

ValleyPress

May 2017



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

Words of Wisdom

In case you missed it, on April 23 our graduating seniors shared with us during the second service the ways that Valley has impacted them. Below are their words of wisdom.

Alex Kara

"God works in all men and all women and all kinds of people and I have learned this throughout all my mission trips. God works in the youth and the adult leaders of our youth group. He works in the little girls and boys that we work with that make us happy. He works in all men and women who are older and wiser and can teach us."

Jamie Colleran-Skov

"I see myself helping people in my community and that's all thanks to Valley. Valley has shown me that one little deed can light up a person's day, week and month even if they've been having a tough life. Youth group has helped me become a more confident hardworking and empathetic person. It's been a blessing to get to know all of the wonderful people at Valley. Thank you for what you've done for me."

Lizzy Van Heest

"We are an open community. I've read those words every time I enter the sanctuary. I've experienced this first hand in seeing the wonderful ways in which Valley has accepted my life-long friend, Ella Halverson, and

her family into this community. Valley's love is patient. When I'm absent from youth group for weeks on end or miss Wellsprings for a few Sundays, the church patiently waits. There is no pressure to return, but when I do return, the loving community that makes up this congregation is extended to me."

Skylar Smiley

"When I started here I didn't have any sense of faith anymore and I didn't feel like I had any hope left and I felt like the people who loved me didn't actually love me and I was suicidal at the time. I hit the point where I didn't feel like I had any meaningful connections anymore and coming to church with Alex [Dunham] and his mom and meeting people who remembered my name after meeting for a second in the hallway was just what I needed."

May 21st is Graduation Sunday. Please join us that day to celebrate these seniors. If you or someone in your family are graduating from a degree program, please let the church office know by May 17 so we can recognize the accomplishment in our bulletin on that day.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah".



All-Church Picnic

Sunday, May 7 following the one worship service at 9:30 a.m.

What a great way to celebrate the end of Faith Formation and Adult Ed and an early start to summer. The Fellowship Team and the Children and Family Ministries Teams will provide all of the food, all you need to do is mark your calendar and stay after the one worship service that day for fun, food and fellowship.



Ladies Night Out

Friday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Join the Family Ministries Team for dinner at one of the best restaurants in Minneapolis — Victory 44! Seating is limited so Sheila Sheldon needs your reservation by Sunday, May 14. You can sign up each Sunday in Fellowship Hall or make your reservation on the 'Valley Family Ministries' Facebook page. Come on out with the ladies and share in the food and fellowship!



The Fridays in the Valley Concert in April

Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Pavia Wind Quintet: Eastern European Folk Music for Wind Quintet

Join Pavia Wind Quintet for a program featuring Nikola Resanovic's "Drones and Nanorhythms", a recent favorite that features complex rhythms and folk music influences. Pavia Wind Quintet is one of the Midwest's most exciting young chamber music ensembles. Formed in 2005, the Twin-Cities-based group is interested in exploring a variety of repertoire for wind soloists with an increasing focus on contemporary music. Pavia has worked with many local composers to premiere and record new works including Timothy Mahr and Timothy Takach. The quintet is comprised of Erica Bennet Duggan, Lindsey Thompson, Ryan Golden, Gina Goettl, and Justin Windschitl. The free will offering will benefit the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery.



Keys to Success

What are the Keys? What Keys does Valley hold? The Keys to Success Program is an extension of Beacon's Families Moving Forward Hosting Program and all are under the Beacon "umbrella". Families who have the promise of self-sufficiency by being employed, motivated, reliable and able to enter into a relationship with a mentor are given the opportunity to become part of the Keys to Success Program. These families are selected carefully as ones that could best use the "keys" that are offered.



There are 3 "keys" in this program:

1. Case Management by Beacon
2. Subsidy of \$5,000 by the sponsoring congregation (this covers incremental rent payments for one year and helps pay for case management services).
3. Congregational Mentoring for the family for one year

Valley has previously sponsored two families who have achieved much success in recent years. We have a new family this year that consists of a mother with a set of 11-year-old twins and a precocious 3 year old! Mary Schuette is their mentor and is up to the job. Mary has provided such wonderful care, concern and mentoring to Valley's college students as their Deacon so her talents will be put to good use with our new Keys family.

Valley is just getting started with this new family and updates on their progress will be presented as often as possible. In the meantime, if you ever have questions about the Keys to Success program, contact any of the committee members: Carolyn Anderson, Joel

Freeberg, Melissa Gottschalk, Warren Linc, Dan Marshall, Jan Sacco, Mary Schuette or Linda Wold (Chair).

