

# THE VALLEY

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



## Valley Community Presbyterian Church

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**Cover Photo:** The Fellowship Hall can now add "Temporary Worship Space" to its résumé! This proved to be a very cozy summer Sanctuary in Summer 2024 while renovations were carried out upstairs.

# Community News

## • MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Homecoming Sunday - September 8 @ 9:30 AM**
  - Worship with Valley family in the newly renovated Sanctuary, reconnect with friends, update your directory profile and enjoy a potluck lunch!
- **Sheila Sheldon is preaching on Sunday, September 1 @ 9:30 AM**
- Rev. Bill Davnie preaching on Sunday, September 29 @ 9:30 AM
- **Fridays in the Valley (pages 5, 8, 14)**
  - Friday, September 13 @ 7 PM | Momoko Tanno & Friends
- **Valley Brew Crew | Saturday, September 14 | 1 - 6 PM (page 9)**
- Valley Craft Club | Saturday, September 21 | 10 AM - 2 PM (page 9)
- TEAMS & Youth Group Kick-off | Sunday, September 15 @ 4 PM
- **First Adult Ed of the Fall | Sunday, September 22 @ 11 AM (full schedule pages 6-7)**
  - *How's the Water?* with Julie Westertlund
- **Men's Retreat | September 27-29 | Clearwater Forest (page 9)**
- \*NEW\* Valley Kids Club | Sunday, October 6 | 11 AM - 2 PM (page 14)
- **Valley Craft Club | Saturday, October 12 | 10 AM - 2 PM (page 14)**
- Fall Festival | Saturday, October 26 | 5 - 8:00 PM (page 14)
- **Trunk or Treat for PRISM | Sunday, October 27 | 4 - 5:00 PM (page 14)**
- Don't miss all of the opportunities to connect this month and beyond! (pages 5-9, 12, 14)

## • MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk | Saturday, September 28 @ 11:00 AM
  - [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the "Valley Walkers" Team
- **Land Acknowledgement Task Force updates (page 10)**
  - **There are many opportunities to learn and get involved this fall! (pages 7, 11, 14)**
- Earth Care & Clearwater Chrysalis Updates (page 12)
- **NEEDED Meals on Wheels Drivers - call the Church Office if you can volunteer**

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Valley Friends,

Who doesn't love a Minnesota summer? Whether you spent time up north, got out to see family, or took a stroll outside to enjoy the sunshine on your shoulders, we can all give thanks to God for warm weather and rest from school and work. As summer winds down and back-to-school supplies appear on store shelves, however, we remember that there are communities calling us back together. School friends begin reaching out again to make plans, neighbors reappear after vacations, and the Valley Community is beckoning us to come and be part of everything happening in this new program year.

If you've attended or tuned into worship this summer, you've been part of our **"creative time"** as we both challenge our own preconceptions of what a worship space looks like down in Fellowship Hall as well as listen for how God might be calling this congregation. Our Mission Study team has been hard at work through the summer sorting through the notes from this spring's listening sessions and survey results, answering the questions: "Who is Valley?" and "Who is Valley being called to be?" We look forward to the culmination of their efforts in the study report later this fall.



Rev. Jim Cochrane

This has been a summer of renewal in many ways, and for us in worship, that renewal is most noticeable in the work being done in the Sanctuary. After our farewell to our beloved worship space on June 2nd, crews began their work the next day. Pews were removed, asbestos was abated, and the wood ceilings received some much-needed attention. As we prepare to return upstairs for the Sanctuary, I can think of no better day than **Homecoming Sunday** on September 8th. We will have our first Sunday morning worship in the space that day, then celebrate being together with a good old-fashioned church potluck! You can find more information on the potluck on Page 8, and I hope you will join us for this celebration of coming back together!

Our regular programming will return in September as well. **Choir** begins on September 4th, **handbells** begin on the 10th, and a brand-new season of **Adult Education** will kick off on the 22nd. And this year of creativity and newness is your opportunity to branch out. If you have ever had the thought cross your mind about what these groups might be like – if you’ve ever thought “that looks like fun!” – consider this your permission to stop by and try it out!

