STEWARDSHIP 2027

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

75: Valley WORKS!

2026 marked the end of one part of a multi-year transition at Valley Community Presbyterian Church, as this congregation called and installed a new pastor. I say "one part" because, though you've installed a pastor, we're still in a transition of sorts, as I get to know you, as I get to know this community, and as you get to know me. But, even as I'm new here, even as I'm still learning this community, I've already seen how true our stewardship theme is: Valley WORKS!

For 75 years, Valley has built a legacy of rolling up its sleeves and digging in. I've seen that legacy in action in just my first few months. On my very first day here I was briefed about a new Emergency Food Hub. It had been started in response to Operation Metro Surge, so we could deliver food to immigrant neighbors who weren't able to leave their homes safely. Valley sprang into action. We saw a need, and we got to work.

The more time I spent here, the more I realized the Food Hub was just the tip of the iceberg. Valley gets to work in so many ways. Each month, devoted volunteers sign up to deliver with Meals on Wheels. The youth group baked hundreds of cookies for a bake sale (which happened to land on my first Sunday here–good timing!). A member delivers home goods to new residents at Clare Terrace every month. We deliver snacks for the 21st Century Academy Summer Camp. And so much more. Friends, it's clear to me: Valley WORKS.

It brings to mind Ephesians 2:10: "God creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join in the work God does, the good work ready for us to do (MSG)." When we show up, volunteer, and roll up our sleeves, we're not only proving that Valley WORKS, we're doing the very things God created us to do. We're living out the deeds of love, peace, and hope God calls us to bring into the world.

One of my favorite questions to ask as I've gotten to know this community is: "What drew you to Valley?" I could sum up the answers in one phrase: "Valley just `works' for me." Many of you pointed to the community itself: the welcome and belonging you felt the moment you walked in. Others mentioned the kids, the way we center and prioritize our young people, the way we bless them each Sunday so they know they are "God's beloved child." Still others mentioned the chance to grow deeper in faith and learning through worship, adult education, retreats, VBC, and mission trips. These are all the ways that Valley just works.

Every one of these ways Valley WORKS is made possible by the generosity of this congregation, through the pledges you make each year. This year, we're asking everyone who has seen how Valley WORKS to make a pledge, so that the work "God created us to do" can keep going. If you've never pledged before, let this be the year you begin. And if you've pledged before, first of all: thank you! Second: would you consider increasing your commitment by 4% for the coming year? It will help ensure the good work continues.

Valley, let's keep up the good work God has created us to do!

Valley Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Joyfully and gratefully,



Rev. Kyle Sandison

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What makes Valley such an impactful force in the faith community? Why do people rely on Valley for caring activities, education, faith guidance, awareness and action? It's due to the support Valley members provide--from the church office to the sanctuary to active Valley members in the community volunteering their time, talent, and treasure. Valley has been here for 75 years and continues its mission as a vibrant force. Valley WORKS!

How does Valley work? With your financial help! Valley staff and members continue to make a huge impact individually, in small groups, or in partnerships with faith and community organization partners. A solid financial base is vital to support the work Valley provides. It enables Valley to plan, budget, coordinate with others and support its members, committees, partners and the greater community. Valley WORKS!



Palm Sunday

WORSHIP

Each week we gather to hear God's story of good news and how we can join in with God's work. Through hymns, scripture, special music, and prayer, we discover how we can be God's people of justice, hope, grace, and love.



TEAMS program

EDUCATION

Adult classes include issues such as the situation in Palestine, described by eyewitness Bill Davnie, and weekly Bible study. A children's education highlight during VBC was studying insects under microscopes with Missy Rudeen. Weekly TEAMS gatherings and a local summer mission trip strengthen bonds in our youth.

MISSION

Valley has several mission partners to whom we regularly give time and financial support. For example, March is Food Share Month during which Valley filled the pews with food for PRISM– and when leaving worship, we each carried a bag outside to fill the PRISM van. We packed 1,400 lbs of food!



