

ValleyPress

July 2017



Phone: 763-588-0831 | www.valleychurch.net | office@valleychurch.net |  Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Valley Lives its Mission: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Opening Lives to God. What exactly does that mean? It means that we provide experiences which inform, enlighten, and connect. This summer, Valley will once again send young missionaries out into the world to show God's love and learn about God's love from people who have different customs. They will connect with members in other Presbyterian churches and social justice organizations. They will learn how to draw upon the courage God gives them to learn new skills and new ways of being.

On Saturday, July 8th our senior high missionaries will leave for Detroit, Michigan. Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church has graciously agreed to host our group for the week. They are a congregation much like Valley, deeply committed to their community and willing to roll out the red carpet for guests.

While in Detroit, our youth will work with an organization called Blight Busters. Their dynamic leader, John George, first started fighting blight on the day his son was born 30 years ago. Since then he (and his son) have helped keep Detroit's neighborhoods looking fit and revitalized a run-down neighborhood by developing it into an artist's zone.

There is no shortage of work and our senior highers will be excellent helpers.

A visit to the Ford Museum and Motown are a must for any trip to Detroit.

On Wednesday, July 12th our middle school missionaries will leave for Bismarck, North Dakota. Our host is First Presbyterian, the church where Tom Bigwood was baptized and confirmed.

Our youth will work with Ruth Meiers hospitality house cleaning and sprucing up the building and grounds. Ruth Meiers provides over 200 shelter beds and 110 affordable housing units, alongside multiple essential services to meet the growing need across the region.

We will also work with Ministry on the Margins, an ecumenical ministry committed to supporting those who fall through the cracks during times of transition. Ministry on the Margins offers hospitality, coffee, meals, a food pantry, prison-to-society support, worship services and many other ministries.

A side trip to a new water park and Fort Lincoln are also in order.

All of these experiences are made possible by the generous support of Valley members. Whenever you purchase stock, buy a Christmas tree or wreath or treat yourself during our Valentine's Cookie Sale, you are helping Valley live out its mission by opening lives to God.

Thank you for your continued support and for loving our youth!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ladies Night Out

Friday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m.

If you haven't come out for a Ladies Night Out event yet, join the group for a fun evening of food and fellowship on their next gathering. All ages are welcome!

Join the ladies for dinner at one of the best patios in Minneapolis — Psycho Suzi's: 1900 Marshall Street NE. Sign-up on Sundays in Fellowship Hall or through the Family Ministries Facebook page. Reserve your seat by July 20th for this favorite venue.



Summer Choir

Sunday, July 30 and Sunday, August 27

There are still two more opportunities for you to join the summer choir. Just come to the Choir Room to practice an easy-to-learn anthem at 8:45 a.m. to be sung at the 9:30 service. You are welcome to sing at either or both. Join others who love to sing!

The Fridays in the Valley Concert in July

Sunday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Prairie Fire Lady Choir

This season concludes with a bang! The Prairie Fire Lady Choir is a Twin Cities-based, all-female a cappella singing group of more than sixty members who raise their collective voices across the state in support of art, community, and creativity. Their current repertoire includes covers from local artists Aby Wolf, Prince, The Replacements, Matt Latterell and Jeremy Messersmith, as well as original compositions from talented choir members. PFLC can also be heard singing unique arrangements of songs by national artists TLC, Metallica, They Might Be Giants, Lucius and Neutral Milk Hotel. The Prairie Fire Lady Choir is sponsored by Springboard for the Arts.

The free will offering will benefit the local Walk to Defeat ALS.



Hero Central Vacation Bible Camp July 31-August 3

Grab your cape and get ready to fly with epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories! Join us for an action-packed super hero training camp where kids discover their strength in God! Hero Central 2017 prepares kids to *Do good! Seek peace and go after it!* (Psalm 31:14) We will spend our time together learning how God's heroes have Heart, Courage, Wisdom, Hope and Power!