As choir and handbells begin rehearsing once again and as **Fridays in the Valley** kicks off another season on the 13th, music and renewed energy fill the church’s walls. The life in the building reawakens our creative spirits and enlivens our hearts so we might go out to be disciples of Christ in the world and share God’s love with all around us. Welcome home, Valley!

In Christ,  
Jim

### LOOKING AHEAD

## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This summer, the Ministry and Mission Study Committee will be hard at work turning all of the feedback received from the listening sessions and surveys into a document that accurately represents our congregation. When that is completed, it will be time for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to get to work.

if you are interested in serving on the PNC or would like to learn more, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to be considered to serve on the committee, email Mary Dunham (Head of the Nominating Committee) at [marykdmn@gmail.com](mailto:marykdmn@gmail.com). General questions can be directed to Pastor Jim at [jim.cochrane@valleychurch.net](mailto:jim.cochrane@valleychurch.net).

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

- Prelude begins at 9:25 AM | Worship at 9:30 AM, followed by coffee and treats in Fellowship Hall.
- The Family Room located in the Sunshine Room 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.
- The Sunshine Room provides **Sunday School for children age 3-3rd grade** and childcare for all ages during Adult Education classes.

# Valley Connects - Summer 2024

## GOLDEN VALLEY PRIDE - JUNE 2024




## BREW CREW




## VALLEY GOLF OUTING






**Fridays in the Valley Presents:**



**Momoko Tanno and Friends**  
 MOMOKO TANNO, SOPRANO  
 VALERIE HENNIG, PIANO  
 MUSIC COMPOSED BY YARISON ISHAYA

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
 7:00 PM**

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
**DISTRICT 281 - EVERY MEAL**





*Valley*  
**Lunch Bunch**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2  
 11:30 AM**

**50s  
 GRILL**

First Monday of every month!

**Valley Brew Crew**

**SATURDAY, SEPT 14 | 1:00-6:00 PM**

PAT DAILY'S HOUSE  
 REFERENCE YOUR DIRECTORY

**IT'S CIDER TIME!**  
 Bring apples, pears, peeling & cutting equipment

**PIZZA & POTLUCK**  
 Pat will be firing up her spectacular pizza oven. Bring sides or snacks to share and your appetite! Beverages of all kinds | Kids Always Welcome

**CONTACT JAY PERRY FOR DETAILS**  
 or call the Valley Office



**Valley Craft Club!**

Spend the day crafting without distractions! Come catch up on a project, start something new or come see what others are working on for inspiration! There will be make and take crafts available. If crafting isn't your thing, come for the fellowship or bring a book to catch up on your reading.

**Bring a dish to share for lunch at 12 PM.**

**SATURDAY,  
 SEPTEMBER 21, 2024  
 10 AM - 2 PM  
 LUNCH AT 12 PM**




**• DRIVERS NEEDED •**



**Meals on Wheels**

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

**• SEPTEMBER 19 & 26 •**

**ROUTES INCLUDE:**  
 Crystal  
 New Hope  
 Robbinsdale  
 Golden Valley

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

**NAMI WALK**

*National Alliance on Mental Health*

5k Walk (3.1 miles)

**SIGN-UP TO WALK/DONATE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
 All together for mental health for all!  
 It's not how far we walk. It's how far we have come.

**SATURDAY  
 SEPTEMBER 28**  
**Minnehaha Falls Regional Park**  
**11:00am - 3:00pm**  
 Optional carpool from Valley at 10:30am

**NAMI WALK**



# Adult Education - Fall 2024

- **Adult Ed classes will take place at 11 AM.**
- **Classes will be held in the Cornerstone Room, unless otherwise noted.**
- **Select classes will be available on our YouTube channel.**

## **September 22 - HOW'S THE WATER?, Julie Westerlund**

Valley member Julie Westerlund will provide an overview of the health of Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and groundwater. She will describe some of the actions that state and local governments are taking to restore and protect our precious water resources. We will learn what we can do to help.

