

THE VALLEY

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Valley Community Presbyterian Church

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Cover Photo: Valley Youth and Mission Trip Chaperones were all smiles after a morning spent pulling hundreds of invasive daisies from a habitat that is being restored in Milwaukee, WI!

Community News

• **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

- Kids & Youth Echo Service - Sunday, August 31 @ 9:30 AM
- **Homecoming Sunday - September 7 @ 9:30 AM (page 8)**
 - Pastor Jim is back and so are we! Join us as we kick off a new program year in the Valley.
- Confirmation Sunday - September 21 @ 9:30 AM (page 10)
- **Fridays in the Valley (pages 8, 10, 14)**
 - Friday, September 12 @ 7 PM | Incidental Trio
- **First Adult Ed of the Fall | Sunday, September 14 @ 11 AM (full schedule pages 6-7)**
 - *Resiliency Hubs* with Rev. Buff Grace (MNIPL)
- **TEAMS & Youth Group Open House | Sunday, September 14 @ 5:30 PM (pages 9, 11)**
- Valley Brew Crew | Saturday, September 20 | 1 - 6 PM (page 10)
- **Men's Retreat | September 26-28 | Clearwater Forest (page 9)**
- Valley Craft & Connect | Saturday, September 27 | 10 AM - 2 PM (pages 9, 10)
- **Fall Festival | Saturday, October 4 | 5 - 8:00 PM (pages 13, 14)**
 - **Early bird tickets available NOW:** <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-vcpc-fall-festival>
- Valley Craft & Connect | Saturday, October 25 | 10 AM - 2 PM (page 14)
- **Trunk or Treat for PRISM | Sunday, October 26 | 4 - 5:00 PM (page 14)**
- **Read on!** Don't miss all of the opportunities to connect this month and beyond.



• **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Land Acknowledgement Task Force updates (page 12)**
- Our community partners are on a roll this fall! Read the "Connect with Valley Mission Partners" section on **Page 13** to learn about several events in the coming weeks!
- **NEEDED Meals on Wheels Drivers - call the Church Office if you can volunteer (page 14)**

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Valley Friends,

As I write this message to you, I am still on parental leave with Becca, Nora, and Charlotte as we care for each other, sleep whenever possible, and learn the new dynamics of being a family of four. While I have been away, I have been overjoyed by all the prayers, cards, and tidings from Valley. I am also grateful for the community at Valley that has stepped up to ensure that the church would continue to witness to the Good News of Christ: Sheila providing pastoral care and overseeing the church in my absence, Mariah and Rachel in the office keeping things running smoothly, our parish associates and other Sunday preachers, and all the dedicated elders, deacons, and volunteers who remind us all that church is more than a single person.

I look forward to returning to you all at the kick-off of an exciting fall in the Valley. I'll return on Sunday, September 7th for **Homecoming Sunday**, and I hope you will join us as we return to our regular schedule! The new season of **Fridays in the Valley** will begin on Friday, September 12th with The Incidental Trio, **Adult Education** returns on Sunday, September 14th, and **TEAMS & Youth Group** also returns that day at a new time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM! And **Fall Festival** lurks just around the corner at the beginning of October! There is much to look forward to these next couple of months as school begins again, regular programs return, and we come back together as a community.



Rev. Jim Cochrane

I recently heard a colleague describe this time we are living in as “soul-stretching,” and that label has stuck with me. When we turn on our TVs, we see headline after headline that devastates us: war, famine, greed. Death. Grief. And when that is the entirety of what we see, our hearts begin to weigh heavier. It slows us. It weakens us.

But there is a force in the world working against despair. It imbues moments of anguish with courage to seek a future beyond the present norm. It juxtaposes resignation with confidence of a path forward. It reveals truth that others try to cover with deceit. It demands we see hope at all moments.

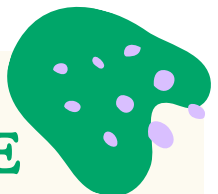
Anyone who comes to the Valley understands that force well. It binds us together and reminds us that this community rooted in love can continue to strengthen us for the long journey ahead. We know we can move forward because of love for one another and for our God who loved us first. In all that we do, we belong to God and to each other.

