

THE VALLEY

SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Valley Community Presbyterian Church

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Community News

• MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Rev. Deborah Fortel is preaching on Sunday, June 4 @ 9:30 AM**
 - Rev. Fortel was Valley's 4th pastor from 1991-2002
- **All-Church Picnic | Sunday, June 4 @ 11:15 AM (page 6)**
- Fridays in the Valley switches to SUNDAY in June and July (page 5)
 - **SUNDAY**, June 11 @ 7 PM | Open Pages Cabaret - Lydia Wagner & Charlie Aldrich
- **VBC-Compassion Camp (Tues, June 13 - Thurs, June 15: 9am - 12pm & Sat, June 17: 10am - 3pm)**
 - For kids entering Kinder - 6th Grade in Fall 2023 | Cost = \$25/family
- **Valley Day at the Twins - June 18 @ 1 PM**
- **SAVE THE DATE! Clearwater Adventure-a-Thon & LuWow! | Saturday, July 15 (page 7)**
- Ladies Night Out | Friday, July 14 | 6:30 PM | Hola Arepa 3501 Nicollet Ave. S
- **Valley Night Out & Driveway Puppet Theater | Sunday, July 30 (page 7)**
 - Potluck Dinner @ 5:30 PM, Puppet Show @ 7:00 PM
- **Valley Golf Outing | Sunday, August, 6 @ 2 PM | New Hope Golf Course (pages 5, 7)**
- Parents Night Out | Friday, August 11 @ 5:30 PM (page 7)
- **Summer Clearwater Chrysalis | August 17-20 (optional volunteer day August 16)**
- Don't miss all of the opportunities to connect this month and beyond! (pages 5-10)

• MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Golden Valley Pride Festival | Saturday, June 10 @ 12 PM (page 6)**
- Coffee & Cake with the Karwan Family | Sunday, June 18 @ 10:30 AM (page 5)
 - Silab would like to see everyone and thank Valley for all of the support!
- **Earth Care Task Force (page 8)**
- NEEDED Meals on Wheels Drivers - call the Church Office if you can volunteer

A Letter From The Pastor

JUNE 2023

Dear Valley Family,

As the month of June brings in summer for all of us, Valley has some wonderful highlights and events to celebrate. This weekend, on **June 4th we will welcome Rev. Deborah Fortel**, Valley's pastor before I began my ministry in 2002. Rev. Fortel was pastor here from 1991-2002. I am so pleased that she is able to preach in the pulpit she served for so many years. After the pandemic, we have finally made this happen!

Her husband Rev. Dr. David Sawyer will be here as well. He served the Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church in Apple Valley while Deborah was at Valley. We will be celebrating communion, and our Valley Choir will be singing. Our church picnic follows worship.

Saturday, June 10th will be **PRIDE DAY** for Golden Valley held at Brookview Park. Valley will be hosting a welcome table and many members have volunteered to meet and greet our neighbors throughout the day. Sunday, June 11th will also focus on PRIDE as all of our outreach ministries are getting back on their feet! That evening is the Sunday edition of Fridays in the Valley, so mark your calendars.



Rev. Richard Buller

Please check our listing on page 9 of the various **Graduation Parties** of our Seniors. It is a long Valley tradition to continue to support our youth as they continue their education.

Also, our Senior High youth are very excited to travel together on their **Mission Trip to Kansas** after the 3-year lapse caused by the pandemic. They will be working with local Presbyterian churches helping with their community outreach programs in the Kansas City area in both Kansas and Missouri.

Our Middle School youth will focus on **local mission opportunities** by volunteering once a month this summer at various agencies in the Twin Cities. Some will also attend summer camp at Clearwater.

As we prepare to resume our Vacation Bible Camp for our younger kids, Mariah and Sheila are working closely with our Adult Volunteers to make the theme of **Compassion Camp** a success.

I am also excited to see our Valley Community Garden come back to life. We did some work on our plot this weekend and met some new faces. I am thankful to Sheila for her ongoing leadership to keep our Garden running smoothly.