## **September 29 - HOW AMERICA BECAME GOD'S FAVORITE COUNTRY, Rev. Bill Davnie**

For centuries, Americans have picked particular parts of the Bible to emphasize, and found ways to identify themselves with the original people of God, the Hebrews. This has shaped our politics, our social structures and our foreign policy, for good and for ill.

## **October 6 - CLARE HOUSING: HIV & HOMELESSNESS 101, Clare Housing Staff**

Join Clare Housing staff for an informative presentation that will focus on how a housing first model improves the health outcomes of residents living with HIV, while simultaneously eliminating new infections in the community. A great opportunity to learn more about Clare Housing, its mission, and the people it serves. The presenter will share recent statistics and a call to action for faith partners. There will be a Question and Answer session at the end of the presentation as time allows.

## **October 13 - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SUNDAY ARTIST TALK AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT UPDATE, Summer Sky Cohen & Crystal Boyd**

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Sunday during worship. Also join an artist talk during Adult Ed by Summer Sky Cohen, an Anishinaabe artist and the designer of Valley's land acknowledgement banner, and a task force update from Crystal Boyd.

## **October 20 - MISSIONS INC. UPDATES, Kari Hitchcock (Program Director, Home Free Shelter)**

Kari Hitchcock from Home Free Shelter, a program of Missions Inc, will be coming to speak about Domestic Violence. She will talk about the dynamics of abusive relationships and how to help.

**October 27**

## **PROGRAMMING SABBATH**

We will observe a Sabbath from programming this week.

**Trunk  
or  
Treat  
for PRISM**

Everyone is invited to participate in the Trunk or Treat event beginning at 4:00 pm at Valley on Sunday, October 27!



CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE

# cont... Adult Education - Fall 2024

## **November 3 - DISMANTLING THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: REPAIR WORK IN MNI SOTA MAKOCE AND BEYOND, Doe Hoyer, *Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery & Makoce Ikikcupi***

Please join us for a conversation and presentation with Doe Hoyer, Repair Network Organizer of the national Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and a local community organizer with the Twin Cities Repair Community for Makoce Ikikcupi (Dakota land recovery). Doe will share about the lasting impacts of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery, as well as the Coalition's model for change, campaigns with Indigenous partners, and Repair Network.

## **November 10 - FROM FORK TO FOREST: THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND HOW WE EAT, Anna Larsson and Nicola Philpott**

Even if we stopped using fossil fuels today, emissions from our food system would still cause the earth to exceed targets. This lively presentation will discuss the under-appreciated impact our food system has on climate and the environment. Learn actions you can take at your very next meal to start changing things for the better.

## **November 17 - UPDATES FROM LIBERTY, Rev. Dr. Alika Galloway**

Rev. Dr. Alika Galloway will share updates about Liberty Community Church's 21st century program, Northside healing space and other projects in the community. Come learn how you can support their work and vital ministries in North Minneapolis and beyond.

## **November 24 - IT'S EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM, Sam and Jon Schellhaas**

Saving the planet is everyone's problem. And everyone can be part of the solution. Valley members Sam and Jon Schellhaas will discuss ways we can treat the planet better--from decisions to replace large appliances, to entertaining guests, to what we wear. We can make the world better everyday!

CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10  
TUESDAYS AT 1:00 PM  
IN THE LIBRARY

## **Bible Fellowship**

Join us as we explore Biblical practices for Faithful Living!

Join other Valley members for fellowship and lectionary-guided discussion.

**New members  
are always  
welcome!**

**NEW DAY  
& TIME!**

## **Dakota Plant Walk with Tanağidan To Win**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
2595 CROSBY FARM RD, SAINT PAUL, MN 55116

Tanağidan To Win is a Dakota and Ojibwe mother, author, and plant medicine enthusiast. She is also a Water Protector who upholds the traditions of her relative, Háza Ínyanke Win (Woman Who Runs for Huckleberries or Betsey St. Clair). During the walk, Tanağidan To Win will share about her family's history and her connections with native plants and local waterways.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and register.



Valley Community

Valley golfers teed up for a fun afternoon at Brightwood Hills Golf Course in New Brighton in mid-August.