The registration fee is \$20 per child or \$40 per family. The VBC songs on CD may be purchased for an additional \$4. Registration forms are available in Fellowship Hall each Sunday through July 23 or on the Valley website at www.valleychurch.net. Register by July 9 to guarantee a t-shirt!

Everything is ready, we just need YOU! Do you want to invite a friend? A neighbor? A cousin? Everyone is a super hero! Parents should fill out a registration form for each camper (both sides) and return them to Wendy Fields as soon as possible.

We can't wait to see you there!



Summer Playdates Around Town

Have some time with your kids or grandkids this summer? Watch the Valley Family Ministries Facebook page for playdates at local parks and come be part of the fun.

Play dates will be popping up all over the cities! Dates will be posted on the Valley calendar at www.valleychurch.net as well. Want to learn more? E-mail Sheila for details at families@valleychurch.net. All are welcome!



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.

Youth Homelessness and Safety Nets for At-Risk Youth

On Sunday, April 30, Valley members and youth advocates, Gwen Rouleau and Warren Linc spoke at the Adult Education forum about youth who are at-risk in the greater Twin Cities area for reasons of homelessness, neglect, abuse, mental illness and/or chemical dependency. In 2015, a Wilder Foundation Research study on homelessness showed that the number of homeless children had decreased by 7% from 2012 to 2015. However, **children and youth ages 24 and younger still make up over half of all homeless persons living in Minnesota.**

As with all Minnesotans who are homeless, the barriers and obstacles to youth becoming and continuing to be homeless include difficulty in family relationships, abuse and violence, lack of education, chronic physical or mental health issues, lack of employment or underemployment, barriers to transportation, the ripple effects caused by discrimination in housing and other systems of inequity and lack of affordable housing. In addition, youth face the additional barrier of being young making them vulnerable to predatory adults.

While there are no easy or quick solutions, there are resources in the greater twin cities area for at risk and homeless youth. Counties throughout Minnesota provide services for dealing with mental health, public health, disabilities services,

human services, and corrections. For Hennepin County, the best access point is:

Northwest Suburban Human Services Center (NW Hub)
7051 Brooklyn Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN
(612) 348-4111

Their hours are **8:00 to 4:30 Monday through Friday**. There are satellite offices in Bloomington, Hopkins and North Minneapolis. Housed in the same building as the NW Hub is CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Program). Call them at (763) 566-9600. This agency can assist people with accessing food at lower costs, clothing and some financial assistance.

Other **non-profit agencies** also **provide services for at-risk youth** in the twin cities metro area: The Bridge, Treehouse, Youth Link, Streetlinks, The Welcome Center, Project for Pride in Living, Beacon Housing Options for Youth, Youth Opportunity Center, Avenues for Youth, Brothers/Sisters, Common Bond Communities, Pacer, Autism Society and the Epilepsy Foundation.

Healthcare professionals who can make referrals for **victims of violence and mental health issues** include: People Inc., Community Mediation Services, Mad Dad's, Humphrey Job Corps, Police Departments, Face-to-Face, Red Door, Center for Independent Living, Community Health Clinics, Drug and chemical dependency rehab facilities, AA and AL-ANON and NOAH.

Summer Yoga

The Wednesday evening yoga class meets all summer long. Want to try yoga but don't have any equipment? Come and use items here. Class is just \$5 per session and all skill levels are welcome.

Book Club

July's Book Club selection is *Before the Fall* written by Noah Hawley. The group will gather to discuss the selection on **Friday, July 28 at a new time: 2:00 pm** in the church library. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. A complete reading list is available in the literature rack.

Community Mission Opportunities



Did you know that there are over 7,000 kids on free-and-reduced meal programs through school who live in our community? PRISM is committed to ensuring they don't go hungry now that school is out.

Join the "Campaign Against Summer Hunger" (CASH) so families can get extra kid-friendly food through the PRISM "Summer Snack Station." Donate money and/or food to help keep the supply strong all summer long! Find out more at www.prismmpls.org.