I hope all of you can take some time to relax and take in nature this summer.

And if you are out of town, do not forget to catch us on the live stream!

Remember, Valley, you are loved—

Richard

Baby Gabriella was baptized and welcomed into the Valley family on Mother's Day Sunday. Richard also baptized Gabriella's mom, Sadie, in 2004!



Valley Youth Group and TEAMS participants and their families celebrated the end of the school year with a friendly kickball game and potluck picnic.

*Join us for
worship!*

Sundays
at 9:30 AM
or anytime on our
YouTube Channel

We are worshipping in-person and via live-stream.

WORSHIP SERVICE OVERVIEW

- Offering and Prayer Request cards are once again being collected by an usher during the service.
- The Nursery is always available with a TV to watch the service for parents whose little ones need a break.
- Activity Bags and Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex. Sunshine Room is staffed for children 3 and up.

Valley Connects- May 2023

Grad Sunday



Y.E.S. Tea



Pentecost Sunday



TEAMS Tie-pillow project



**FRIDAYS IN THE VALLEY
SUMMER
SUNDAY SERIES:**


**Lydia Wagner
Charlie Aldrich**

Open Pages Cabaret

AN EVENING OF MUSICAL THEATER

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 | 7:00 PM

**FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
THE FATHER PROJECT**



**FRIDAYS IN THE VALLEY
SUMMER
SUNDAY SERIES:**



SUNDAY, JULY 9 | 7:00 PM

**Chris Becknell, Irish fiddle
David Crittenden, guitar**

**FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
PRISM & DISTRICT 281
SCHOOL SUPPLIES**



**KARWAN FAMILY
CELEBRATION**

Sunday, June 18 | 10:30 am | Fellowship Hall

A celebration for the Karwan family to show appreciation for their Valley family and especially the immigration volunteers!



**NEW HOPE GOLF COURSE
VALLEY SUMMER
GOLF EVENT**

**Sunday, August 6
2:00 pm**

After golfing join us at
**The Wicked Wort in Robbinsdale
for fellowship @ 4:30 PM.**

32 spots available, sign up
in Fellowship Hall.



• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

**3RD & 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

• JUNE 15 AND 23 •

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley

CONTACTS:

**Gail Smith
Marge Thurston**
use your directory
or call the office.



Valley Brew Crew

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24
4:00 PM (BOTTLING)
6:00 PM (POTLUCK)**

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Come when you can, and bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. There will be meat in the smoker and beverages in the cooler! Hope to see you there!

If you would like to be added to the email list or have questions about Brew Crew, Jay Perry is who you need to talk to!

**CONTACT JAY PERRY FOR DETAILS:
763 438 2476 | j_perry3@yahoo.com**



On the Road to FELLOWSHIP at Valley



VALLEY UNITED SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

May 31 - 7:15pm	June 28 - 7:15pm
June 7 - 6:15pm	4th of JULY BREAK
June 14 - 6:15pm	July 12 - 7:15pm
June 21 - 7:15pm	July 19 - 7:15pm

**COME SUPPORT VALLEY'S SOFTBALL
TEAM! HIT A HOME RUN!**

MARSHALL TERRACE
2740 MARSHALL STREET NE
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55418

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4
11:15 AM**

The Fellowship Committee invites you to celebrate the start of summer by attending the Valley Picnic!

We will be serving our traditional picnic fare: hot dogs, brats, beans, and coleslaw.

Please join us rain or shine to welcome the 1st Sunday of summer!

5th ANNUAL GOLDEN VALLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL!

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH
12:00 - 6:00 PM
BROOKVIEW PARK

After taking several years off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Golden Valley Pride Festival is back for its 5th Annual celebration! Valley will have a booth run by volunteers to support the event and meet folks in our community.

The festival is family-friendly with music, food vendors, bounce houses, inflatable obstacle courses, games, and MORE!