Valley kids, young and old, on Graduation Sunday - June 2024



# September in the Valley

Fall back in step with life in the Valley this September! After a busy summer, now is the perfect time to reconnect and recommit to your favorite spiritual group, mission partner, or fellowship event.

There is something for everyone and new participants are always welcome.

## Valley Choir Starting Up Again!

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9/4 | TIME: 7:00 PM

We are looking forward to having the Valley Choir singing during worship twice each month. The choir will rehearse on select Wednesdays at 7:00PM for worship the following Sunday. Participants are welcome to join weekly as they are able. **The next rehearsal date is September 4 at 7:00 pm and the choir will sing during worship on Homecoming Sunday, September 8.**

## Homecoming Sunday

DATE: SUNDAY, 9/8 | TIME: 9:30 AM

Celebrate the return of worship in the Valley Sanctuary! After worship we will gather for fellowship & potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. Brats & hot dogs provided, bring a side/dessert to share. Don't miss this special day!

Last names A - L: bring a DESSERT  
Last names M - Z: bring a SIDE DISH

## Bell Choir Practice Resumes!

DATE: TUESDAY, 9/10 | TIME: 6:30 PM

Have you ever considered trying your hand at bell ringing? What's stopping you? The Valley Ringers love to share and teach others how to ring! Ringers and non-ingers ages 10 & up are welcome. The Bell Choir rehearses every Tuesday at 6:30 PM. **The next rehearsal date is September 10 at 6:30 pm.**

## Fridays in the Valley Concert

DATE: FRIDAY, 9/13 | TIME: 7:00 PM

Join us for the return of Fridays in the Valley for the 2024-2025 Season! Soprano singer Momoko Tanno and pianist Valerie Hennig will treat us to a lovely concert of music composed by Yarison Ishaya. It will be a delightful evening of music for a great cause. We hope to see you there! Free-will offering benefits District 281 Every Meal.



## Brew Crew

DATE: SATURDAY, 9/14 | TIME: 1 PM - 6 PM

Our next event will be at the Pat Daily's house. We will be making cider again! If you have any apples or pears to donate, they are always appreciated. Bring slicers, cutting boards, and juicers. We will also brew a few batches of beer - let Jay Perry know if you have ideas on what to make. Pat will be firing up her pizza oven, so come hungry!



## Valley Craft Club

DATE: SATURDAY, 9/21 | TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Adults, do you like to craft but never have time? Have projects you've started but never finished? Come to the Valley Craft Club and spend the day crafting without distractions! Enjoy the company of new and old Valley friends. Don't have a craft? No worries, there will be make/take stations for you too! Crafting not your thing? Come for fellowship or bring a book and catch up on your reading.

## National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk

DATE: SATURDAY, 9/28 | TIME: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. The NAMI Walk will be held on Saturday, September 28th at Minnehaha Falls Regional Park in Minneapolis. Activities begin at 11:00 AM; 5K walk begins at 1:00 PM. Optional carpool leaves from Valley at 10:30 AM.

## Adult Education Fall Kick-Off

DATE: SUNDAY, 9/22 | TIME: 11:00 AM

Valley member Julie Westerlund kicks off the Fall 2024 Adult Education session with a presentation all about the health of Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and groundwater. In this session called "How's the Water?", Julie will describe some of the actions that state and local governments are taking to restore and protect our precious water resources. We will learn what we can do to help.

## Men's Retreat

DATE: 9/27 - 9/29 | TIME: ALL WEEKEND

Join other Valley men for a weekend away at the beautiful Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center. Participants will enjoy fellowship and activities. There will also be time to explore topics related to the Presbyterian faith and spirituality through study and discussion.



Photos clockwise starting above:



- Landon tries for a hole-in-one at the Valley Golf Day - August 2024
- Valley golfers enjoyed a pizza dinner after playing 9-holes - August 2024
- Connor played his saxophone on Graduation Sunday - June 2024
- Valley Stream Team keeps us all connected
- Speaking Out Collective performs for the 2nd Annual Valley Night Out - August 2024

# 2ND ANNUAL VALLEY NIGHT OUT AUGUST 2024



## The Valley Education Corner

### FAITH FORMATION



#### Valley Kids and Youth Summer Echo Service Sunday, August 25; 9:30 AM

We invite all of our Valley family to worship on Sunday morning, August 25, to show support for Valley Kids and Youth! Vacation Bible School Compassion Campers will share several camp songs and Youth Group members will help throughout the service.