Peace to you all!




AN UPDATE FROM

PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE



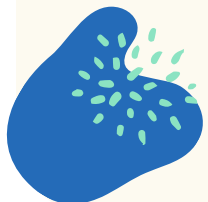
While you haven't heard from the PNC in awhile due to the 4th of July holiday weekend and busy schedules for all, we have remained diligent in our search for a new Head Pastor!

Through the month of June and the beginning of July, PNC members have each spent hours of their own time, reviewing 8 applications, first reading PDP (Personal Discernment Profile) responses, researching and reading provided materials/website links, and watching recorded sermons. This was A LOT of information to process. The PNC then met to discuss candidates and decide which ones should move on to the interview process.

On July 16, the PNC conducted its first interviews with three candidates. Meanwhile, we received additional applications. At the end of July, the PNC conducted second interviews with three candidates, set up a first interview with a 4th candidate, and reached out to a 5th. We're coordinating PNC meetings and interviews in as timely a manner as possible.

While we're all anxious to move on to Valley's next chapter, choosing a new head pastor isn't something to be rushed, especially after saying good-bye to a beloved pastor of 20 years. The PNC feels deeply that this is a thoughtful labor of love, thus it will take time to find the right candidate. And we must do our due diligence on behalf of everyone involved - our Valley family, the PNC, the candidates, and the Presbytery.

As always, please keep the PNC in your prayers as we continue this process.



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 2025

GOLDEN VALLEY PRIDE - JUNE 2025



BREW CREW



VALLEY GOLF OUTING



Valley Connects - Summer 2025

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



YOUTH MISSION TRIP - MILWAUKEE



STRAT-O-MATIC GAME DAY



Adult Education - Fall 2025

- **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 14 - RESILIENCY HUBS - HOW CAN THEY HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?, Rev. Buff Grace (MN Interfaith Power & Light)

As weather disruptions and disasters increase and our communities face the consequences, churches have an opportunity to play an important role to care for their members and neighborhoods. For the last year, MNIPL has been researching best practices across the country and is developing a method for creating 10,000 Resilience Hubs across our state. Learn more about this concept and how your congregation might participate.

September 21 - PROJECT FOR PRIDE IN LIVING (PPL), Emily Terrell, Director of Youth Employment Strategies

Project for Pride in Living (PPL) builds the hope, assets, and self-reliance of individuals and families who have lower incomes by providing transformative affordable housing and career readiness services. Emily Terrell, PPL's Director of Youth Employment Strategies, will speak about their successful work with youth who come from challenged environments through the LEAP (Learn, Earn, Achieve, Potential) initiative. She will have some fascinating stories to share!

September 28 - Coffee, Conversations & Connections, VCPC Education Team

Pull up a chair in the Cornerstone Room and join us for a Coffee Chat that's not your typical fellowship hour! We're brewing up Caribou Coffee, serving yummy treats, and stirring in plenty of laughter. Come ready to meet someone new, share a story or two, and discover fun facts about your Valley friends you never knew before. Think of it as a warm blend of conversation, connection, and community—served with a smile! Come for the coffee... stay for the friendships.

October 5 - HOW'S THE WATER? DRINKING WATER EDITION Julie Westerlund

Valley member Julie Westerlund is the One Watershed, One Plan Coordinator for the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources and is our resident water expert. Where does my drinking water come from? Is it safe? What is happening to make sure we have enough safe drinking water in the future? Join Julie for an exploration of these questions and more about our most precious natural resource.

October 12 - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SUNDAY ARTIST TALK, Cassandra Roy (Ojibwe) and Jaida Grey Eagle (Oglala Lakota)

Come meet Indigenous photographers Cassandra Roy (Ojibwe) and Jaida Grey Eagle (Oglala Lakota). Cassandra will speak about her images featuring native plant relatives and Hāhā Wakpádan / Bassett Creek with grant support from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. Jaida will share her portrait photographs of Indigenous water protectors and artists, including the textile artist who created Valley's land acknowledgment banner.