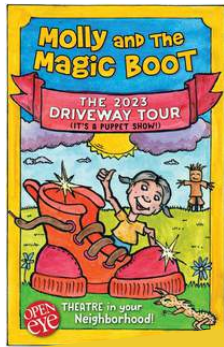
Mark your calendars and come support this amazing event in our GV community.

Check out Page 10 to learn more about the history of the GV Pride Festival!



1ST ANNUAL VALLEY NIGHT OUT!

SUNDAY, JULY 30
DINNER - 5:30PM | SHOW - 7:00PM



We're grilling dinner and hosting a performance of Open Eye Theater's **MOLLY AND THE MAGIC BOOT!**

We have had such an amazing time the past two summers watching Open Eye Theater artists and their puppet friends perform for us in the Valley parking lot! We figured, why not grill out and make a night of it?

So, grab you friends, family, and neighbors! **Come for a potluck dinner (we'll grill, you bring a side or dessert to share) and stay for the show.** All are welcome!

About the show:

Molly is excited to spend a whole week at Grandma's farm, but events on the journey there leave her without her gadgets. With the help of a Magic Boot and a cast of new farm friends, Molly's time with Grandma becomes a summer to remember.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!
FRIDAY, AUG 11TH
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

VALLEY KIDS, COME HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS! DINNER INCLUDED.

CHECK TUESDAY FAMILY EMAILS LATER THIS SUMMER FOR SIGN-UP INFO

NEW HOPE GOLF COURSE VALLEY SUMMER GOLF EVENT

Sunday, August 6
2:00 pm

After golfing join us at **The Wicked Wort in Robbinsdale** for fellowship @ 4:30 PM.

32 spots available, sign up in Fellowship Hall.

VALLEY CHURCH Ladies' Night Out

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023
6:30 PM

HOLA AREPA
3501 NICOLLET AVE. S
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



The **Adventure-a-Thon** will begin at 2 pm and include kayaking, mountain biking, and trail running or walking. Kayaks and bikes can be provided by Clearwater. (Please note this in your registration.) Event registration costs \$30 and includes a T-shirt.

The **LuWow!** will begin at 5 pm with a roasted pig at the top of the menu along with delicious side dishes and desserts. Live music will be provided by the Rusty Crayfish Brass Band. Thanks to sponsorship by TK Pools and the generosity of Clearwater Forest staff and board members, this event will be offered free of charge.

We hope that those who attend will be caught up in the inspiring vision and mission of Clearwater Forest and will give generously.

What to Bring: lawn chair or blanket and beverage of choice (non-alcoholic beverages will be available)

REGISTER NOW!

Click here to register. Or visit <https://clearwaterforest.org/events/>

EARTH CARE CORNER



In May, Valley's sustainability group met to share a wealth of ideas and resources!

A few included:

- **TARE Market** (thetaremarket.com) where you can bring your own containers or borrow theirs to fill with products such as laundry soap, toothpaste bits, and shampoo. This helps avoid single use plastics. *Their dishwasher soap works amazingly well!*
- Co-ops such as the **Eastside Co-op** or **Wedge** where you can purchase items in bulk such as vegetables, fruit, maple syrup and hand soap in your own containers. This again reduces the use of plastic bags and containers.
- *Tip: check out the plant-based restaurant Francis across the street from the Eastside Co-op.*
- **Hennepin County resources** such as a guide to your refrigerator and how to dispose of unused medicines. County speakers at a senior's high-rise informed their group that plastic water bottles are indeed recycled in Minnesota but not in other areas of the country. Black plastic is never recycled so avoid it whenever possible.
- No matter where you shop, look for products that are packaged in **paper or glass containers** that can either be recycled or reused. It's also a good idea to **purchase the largest size of container if the product only comes in plastic packaging.**
- For an uplifting and encouraging look at saving our environment, enjoy the poem **Earthrise** by **Amanda Gorman**. [Click here to WATCH.](#) [Click here to READ.](#)

As always, your questions and ideas are welcome!

Members of Valley's Earth Care Task Force include Janet Triplett, Andrew Gillett, Julie Westerlund, Carolyn Anderson and Mariah Messer (ex-officio).

