigwood John Eckberg
November 7	Larry Dunham	November 23	Lyn Boyd Bob Ripley Mary Roback
November 9	Miranda Graham Jeff Soltau		Rev. Anne Veldhuisen
November 10	Jean Ann Buller Marge Melby	November 24	Lamia Shapiro Madeline Wandmacher
November 11	Lotti Matkovits Sue Modert Diane Shenk Jessica Smith	November 25	Angela Zywicki
		November 26	Janelle Carlson
		November 29	Karen Chancellor
November 12	Vicki Eklund Dick Reinhart Gary Roback	November 30	Brad Pleimling Mary Vannucci

Happy Anniversary

November 2	Dave and Diane McCunn
November 8	Les and Arlene Freeberg
November 9	Brian and Rachel Hole
November 10	Richard and Suzan Gibson
November 11	Dean and Sheila Gilkerson
November 12	Adam and Whitney Mead
November 15	Tom and Virginia Day
November 21	Jay and Sue Tracy
November 25	Jim and Sue Payne
November 26	Doug and Gail Smith

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5p Yoga 5:30p 21st Century Academy Tutoring 7p Choir Rehearsal	2 9:30a Bible Fellowship 5:30p 21st Century Academy Tutoring 6:30p TCCGC Rehearsal	3 8:30a KidPack Delivery	4 9a Critical Conversation on the Opportunity Gap 9a All-Church Clean-Up 9a Music Together WTC 1p Brew Crew
5 Dedication Sunday	6 11:30a Lunch Bunch	7 Election Day 10a La Leche League	8 5p Yoga	9 9:30a Bible Fellowship 5:30p 21st Century Academy Tutoring 6:30p TCCGC Rehearsal	10 7p Fridays in the Valley Concert	11 Veterans' Day 8a TC Artist Guild 9a Music Together WTC
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