#### Faith Formation Update

As the Sanctuary renovation project comes to a close and the Sunshine Room gets back to normal, so will our kids' Sunday morning routine with Ms. Jamese! September 8th will bring with it a return of the hands-on Invitation to Play curriculum.



#### 4th Grade Bibles and Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, September 8; 9:30 AM

On Homecoming Sunday, September 8, Pastor Jim and Sheila will be presenting 4th Graders with their very own Bibles and blessing backpacks during the Worship service!

### YOUTH GROUP & TEAMS



#### TEAMS/YOUTH GROUP | Grades 4-12 Begins Sunday, September 15; 4:00 - 6:00 PM

- TEAMS Program is for kids entering 4/5 grades
- Youth Group- middle school 6-9 and senior high 10-12

Pulling weeds and making lunch for kids at Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery.



### YOUTH MISSION WEEK JUNE 2024



Volunteering at Second Harvest Heartland.

# Land Acknowledgement Task Force

**Thank you, everyone!** The Land Acknowledgement Task Force is grateful for a wonderful summer with Valley. Now we're looking forward to an exciting fall!

In April, the Twin Cities Repair Group launched a **campaign** to help [Makoce Ikkicupi](#) close on a wild rice property in Itasca County. Makoce Ikkicupi is a Dakota land recovery project that Valley has supported through connections with Jim Rock and Roxanne Gould. And great news! We surpassed the goal and raised a whopping \$66,490! The property includes 40 acres of land with 170 feet of shoreline on Turtle Lake. The new site has been named **Pratkasada Otunwe (Painted Turtle Village)**. We helped make Land Back happen!



From left to right: Roxanne Gould, Wazyatawin, and Jim Rock viewing Pratkasada Otunwe (Painted Turtle Village); Swans on the water at Pratkasada Otunwe; Jim Rock, unknown, Wazyatawin, unknown, and Roxanne Gould closing on the property for Pratkasada Otunwe.

In June, Hennepin History Museum worked with Anishinaabe photographer Ne-Dah-Ness Greene to take **portrait photographs** of participants in the [Ĥahĥá Wakpádan / Bassett Creek Oral History Project](#). We're exploring ways to exhibit the portraits across the Twin Cities!

Also in June, Margie Deutsch helped Crystal Boyd with **history research** at the Minnesota Genealogical Society. We're learning more about Joel Bean Bassett, the namesake of Bassett Creek, and his family.

In July, Valley partnered with the North Loop Neighborhood Association and Hennepin History Museum to host a **clean-up day** at James I. Rice Park. This is where Ĥahĥá Wakpádan meets the Mississippi River. Thank you to Janet Triplett and her granddaughter for pulling lots of invasive species! The event received some nice coverage from [KARE 11](#).

And the oral history project just keeps growing! We were also lucky to receive some great media coverage this summer from [Minnesota Public Radio](#), [MinnPost](#), [Sun Post](#), and [CCX Media](#).

This fall, the Land Acknowledgement Task Force continues to collaborate with Anishinaabe artist Summer Sky Cohen on a **land acknowledgement banner**. This beautiful textile will feature floral designs and be installed later in Valley's entryway downstairs.



Tanaġidan To Win (Blue Hummingbird Woman or Tara Perron) at Ĥahĥá Wakpádan (Bassett Creek). Photo by Anishinaabe photographer Ne-Dah-Ness Greene. This photo has been submitted to an exhibit celebrating water and culture at the Minnesota Zoo's Hanifl Nature Center.

