

CONNECT

We're Glad You're Here!

We want to know who we are connecting with so we can serve you better. Please complete the front and back of this slip and drop it in the offering plate. If you have filled one out before, simply write your name and any new information.

Names: _____

Children: _____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (h) _____

(w) _____

(cell) _____

E-Mail address: _____

This is an address change

This is your: First Time Second Time

Third Time Fourth Time

Reg. Attender Member

Are you: Married Single

Single again Widowed

Age Group: Under 18 18-22

23-30 31-35

36-40 41-50

51-60 60+

How did you hear about Valley?

Drove by Newspaper

Yellow Pages Friend

Website

Other _____

Visiting with _____

Please contact me about a visit from the Pastor.

Calendar

Today, Sunday, December 17, 2017

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	
10:15 a.m.	SS for Children and Youth	Downstairs
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for Adults	Downstairs Classroom
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Service	Sanctuary

Monday, December 18, 2017

6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Leaders	St. Andrews Hall
7:15 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Downstairs

Tuesday, December 19, 2017-Valley View Deadline

6:30 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service	Sanctuary
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Wednesday, December 20, 2017 Deadline for Sunday Bulletins

4:00 p.m.	Prayer	Pommrehn Lounge
6:30 p.m.	Admin Leadership Team	St. Andrews Hall

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Friday, December 22, 2017

Saturday, December 23, 2017

Next Sunday, December 24, 2017

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Service	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary

Christmas Service Schedule

<i>Blue Christmas</i>	<i>Tuesday, December 19 6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Regular Worship Service</i>	<i>Sunday, December 24 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Sunday, December 24 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>Sunday, December 31 6:00 p.m.</i>

December COG Donation Item: Shampoo

Please place your items in the Mission corner of the St. Andrews Hall.

Christmas Cantata



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Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Advent *December 17, 2017*

Entrance and Gathering of Christ's People

Preludes *"Sonata No. 8 —The Shepherds"* Scarlatti
"Adeste Fideles" arr. by Koury

Announcements

Chimes and the Ministry of the Acolytes

Lighting of the Advent Candle-JOY John and Susan Bruckshaw

*Call to Worship from Psalm 126

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

P: then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

L: Restore our fortunes, O Lord. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

P: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy.

ALL: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

*Hymn of Praise *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* 240 UMH

*Sharing of Greetings and Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: Also with you!

Witness in Music *"Joy to the World"* A Joyful Noise

Children's Message Pastor Ken Ferguson

Christmas Cantata *"Sent to Earth"* Adult Choir
 Written by Andrew Hauser

Scripture Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Pew Bible OT 846
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Pew Bible NT 250

 John 1:6-8, 19-28 Pew Bible NT 111

Offertory *"The Christmas Rose"* Martin

*Doxology

Life in the Spirit

(Please note: In an effort to make sure everyone can share in our Life in the Spirit moments, please remember to stand up and face the congregation when speaking.)

The Lord's Prayer: **Our Father** who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn *"I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light"* 206 UMH

Benediction-"Shalom to You"* (UMH 666)

*Postlude *"Postlude on an Ancient Carol"* arr. by Kihlken

*Please stand as you are able.

Worship has ended...now the service begins!

Welcome, Visitors!

Nursery care, large print hymnals, large print bulletins are available by contacting an usher.

Today's Worship Servants: Organist: Karen Hutzell; Choir Director: David Rozendaal; Hand Bell Director: Lynelle Meyer; Announcements: Gary Forster; Computer Operator: Nathan Henn; Worship Servants: Teri Ostendorf; Fellowship Hosts: Carol and Marty Jones; Nursery Attendant: Kim Tyrrell; Nursery Volunteer: Jaci Vega; Church open: Starr Himes.

Children in Worship: We welcome your children and are glad you have chosen to bring them to church! Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers up to 5 years of age. After the Children's Message, our nursery attendant, Ms. Tyrrell, will be at the back of the sanctuary to lead the children to the nursery for their special time. If your child is over 5 years of age, there are activity bags located at the back of the sanctuary or pick up one of the Children's Bulletins.

Next Week: Fourth Sunday in Advent. Scriptures: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Luke 1:47-55, Romans 16:25-27 and Luke 1:26-38. **Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m.**

Announcements

Valley View Deadline: Tuesday, December 19

2018 Pledge Cards: Please complete and return your 2018 Pledge as soon as possible. You may either place it in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. The Administrative Leadership Team will meet later this month to work on the 2018 budget so your response is very important for planning purposes.

Holiday Gift Cards: Help those less fortunate in our community by placing your donated food gift cards in the basket on the sound booth or if you would like to make a monetary contribution, make your check payable to Valley UMC with Holiday Gift Cards in the memo line. Contact Teresa Cleveland if you have questions.

Worship Servant Schedules: Please pick up your January-April 2018 worship servant schedules on the sound booth.

Ministry Opportunities
@ Valley UMC

Pastoral Needs:

_____ I would like information concerning membership or baptism.
 _____ I would like to speak with the Pastor concerning accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

I would like prayer for:

_____ ***This prayer request is for Pastor only.***

_____ ***Please share this request with the Grapevine Prayer ministry so others may pray with me.***

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS

Please make me a name tag:

Name: _____

All are encouraged to complete the Connect portion of the bulletin. Please place your form in the offering plate.