New Member Class

Individuals and families interested in learning about membership at Valley are invited to attend the next New Members Class on **Sunday, May 21 at Valley starting at 4:00 pm.** Dinner and childcare will be provided. Participants will get an opportunity to meet with leaders of the church, learn more about what it means to be Presbyterian and take a full tour of the church building. If you wish to learn more about this class or membership at Valley, please call the church office at 763-588-0831.



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.

Pentecost Special Offering

The Pentecost Offering which we receive on June 4, helps our youth begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. As one of our four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), this offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

25% of this offering goes to Young Adult Volunteer opportunities. Funds provide training for mission assignments, aid in reducing student loan debt, and funds for retreats.

25% supports ministries with youth ages 12-18. Funds support *The Senior Project*, helping graduating seniors explore their next steps in education and vocation.

10% supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative of our denomination to motivate and inspire us to better the lives of one million children by 2020.

40% supports KidPack, Valley’s effort to bring needed nurture to the nutrition-challenged students at Noble Elementary School. This effort brings sustenance to about 150 children each week, at a cost of \$2 per child per week.

Your generous support of this Special Offering will touch many, many young people as we participate and continue to be advocates for and with our children, youth and young adults. By giving online or in the offering plate designating it for “Pentecost Offering,” your gift will be received with gratitude. The need is urgent, and your response will be **Spirited!**

Community Mission Opportunities



Baby Food Drive

What a better way to honor mothers than a baby food drive on Mothers Day, May 14? A Pack-n-Play will be set up downstairs near the coat closet. Bring your baby food and formula donations to church that day and place them there. All donations will be given to the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. Thank you for helping mothers within our community!

KidPack Packing

Join other volunteers on **Thursday, May 25 at 1:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall to pack bags for students at Noble Elementary School. If you are interested in helping distribute the bags at Noble, contact Virginia Day for details.

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

Bring your items to the cart in the atrium any Sunday this month.

Sanctuary Movement Information Meeting

The Mission Possible: Peace & Justice Team has enlisted a task force to examine Valley's potential involvement in the Sanctuary Movement. A first step for all of us is developing awareness of the issues facing undocumented immigrants and how communities of faith can create avenues of safety for people in need. A meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Valley**, with Reverend Mark Vinge from House of Hope Lutheran Church as our special guest. Mark will share how his congregation is preparing to be part of the Sanctuary Movement.

The MPPJ Team encourages all adults from the Valley community to come to this informational meeting and to be part of the conversation.



Summer Softball Sign-Ups

Valley is planning on two teams again this year and the season begins May 1st! Anyone interesting in playing this season should contact Craig Gottschalk or Brian Hole for complete details.

Book Club

May's Book Club selection is *The Mothers* written by Brit Bennett. The group will gather to discuss the selection on **Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 pm** in the church library. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. A complete reading list is available in the literature rack.

Looking Ahead to June

Golden Valley PrideFest 2017

Sunday, June 11

The 2nd Annual Golden Valley PrideFest will take place on Sunday, June 11 at Brookview Park. There will be a worship service there at 10:30 a.m. followed by booths and festivities around the park—everyone is welcome. Valley will be on the

summer worship schedule and Rev. Sarah Bigwood and Rev. Jim Cook will lead the service here at Valley at 9:30 a.m.

Annual Valley Day with the Minnesota Twins

Sunday, June 18 at 1:10 p.m.

Valley has reserved 40 seats at the June 18th game against Cleveland. Reservations can be made each Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall until the end of May, so get your reservation in right away! Tickets are only \$18 each this year and we get great seats together to enjoy the fun and fellowship of baseball. If you would like to reserve your seats over the phone, call the church office at 763-588-0831.



Clearwater Forest Friends and Family Day and Bike Ride

Everyone is invited to the annual Friends and Family Day at Clearwater Forest Camp in Deerwood Minnesota on **Saturday, June 10**. If you like to bike, they offer two options—a 30 mile and a 50 mile course. Rev. Richard Buller and Wendy Fields will both be riding this year if you would like to join them. The rides begin at 8:00 a.m. and the festivities at the camp run all day from 10:00-4:00.

Participants are encouraged to try out different activities that the camp offers each summer and share in food and fellowship with others from our Presbytery and beyond who love the camp. Sign-ups will begin in May for those interested in riding or sponsoring those who do. All funds go to Clearwater Forest.