Update submitted by Carolyn Anderson

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TASK FORCE



A huge thank you to Jim Rock and Roxanne Gould for their "Native Perspectives" presentation on Earth Care Sunday, April 23rd.

Jim Rock and Roxanne Gould shared their experience with the Hāha Wakpadanj/Bassett Creek Oral History Project and their work with Makoce Ikikcupi. Makoce Ikikcupi, meaning Land Recovery, is a project of reparative justice on Dakota homelands in Minnesota. The project seeks to bring some of our relatives home, re-establish our spiritual and physical relationship with our homeland, and ensure the ongoing existence of Dakota Peoples.

Update and photo submitted by Mariah Messer

Land Acknowledgement Task Force

Jen Biggs, Crystal Boyd, Lyn Boyd, Jan Fedora, Mariah Messer, Jeanine Miakotina, Susie Potter, Pastor Richard

DONATE TODAY!!

The PRISM Food Pantry is always in need of meal staples but another need often forgotten is grocery bags. **Bring yours bags to Valley!**

Grocery
Bags
Needed!



The Valley Education Corner

**SUMMER
BREAK
2023**

**EDUCATIONAL
MINISTRIES**

DATES:

Tues, June 13 - Thurs, June 15

9am - 12pm and

Saturday, June 17 from 10am - 3pm



Compassion Camp's goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves, and the world. Illustrated Ministry's Compassion Camp is an ecumenical curriculum written by PCUSA, UCC and Methodist clergy, and educators. Each session has a central scripture passage about the theme. We'll sing songs, make music, play, create art, move our bodies, and talk about how to show compassion in our church, school, community, city, and world!

Mission Opportunities for Middle & High School

• Senior High Mission Trip | June 25-30 Kansas City, Kansas

◦ We'll volunteer, sight-see, learn, laugh and grow together!

• Middle School Local Mission Schedule

- June 20 @ 8:45 AM - Feed My Starving Children
- July 18 @ 12:30 PM - Second Harvest Heartland
- August 11 @ 1:00 PM - PRISM

• Summer Camp at Clearwater Forest Grades 3-12! Scholarships available.

◦ [Click here](#) for Summer Camp Info!

VALLEY GRADUATES 2023

OPEN HOUSE PARTY INFO:

EMILY GILLETT

June 3 | 2-5pm | Gillett Home

MAX WESTERLUND

June 11 | 1-4pm | Westerlund Home

MICHAEL VOGEL

June 24 | 1-4pm | Vogel Home

ROY MICHAEL

June 25 | 4-7pm | Annunciation Wiffleball Field



Use your church directory or call the church office for exact addresses to attend or mail cards!

THANK YOU, VALLEY, FOR AN INCREDIBLE Y.E.S. TEA!

What an amazing Y.E.S. Tea! A huge thank you goes out to our 15 table hosts, 6 table co-hosts, 12 youth servers, 4 members of the Kitchen Team, and 107 attendees. Hearing from table hosts during the Tea gave us all an appreciation for how much thought, work, and planning goes into hosting a table.

This year we were able to raise over \$3,000 for the Youth Education Scholarship Fund!





In 2023 Golden Valley Pride Festival will celebrate its **5th Annual Festival** – and will be the best one yet!

The organizers of the Golden Valley PRIDE Festival are excited to gather with the community to celebrate their 5th Anniversary event! This is the first festival they've held since the Covid pandemic, so they are excited to return (as are festival participants, board members, vendors, sponsors and performers).

The 1st Golden Valley Pride Festival was held on June 12, 2016 at Brookview Park. It was the first suburban PRIDE Festival in the Twin Cities! The event was a huge success, with over 3,000 people in attendance. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Annual Golden Valley Pride Festivals were even bigger, attracting roughly 5,000 attendees each year.