Pack the Pews for PRISM - MN FoodShare Month 2026

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship happens in many forms: from regular weekly lunches and crafting to larger events such as the Fall Festival, and retreats. Fellowship builds bonds within our church community by living out our faith together.



Youth & TEAMS kids vs grown-ups kickball game

GOD CREATES EACH OF US BY CHRIST JESUS TO JOIN IN THE WORK GOD DOES, THE GOOD WORK READY FOR US TO DO. EPHESIANS 2:10 (THE MESSAGE)

VALLEY WORKS TOGETHER


Easter Sunday

Being together is a very important part of who Valley is. It is right there in our name: Valley COMMUNITY Presbyterian Church. Together we worship in our beautiful sanctuary. It takes commitment to maintain the building, and it takes time and resources to support all the activities on Sunday morning from singing to donuts. Valley works together to make it possible.


Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery Formula for Hope Luncheon

VALLEY WORKS TO LOVE

We reach outside of our building to those both local and far, doing what we can to meet basic needs of food, housing, and safety for all. We follow the guidance of Love Your Neighbor as literally as we can. We work to raise funds needed by our mission partners and volunteer our time.

VALLEY WORKS TO BE GENEROUS


RAS Family Emergency Food Hub

Each year we look at what we need financially to pay for staff and keep the building open, and we do the work of explaining those needs to members. Sometimes we are faced with immediate needs in our neighborhood, as happened during Operation Metro Surge. Valley worked to find funds that paid for food and created a way to get it to those in need. Generosity and the joy of giving are core values here. Once a year we ask you to join us in reviewing how you can be part of this support.

Valley Works to be Generous



You have the ability to make Valley work. Please pledge a committed amount for Valley to continue its great works. Through your planned contribution, you actively fund the office staff, our pastors, our church building and the various committees run by committed Valley volunteer members. Just this past year, with your support, Valley has not only assisted members, but also new immigrants, children and neighbors in need of food, clothing and housing. Valley has been able to coordinate with other organizations and faith-based groups to enhance its support in the community. Choose your amount and at what frequency you wish to fund your commitment for this coming year. Whether you are one person or one family, with your financial help, Valley WORKS!

YOUR GIVING IN ACTION

IF I COMMIT:

- **$50** — One week of Sunday treats and coffee
- **$250** — One month of internet for livestreaming worship
- **$500** — One semester of TEAMS
- **$1000** — One semester of Adult Education
- **$1500** — One week of Vacation Bible Camp

IF MY/OUR 2026 COMMITTED GIFT WAS:	AND MY/OUR INCREASED COMMITMENT THIS YEAR IS:							
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%
	THEN MY/OUR COMMITMENT FOR 2027 WILL BE:							
$100	$101	$102	$103	$104	$105	$106	$107	$108
$300	$303	$306	$309	$312	$315	$318	$321	$324
$500	$505	$510	$515	$520	$525	$530	$535	$540
$700	$707	$714	$721	$728	$735	$742	$749	$756
$1,000	$1,010	$1,020	$1,030	$1,040	$1,050	$1,060	$1,070	$1,080
$2,000	$2,020	$2,040	$2,060	$2,080	$2,100	$2,120	$2,140	$2,160
$4,000	$4,040	$4,080	$4,120	$4,160	$4,200	$4,240	$4,280	$4,320
$6,000	$6,060	$6,120	$6,180	$6,240	$6,300	$6,360	$6,420	$6,480
$8,000	$8,080	$8,160	$8,240	$8,320	$8,400	$8,480	$8,560	$8,640
$10,000	$10,100	$10,200	$10,300	$10,400	$10,500	$10,600	$10,700	$10,800

Guide to Giving & Growth Charts

The guide above has been developed to illustrate how a giving commitment in any amount can greatly impact the annual budget. The chart to the left can be used as you prayerfully consider **increasing your gift by 4%** for the upcoming year.

A family or household can choose to be represented as one unit, or expand into individual units. Units may even include children who live elsewhere but are still considered part of the household. Please contact the church office if you would like additional Stewardship Commitment Cards.

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