**Thank you to the Endowment Committee for supporting Valley's Land Acknowledgement work!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Sunday September 15 at 1:00pm](#) – **Dakota plant walk** with Tanaġidan To Win (Blue Hummingbird Woman or Tara Perron) at Crosby Farm Regional Park. Required registration [here](#).
- [Saturday October 5 at 10:00am](#) – A second **Dakota plant walk** with Tanaġidan To Win (Blue Hummingbird Woman or Tara Perron) at Stormwater Park and Learning Center. Required registration [here](#).
- [Sunday October 13 at 11:00am](#) – Celebrate **Indigenous Peoples Sunday** during worship. Also join an **artist talk** during Adult Ed by Summer Sky Cohen, the designer of Valley's land acknowledgement banner, and a **task force update** from Crystal Boyd.
- [Monday October 14 at 10:00am](#) – Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day with the **Second Annual Ĥahĥá Wakpádan Water Blessing** at Bassett Creek Park in the City of Crystal. Rain or shine! Free and family friendly.
- [Saturday October 19 at 9:00am](#) – **5K Fun Run and Walk** as part of the **Ĥahĥá Wakpádan Loopet Loppet** at Theodore Wirth Parkway. Sign up as a volunteer, runner, walker, or just come and enjoy the event!

# Earth Care Corner



“While the food system’s role in the climate crisis presents an enormous challenge, I also see it as an incredible opportunity. **None of the solutions we need to take require new technology, trillions of dollars, or breaking the laws of physics. It’s all possible today.** We have a chance to build an entirely better food system. One that restores nature instead of destroying it and addresses climate change instead of accelerating it. Together, we can create a food system that nourishes the world today and far into the future.”

PROJECT DRAWDOWN, “FIXING FOOD’S BIG CLIMATE PROBLEM,”  
JULY 10, 2024, BY JONATHAN FOLEY, PHD.

## WHAT ARE THE TOP SOLUTIONS WE AS CONSUMERS CAN TAKE TODAY?

- Cut food waste; 30-40% of food is wasted by consumers and food supply chains.
- Eat less red meat and dairy products. Cows, sheep and goats are ruminant animals, producing large amounts of methane.
- Track what you throw away; what could you do differently?
- Try ingredient-based meal planning – use what you have.
- Help maintain stewardship of forested lands.
- Remember that the earth is the Lord’s, and we are the caretakers.



Update submitted by Valley member Carolyn Anderson

## CLEARWATER FOREST CAMP HOSTS CHRYSALIS FOR THE 40TH YEAR!



Valley’s presence and support of Clearwater Chrysalis was strongly felt, with nearly one quarter of participants being either current or former Valley members. Thank you to Valley member Barb Wasmoen for her leadership alongside former member Betsy Rock-Zutz. Valley women also frequently lead classes and small groups during camp. In the Valley, we can all be very proud of our congregation’s continued commitment to Clearwater Forest.



# Valley Sanctuary Renovation Project

**BEFORE**



**Join us on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 AM  
for Homecoming Sunday!**

This will be our first time worshipping together in  
the fully renovated Sanctuary.

**AFTER**



**- LOOKING AHEAD -  
FRIDAYS IN THE VALLEY**

FRIDAY, October 11 | 7:00 pm  
The Metro Bass

FRIDAY, November 8 | 7:00 pm  
The Grove Trio

FRIDAY, December 13 | 7:00 pm  
Above Average Tuba Quartet

FRIDAY, January 10 | 7:00 pm

**FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

**Dakota Plant Walk  
with Tanaġidan To Win**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
2522 MARSHALL ST. NE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55418

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**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 12, 2024  
10 AM - 2 PM  
LUNCH AT 12 PM**



**5th grade & under**

**\$5/kid per day**



**Valley Kids Club**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**OCT 6 | NOV 3 | DEC 1**

Valley kids have fellowship time with friends, Valley grown-ups get to do their stuff!