What makes the festival so special is the family-friendly atmosphere. Kids can enjoy inflatable bouncy houses and obstacle courses, Giant Jenga and other yard games! **NEW THIS YEAR:** There will be 2 stages full of entertainment. General Mills is sponsoring a larger main stage at one end of the park, and there will be a smaller community stage at the other end of the park. Don't forget to register for the [GLASS Volleyball Tournament](#) and [Stonewall Sports Kickball Exhibition Games](#)!

There will be food trucks and many community vendors!
There is sure to be something for everyone.

June 10, 2023
12:00 - 6:00 PM
Brookview Park
200 Brookview Pkwy N,
Golden Valley, MN 55426
GoldenValleyPride.com



CALENDAR

Join us for coffee and donuts on Sundays following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, June 1

First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month

10:00 AM Bible Fellowship

Sunday, June 4

9:30 am Worship Service with communion

Rev. Deborah Fortel preaching

11:15 am All-Church Picnic

Monday, June 5

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

11:30 Bible Fellowship @ 50's Grill

Wednesday, June 7

6:15 pm Valley United Softball game

Saturday, June 10

12:00 - 6:00 pm Golden Valley PRIDE Festival at Brookview Park

Sunday, June 11 - PRIDE Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service

7:00 pm *Sundays* in the Valley concert

Tuesday, June 13

9:00 am - 12:00 pm VBC Compassion Camp

Wednesday, June 14

9:00 am - 12:00 pm VBC Compassion Camp

6:15 pm Valley United Softball game

Thursday, June 15

9:00 am - 12:00 pm VBC Compassion Camp

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

Saturday, June 17

10:00 am - 3:00 pm VBC Compassion Camp

Sunday, June 18 | Father's Day

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Coffee & Cake with the Karwans

1:00 pm Valley Day at the Twins

Monday, June 19 - Valley Office CLOSED Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 20

9:00 am Middle School Mission Event #1

11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon

Wednesday, June 21

7:15 pm Valley United Softball game

Thursday, June 22

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

Saturday, June 24

4:00 pm Brew Crew at the Perry's House

Sunday, June 25

9:30 am Worship Service

Sunday, June 25 - Friday, June 30

Senior High Mission Trip - Kansas City, KS

Monday, June 26

6:30 pm Session Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

Ainsley Herring 6/1	Catherine Parks 6/15
Eleanor Kopischke 6/1	Dawn Schuldt 6/15
Connor Gottschalk 6/2	Steve Wasmoen 6/15
Lisa Kummer 6/2	Vicki Wheeler 6/15
Ryne Nichols 6/2	Steve Dobovsky 6/16
Alice Zieska 6/2	Rick Carlson 6/17
Carol Bright 6/3	Taichi Chen 6/17
Tom Magill 6/3	Stefanie Freeman 6/17
Margo Morrow 6/4	Stacy Thompson 6/19
Odin Anderson 6/5	Duncan Fadell 6/20
Jackie Graham 6/5	Marit Willey 6/20
Odin Willey 6/5	Kaden Craven 6/22
Christy Smith 6/6	Alicia Brant 6/23
Mike Vogel 6/6	Lia Mayer 6/24
Oriana Freeman 6/7	Larren Boyd 6/25
Lucy Feneis 6/9	Sam Malecha 6/25
Ella Halverson 6/9	Tom Day 6/26
Daniel Marshall 6/9	Craig Michael 6/26
Bonnie Carlson 6/12	Tim Grosshuesch 6/27
Ann Roach 6/13	Kate Reinert 6/27
Beth Carlson 6/14	Lois Schmidt 6/27
	Jay Tarbell 6/27
	Ben Kummer 6/29
	Merlyn Mayer 6/29
	David Toering 6/29



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VCPC LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

As a faith congregation opening hearts, opening minds, and opening lives to God, Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC) seeks to honor the important stories and lived experiences of its members and neighbors.

VCPC sits on the ancestral and contemporary land of the Dakota people, for whom the land holds historical, spiritual, political, and cultural significance.

We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota people and pledge to interrupt this legacy.

We will educate ourselves about Indigenous history and recognize, support, and advocate for our Native neighbors.

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