October 19 | PROGRAMMING SABBATH

We will observe a Sabbath from programming this week.

cont... Adult Education - Fall 2025

October 26 - NO KINGS – DEMOCRACY AS A CHRISTIAN VALUE, Rev. Bill Davnie

Political scientists tend to see democracy as a way of managing conflicts in society. But for Christians, democracy has deeper roots than that -- it starts with the imago Dei - the image of God in all people, and the belief that all people are entitled to participate in the public order.

November 2 - GETTING TO KNOW VALLEY'S ENDOWMENT, Norm Chervany, Endowment Chair

Think of this as a behind-the-scenes tour of how Valley's endowment works—minus the dusty ledgers and plus some friendly conversation! Our Endowment Chair will guide us through the different funds that support the life and mission of our church, share how they work, and introduce a few exciting new funds added in recent years.

Whether you're simply curious or wondering how you can be part of shaping Valley's future, this class will give you the inside scoop on how our endowment helps ministry grow for generations to come.

November 9 - PRISM, Jason Wittak, Strategic Partnerships Coordinator

Our friends at PRISM continue to face new challenges weekly as they try to serve those in our community who are in need of assistance. Come learn how current policies are impacting their ability to offer a hand up to folks who come through their doors. How community faith partners can make the most impact in their support effort, and what the future of social ministry look like locally.

November 16 - CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR, Janet Triplett

"Journey south into the heart of the civil rights movement to gain a deeper understanding of the historic and continued struggle for racial equality in the United States." These words, describing the Road Scholar Civil Rights Tour, struck a chord. I decided to take the tour in March 2025. I experienced where Dr. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and John Lewis brought peaceful protests against racial discrimination and violence to the attention of the entire country in the early '60s.

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**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 26!**



CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE

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



Learning how to play Strat-O-Matic Baseball - July 2025



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: TBD | 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 will be decided soon so look out for an email from Janet Carlson.** (Call the Office if you'd like to be added.)

Homecoming Sunday

DATE: SUNDAY, 9/7 | TIME: 9:30 AM

Save the date for Homecoming Sunday! Join us as we kick off a new program year. Following a summer of adventures, be sure to come to Valley for worship on the first Sunday in September to reconnect with your Valley friends. Communion will be shared during worship and there will be Funner Brothers donut holes during Fellowship Hour. We can't wait to see you!

Bell Choir Practice Resumes!

DATE: TUESDAY, 9/9 | 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 9 at 6:30 pm.**

Fridays in the Valley Concert

DATE: FRIDAY, 9/12 | TIME: 7:00 PM

Join us for the return of Fridays in the Valley for the 2025-2026 Season! Join the Incidental Trio consisting of clarinetist Karen K. Hansen, pianist Sue Ruby, and violist Steve Staruch for a fun evening of classical music. We hope to see you there! Free-will offering will benefit Every Meal District 281.



Adult Education Fall Kick-Off

DATE: SUNDAY, 9/14 | TIME: 11:00 AM

As weather disruptions and disasters increase and our communities face the consequences, churches have an opportunity to play an important opportunity to care for their members and neighborhoods. Join Rev. Buff Grace of MN Interfaith Power & Light (MNIPL) to learn about Resiliency Hubs and what it could mean for Valley to become one.

TEAMS & Youth Group Open House

DATE: SUNDAY, 9/14 | TIME: 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Back to school time means the kick-off of another great year of TEAMS and Youth Group! Join us for an Open House to get the year started. We'll have pizza for dinner, give a short orientation and then break off into groups. If you have ever considered volunteering to help in TEAMS or Youth, this is a great chance to come and learn what it's all about! **Note the NEW MEETING TIME!**

Brew Crew

DATE: SATURDAY, 9/20 | 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 & Connect

DATE: SATURDAY, 9/27 | TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Craft & Connect is for anyone who enjoys a day crafting, working on a puzzle or just chatting with friends. Come catch up on a project, start something new or see what others are working on for inspiration! There will be craft supplies, puzzles & cribbage boards available.