Some summer favorites for kids include peanut butter and jelly, snack bars, pretzels, nuts, dried fruit, baked beans and canned corn. Leave your donations in the lower church entrance, or you can place cash or a check in an offering envelope marked for PRISM.

PRISM Food Shelf Needs

The need is great — especially for families in our area struggling to make ends meet. The food shelf at PRISM is in constant need of the following items:

- Cooking oil, flour and sugar
- Canned chili and meats
- Canned beans and soups
- Boxed dinners, rice and pasta
- Peanut butter and honey
- Jelly and jam
- Oatmeal and cereals

Looking Ahead to August

Summer Chrysalis

Get excited about summer Chrysalis August 17 - 20!

Rachel Awes will be keynote presenter, speaking on the theme "You Are a Treasure."

Workshops will include Trumpeter Swans, Cake Decorating, Collage and much more. New this summer: an all-camp experience of YogaDevotion. The first 5 newcomers receive a discount, so invite your friends and daughters!

If you have never attended a women's Chrysalis retreat, call the church office to learn more. Many women from Valley regularly attend and can share meaningful, personal experiences of their time at Clearwater Forest.

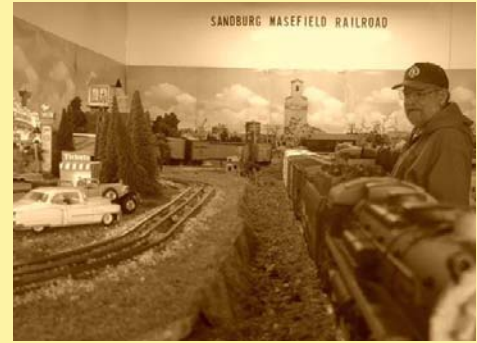
Registration is already open! Go to the Clearwater Forest website at www.clearwaterforest.org/retreats. A full list of course and housing options will be available there. Scholarships are available as well. If you have questions about camp scholarships to any of the Clearwater camp programs (for adults or youth) contact Rev. Richard Buller or Rev. Sarah Bigwood.



Valley Train Day with Gerry Kramer

**Sunday, August 20
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

The Valley Family Ministries team and the Mission Possible team invite you to join them following the worship service on Sunday, August 20 at Gerry's Depot (see the address in the membership directory) for a light lunch, live music and a tour of Gerry's famous train room. A free will donation to support Alzheimer's research will be collected.



Valley Community Presbyterian Church
3100 North Lilac Drive
Golden Valley, MN 55422

July Worship Highlights



Sunday, July 2

Communion by Intinction

9:30 Worship Service

Matthew 10: 40-42

Rev. Anne Veldhuisen preaching

Rev. Jim Cook Assisting

Sunday, July 9

Mission Trip Commissioning

9:30 Worship Service

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau preaching

Rev. Sarah Bigwood Assisting

Sunday, July 16

9:30 Worship Service

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Rev. Sara Lisherness preaching

PC(USA) Mission Agency

Rev. Richard Buller assisting

Sunday, July 23

9:30 Worship Service

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Rev. Jim Cook preaching

Sunday, July 30

8:45 Summer Choir

9:30 Worship Service

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Rev. Richard Buller preaching



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.