**Mark your calendar now!**  
Registration information coming soon.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FALL FESTIVAL**

**TIME TO MAKE A DEAL!**

**October 26 from 5 - 8 pm**



- FOOD • SILENT AUCTION
- LIVE GAME SHOW GAMES •
- BOUNCE HOUSE •
- FUN FOR EVERYONE! •

Valley Community 

Hosted by Valley Youth

**Oct 27 4-5 PM**

**Trunk or Treat for PRISM**

**Candy**

**A Community Event with a Cause!**



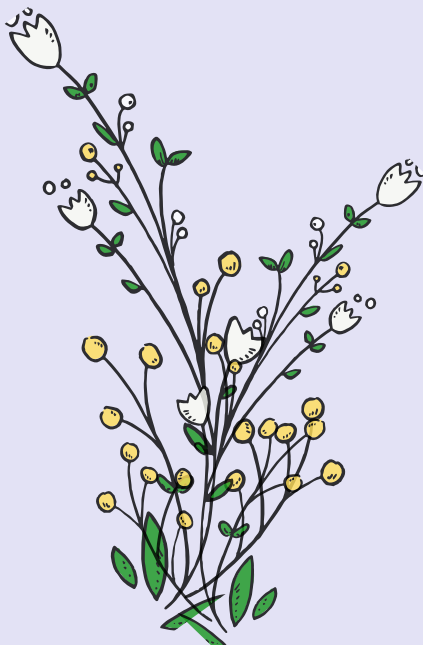
**Bring pantry items for PRISM and help us fill the trailer at our annual Trick or Treat for PRISM drive. Can't wait to see you there!**

3100 Lilac Drive North | Golden Valley MN 55422

# CALENDAR

# BIRTHDAYS

Frankline Nyongkah	Jeffrey Lund
Lennox Mead	SuAnn Bygd
Alan Wold	Mark Freeman
Aaron Craven	Jamese Decker
Arnold Schellhaas	Jameson Johannsen
Pius Nti	Tom Jenson
Jeff Soltau	Mariah Messer
Hayden Gautsche	Andrew Westerlund
Claire Reinert	Helmut Winter
Pete Messer	Peter Brant
Christine Phelan	Paul Minter
Jon Schellhaas	Emily Steffel
Ted Arneson	Sarah Gonsior
Steve Bauer	Deborah Poynter
Katie Decker	Jennifer Biggs
Gwen Rouleau	Bellinda Nti
Evonne Kirchenwitz	



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

**Sunday, September 1**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**  
**Sheila Sheldon, CRE preaching**

**Monday, September 2 - Labor Day**  
**Office Closed**  
 11:30 am Lunch Bunch @ 50's Grill

**Wednesday, September 4**  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, September 8 with communion**  
**Homecoming Sunday**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**  
 Potluck following worship

**Tuesday, September 10**  
 1:00 pm Bible Fellowship  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, September 13**  
 7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

**Saturday, September 14**  
 1:00 pm Brew Crew

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**9:30 am Worship Service**  
 4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

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 11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon  
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 10:00 am Meals on Wheels

**Saturday, September 21**  
 10:00 am Craft Club

**Sunday, September 22**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**  
**Adult Education Kick-Off Sunday**  
 11:00 am Adult Ed - *How's the Water?*  
 Julie Westerlund  
 4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

**Monday, September 23**  
 6:30 pm Session Meeting

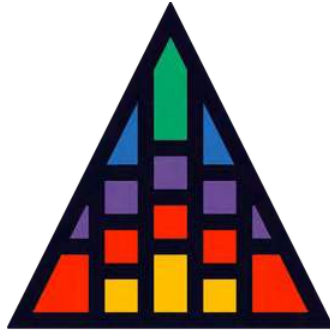
**Tuesday, September 24**  
 1:00 pm Bible Fellowship  
 6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 26**  
 10:00 am Meals on Wheels

**Friday, Sept 27 - Sunday, Sept 29**  
 Men's Retreat at Clearwater Forest

**Saturday, September 28**  
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm NAMI Walk  
 (10:30 am Optional carpool meets at Valley)

**Sunday, September 29**  
**9:30 am Worship Service**  
**Rev. Bill Davnie preaching**  
 11:00 am Adult Ed - Rev. Bill Davnie  
 4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group



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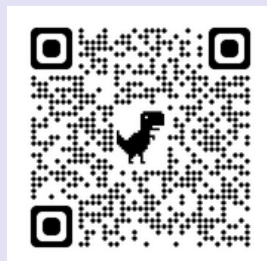
As a faith congregation opening hearts, opening minds, and opening lives to God, Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC) seeks to honor the important stories and lived experiences of its members and neighbors.

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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