Bring a dish to share for lunch at 12 PM.

Men's Retreat

DATE: 9/26 - 9/28 | TIME: ALL WEEKEND

Join other Valley men for a weekend away at the beautiful 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. Sign up and additional information are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Personnel Committee Update

THE VCPC PERSONNEL COMMITTEE IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEWEST MEMBER OF STAFF IN THE ROLE OF OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, RACHEL HOLE!

Rachel has been our temporary Office Administrator over the summer and started her permanent position on August 18th! We are so grateful and excited to have Rachel as a part of our team. Rachel has been a member of Valley for the past 15 years and has enjoyed her time in the temporary role, not only completing necessary tasks but also organizing the office! She also enjoys using her creativity and working with such a supportive team that wants to see her grow in all aspects of life. Rachel is excited moving forward to continue to use her creativity and getting know the members of the church even better... not to mention a much shorter commute! Please help the committee in welcoming Rachel!

Please also know that Rachel made the difficult decision to step down from her role on the Pastoral Nominating Committee in order to become a Valley staff member. Thank you to Rachel for her hard work on the PNC through August 17, 2025.

Lastly, we want to thank Savannah for her work in her time here at Valley. We wish her the best as she stays home to care for her new baby boy!



**Fridays in the Valley
Presents:**

**incidental
trio**

Steve Staruch - viola
Karen Hansen - clarinet
Sue Ruby - piano

Friday, September 12, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
EVERY MEAL DISTRICT 281

 Valley Community

CONFIRMANDS ROSE & SYNDY
ARE PLANNING A

**BAKE SALE
FUNDRAISER!**


 All proceeds will go to
Liberty Community Church 


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
HOMECOMING SUNDAY
10:30 AM {AFTER WORSHIP}

**Valley
Lunch Bunch**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
11:30 AM

**50^s
GRILL**



DATE CHANGE DUE
TO LABOR DAY! 

Valley Brew Crew

SATURDAY, SEPT 20 | 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:
Consult Breeze or call the Office for contact info

**CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY**

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 | 9:30 AM

Join us for Sunday morning worship as
we celebrate and welcome this year's
incredible group of Confirmands.

*Elders - please plan to arrive by
8:30 AM to meet with the
Confirmands before worship.*

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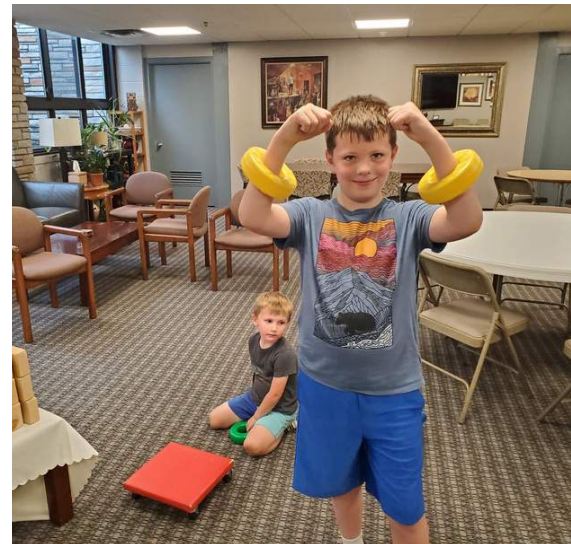
**Bring a dish to share for
lunch at 12 PM.**

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025**
10 AM - 2:00 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM






VALLEY PICNIC & YARD GAMES
JULY 2025



The Valley Education Corner

FAITH FORMATION



Valley Kids and Youth Summer Echo Service Sunday, August 31; 9:30 AM

We invite all of our Valley family to worship on Sunday morning, August 31, to show support for Valley Kids and Youth! Vacation Bible Campers will share several camp songs and Youth Group members will help throughout the service.



Faith Formation Update

Illustrated Ministries creates all of the curriculum we use for Faith Formation and VBC and they are continuing their Invitation to Play curriculum. We will be integrating these lessons into Faith Formation to keep us playing, exploring, and learning!



Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, September 7; 9:30 AM

On Homecoming Sunday, September 7, Pastor Jim and Sheila will be blessing backpacks during the Worship service as we begin a new school year!

YOUTH GROUP & TEAMS



TEAMS/YOUTH GROUP | Grades 4-12

Begins Sunday, September 14; 5:30 - 7:00 PM

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



VBC - JUNE 2025



Indigenous Justice Taskforce

Thank you, everyone! The Indigenous Justice Taskforce is grateful for a wonderful summer with Valley. Now we're looking forward to an exciting fall!

This fall, the Indigenous Justice Task Force is preparing several events related to Indigenous Peoples' Day. Please join us in celebrating Native people and cultures!

- Sunday October 12 – **Indigenous Peoples' Sunday**. Special **worship service** at 9:30am. At 11:00am, **Adult Education** is hosting photographers Cassandra Roy (Ojibwe) and Jaida Grey Eagle (Oglala Lakota). Cassandra will speak about her images featuring native plant relatives and Ĥaĥá Wakpádan / Bassett Creek with grant support from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. Jaida will share her portrait photographs of Indigenous water protectors and artists, including the textile artist who created Valley's land acknowledgment banner.
- Monday October 13 - **Third Annual Ĥaĥá Wakpádan Water Blessing**. West Medicine Lake Park in Plymouth at 10:00am. Enjoy music with Jim Rock (Dakota) and a water blessing with Tanaġidan To Win (Dakota). Then explore an arts activity with Roxanne Gould (Anishinaabe) and education tables about water conservation. The event is free, family friendly, and open to all. Rain or shine. Please feel free bring a blanket or lawn chair!
- Saturday October 18 - **Ĥaĥá Wakpádan 1-Loop Fun Run** at Theodore Wirth Park. The Loppet Foundation has already opened registration: <https://loppet.org/event/ĥaĥa-wakpadan-loppet-loppet/>

Please check back next month to learn more!

Photos from the 2024 Ĥaĥá Wakpádan Water Blessing



Clockwise from above: Ĥaĥá Wakpádan Water Blessing 2024; Tanaġidan To Win (Dakota) preparing to offer a water blessing for Ĥaĥá Wakpádan / Bassett Creek; Cultural advisors Jim Rock (Dakota), Roxanne Gould (Anishinaabe), and Darlene St. Clair (Dakota). Photos by Tj Turner

As always, thank you to the Endowment Committee for supporting Valley's Land Acknowledgement work!

If anyone is interested in joining the VCPC Indigenous Justice Taskforce, we would love to have you! Reach out to Mariah Messer (mariah.messer@valleychurch.net) to learn more.

Fall Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
5:00 - 8:00 PM

\$15 ADULT, \$10 KIDS
(EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT:
\$13 ADULT/\$8 KIDS
ENDS 9/1)



Tacos &
Trivia
FALL FESTIVAL 2025

Get your tickets now! Scan the QR code or visit
<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-vcpc-fall-festival>

Connect with Valley Mission Partners

- **Emerson Village Back to School Bash**
 - Thursday, August 28 - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 - An event for Emerson Village residents that will be a one-stop-shop to get kids ready to go back to school!
 - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** <https://secure.everyaction.com/yv6fxRCb0E26JGafElvZcw2>
- **Beacon Light the Way Home Luncheon**
 - Tuesday, September 9 - 12:00 pm
 - Join Beacon as part of a community of support to give generously, introduce newcomers to supportive housing, and advance our vision that all people have a home.
 - Sign up in the Fellowship Hall and contact Carolyn Anderson with questions
- **PRISMPalooza**
 - Sunday, September 14 - 12:00-4:00 PM
 - With live music, food trucks, games, and a special Shop for Change Fall Preview Sale, it's a vibrant, joyful event that draws hundreds of attendees. But behind the fun is a deeper mission, to support local families through some of life's toughest challenges.