July 1	Renee Desarmeaux Jeanne Ewald Debbie Jenkins Darrell Rathje Rachel Tarbell Ruth Tjaden	July 19	Henry Grosshuesch Anthony Kovacovich Robin Chen Cole Priem Heather Rautio
July 2	Denise Kara Marcia Lubin Roger Michael Mia Rautio	July 20	Bill Keen Don Kovacovich Jessica Musta
July 3	Amber Wentz	July 21	Sharon Lee Marian (Niki) McKeon Adrian Musta
July 4	Neal Gusek	July 22	Kathie Holman Ty Miller
July 5	Raina Freeman	July 23	Peggy Oberfeld Lois Robinson
July 6	Cameron Deef Erin Kopischke	July 24	Joel Freeberg Peggy Neibling
July 7	Justin Bing	July 25	Richard Martens Tyler Van Heest
July 8	Mel Newman	July 26	Charlotte Darnie Drew Heinonen
July 9	Scott Robinson John Toering Justin Toering Bonnie Ulmer	July 27	Peyton Hummel Nick Johnson Jill Toering
July 10	Rachel Goslinga	July 28	Wendy Bauer
July 11	Peter David Roger Manro Lisa Tarbell	July 29	Kaylee Deef
July 12	Shannon Lee	July 30	Sydney Glup Darlene Spencer
July 13	Jillene Lynch	July 31	Sue Payne
July 14	Benjamin Marshall Irene Williams		

Happy Anniversary

July 5	Greg and Ann Van Heest	July 21	Ben and Elizabeth Brooker
July 6	David and Erin Kopischke	July 22	Pete and Mariah Messer
July 7	Brian and Susan Lee	July 23	Kevin and Sarah Willey
July 8	Bill and Charlotte Darnie	July 24	Joel and Chelsie Larsen
July 9	Larry and Mary Dunham	July 25	Craig and Melissa Gottschalk
July 10	Dick and Karen Sauter	July 26	Don and Juanita Loubert
July 11	Doug and Jennifer Malecha	July 27	Dan and Chris Marshall
July 12	Scott and Mel Newman	July 28	Gerry and Chris Phelan
July 13	Darrell and Judy Rathje (55)	July 29	Myrle and Jill Reiswig
July 14	Jim Saelens & Renee Desarmeaux	July 30	Dar and Pat Daily
July 15		July 31	

~ July 2017 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 9:30a Communion 9:30a Worship Service	3 11:30a Lunch Bunch 7p 12-Step Meeting	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5 9:30a Brass Quintet Rehearsal 5p Yoga	6 9:30a Bible Fellowship 6:30p TCCGC Rehearsal	7	8 8a TC Artist Guild
9 Senior High Mission Trip 9:30a Worship Service 10:45a VBC Training 5p Garden Potluck 7p Fridays in the Valley Concert	10 Senior High Mission Trip 6:15p Valley United Again-Softball 7p 12-Step Meeting	11 Senior High Mission Trip 10a La Leche League 3p Presbytery COM Meeting 6:30p TCCGC Board Meeting 6:30p Technology/Communications Team Meeting	12 Senior High Mission Trip Middle School Mission Trip 9:30a Brass Quintet Rehearsal 5p Yoga 6:15p Valley United-Softball	13 Senior High Mission Trip Middle School Mission Trip 9:30a Bible Fellowship 6:30p TCCGC Rehearsal	14 Senior High Mission Trip Middle School Mission Trip	15 Senior High Mission Trip Middle School Mission Trip 1p Brew Crew
16 Middle School Mission Trip 9:30a Worship Service	17 6:15p Valley United Again-Softball 7p 12-Step Meeting	18 11:30a Ed Beck Men's Lunch	19 9:30a Brass Quintet Rehearsal 10a Miriam Circle 5p Yoga 7:15p Valley United-Softball	20 9:30a Bible Fellowship 6:30p TCCGC Rehearsal	21 6p Ladies Night Out Event	22
23 Synod School 9:30a Worship Service	24 Synod School 6:15p Valley United Again-Softball 7p 12-Step Meeting	25 Synod School	26 Synod School 9:30a Brass Quintet Rehearsal 11a Knitpickers 5p Yoga 6:15p Valley United-Softball	27 Synod School 9:30a Bible Fellowship 10:30a Dinner at your Door Delivery	28 Synod School 2p Book Club ***Note Time Change**	29
30 8:45a Summer Choir 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Alternative Gift Catalog Sales	31 9a Vacation Bible Camp 6:15p Valley United Again-Softball 7p 12-Step Meeting 7p Book Club	Notes:				