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

May Worship Highlights

Sunday, May 7

Communion

All-Church Picnic

9:30 Worship Service

Rev. Richard Buller preaching

John 10: 1-10

10:30 All-Church Picnic

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Baby Food Drive for Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery

9:30 Worship Service

Rev. Richard Buller preaching

John 14: 1-14

11:15 Worship Service

Sunday, May 21

Graduation Sunday

9:30 Worship Service

Rev. Sarah Bigwood preaching

Rev. Richard Buller assisting

John 14: 15-21

11:15 Worship Service *(final for year)*

Sunday, May 28

Summer Schedule Begins

One Worship Service

John 17: 1-11

9:30 Worship Service

Rev. Richard Buller preaching

Alternative Gift Catalog cards will be available at the sign-up table during coffee hour

• • • • •

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.



May 9	Ana Freeberg	May 18	Zach Frey
May 9	Maren Hummel	May 18	Kevin Hagelin
May 10	Earl Shenk	May 19	Catherine Gale
May 10	Shirley Toering	May 19	Amy Matthews
May 12	Brian Hassel	May 19	Thomas Schuette
May 12	Susan Tracy	May 20	Lloyd Olson
May 14	Elizabeth Brooker	May 21	Jan Sacco
May 14	Phyllis Sutherland	May 22	Herb Nichols
May 15	Vivian Bi	May 23	Dan Priem
May 15	Suzan Gibson	May 23	Amanda Snyder
May 15	Jack Sandau	May 24	Carolyn Anderson
May 16	Gloria Ayshford	May 24	Leonard Frame
May 16	Darlene Sehnert	May 26	Sandra McCarthy
May 17	Abigail Bauer	May 26	Lynn Thier
May 17	Len Biggs	May 27	Mariah Gautsche
May 17	Andrew Newman	May 30	Megan Thomas
May 18	Tom Bigwood	May 31	Alex Gillett

Happy Anniversary

May 1	Tom and Mary Schuette
May 1	Hunter and Sheila Sheldon
May 3	Gary and Mary Roback
May 25	Pius and Ampah Nti
May 26	Robb and Jennifer Miller

~ May 2017 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:30a Lunch Bunch 7p 12-Step Meeting 7p CMT Meeting	2 10a La Leche League 6p Garden Potluck 6:30p Hand Bell Rehearsal	3 9:30a Brass Quintet Rehearsal 5p Yoga 7p Choir Rehearsal	4 9:30a Bible Fellowship 6:30p TCCCGC Rehearsal	5 5:45p Parent Night Out	6 8:30a TEAMS-End of Year Celebration 12Noon Mark Jackson's Memorial Service
7 9:30a Worship Service Communion 10:30a All Church Picnic	8 1p Adult Ed Committee Meeting 6:30p Deacon Meeting 6:30p Multiple Connections 7p 12-Step Meeting	9 4p Presbytery Meeting 6:30p Hand Bell Rehearsal 6:30p TCCCGC Board Meeting 6:30p Technology Meeting	10 9:30a Brass Quintet Rehearsal 5p Yoga 7p Choir Rehearsal	11 9:30a Bible Fellowship 5:30p PRISM Taste of the Burbs Event 6:30p TCCCGC Rehearsal	12 7p Fridays in the Valley Concert	13 6a Geek Squad work day 8a TC Artist Guild 9:30a Community Garden Work Day
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
GMCN Baby Food Drive 9:30a Worship Service 11:15a Worship Service	7p 12-Step Meeting	11:30a Ed Beck men's lunch 6p Girl Scout Troop #12384 6:30p Hand Bell Rehearsal	9:30a Brass Quintet Rehearsal 10a Miriam Circle 12p Crisis Nursery: Formula for Hope Event 5p Yoga 6:30p Briarwood Condominiums Meeting 7p Choir Rehearsal	9:30a Bible Fellowship 6p Garden Potluck 6:30p TCCCGC Rehearsal	6:30p Ladies Night Out	1p Brew Crew 2p Dolce Wind Rehearsal
21 9:30a Worship Service Graduation Sunday 11:15a Worship Service 4p Dolce Quintet Concert 4p New Member class	22 6:30p Session Meeting 7p 12-Step Meeting	23 6:30p Hand Bell Rehearsal	24 9:30a Brass Quintet Rehearsal 11a Knitpickers 5p Yoga 7p Choir Rehearsal	25 9:30a Bible Fellowship 10:30a Dinner at your Door Delivery 1p KidPack Packing 6:30p TCCCGC Rehearsal 7p Woman's Spirituality Group	26 9a KidPack Distribution 1p Valley Press Assembly	27
28 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Alternative Gift Catalog Sales	29 Memorial Day	30 6:30p Sanctuary Movement Information Meeting	31 9:30a Brass Quintet Rehearsal 5p Yoga 7p Book Club	Notes:		