Learn More about the PC(USA)



If you are interested in learning more about actions, initiatives, and resources within our denomination, follow Valley on Facebook and Instagram:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VCPCGoldenValley>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/vcpcgoldenvalley/>

Every Wednesday is Wider-Church Wednesday when we share out news from the broader church!



- LOOKING AHEAD - FRIDAYS IN THE VALLEY

FRIDAY, October 10 | 7:00 pm
St. Croix Valley Flute Collective

FRIDAY, November 14 | 7:00 pm
Flutespiration

SUNDAY, Dec. 7 | 7:00 pm
Above Average Tuba Quartet

FRIDAY, January 9 | 7:00 pm
Artu Duo

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



- LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
- TEAM TRIVIA GAME
- GIFT CARD WALL
- TACO BAR
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Tacos & Trivia
FALL FESTIVAL 2025

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
5:00 - 8:00 PM

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• **DRIVERS NEEDED** •

Meals on Wheels

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

• **SEPTEMBER 18 & 25** •
• **OCTOBER 16 & 23** •

ROUTES INCLUDE:
Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley

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




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10 AM - 2:00 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM



STEWARDSHIP 2025

KICK-OFF SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26, 2025

Join us as we enter a new Stewardship season together!



DEDICATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Valley Community
(PCUSA)

Hosted by Valley Youth

Oct 26
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

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

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

Sunday, September 7 with communion
Homecoming Sunday
9:30 am Worship Service

Monday, September 8
11:30 am Lunch Bunch @ 50's Grill

Tuesday, September 9
12:00 pm Beacon Light the Way Home Luncheon
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 11
5:00 pm Presbytery Meeting

Friday, September 12
7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Sunday, September 14
9:30 am Worship Service
11:00 am Adult Ed - Resiliency Hubs
Rev. Buff Grace (MNIPL)
12:00- 4:00 pm PRISM-Palooza
5:30 pm TEAMS & Youth Group Open House

Tuesday, September 16
11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 18
10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:00 pm Indigenous Justice Task Force Meeting

Saturday, September 20
10 am - 1 pm Blue Thumb Fall Native Plant Sale
1:00 - 6:00 pm Brew Crew

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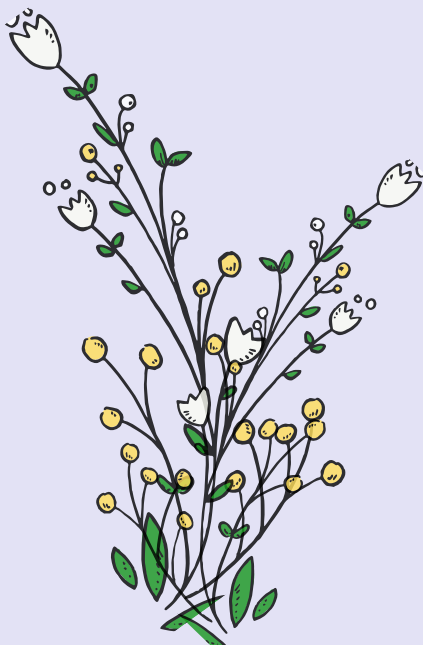
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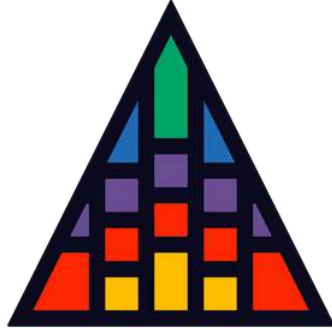
Monday, September 29
6:30 pm Session Meeting

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

BIRTHDAYS

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





Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VCPC

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

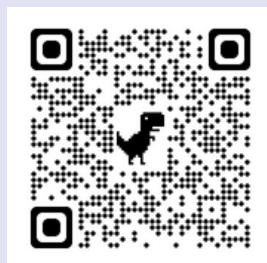
As a faith congregation opening hearts, opening minds, and opening lives to God, Valley Community Presbyterian Church (VCPC) seeks to honor the important stories and lived experiences of its members and neighbors.

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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