

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 2, 2018-First Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Downstairs
10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Downstairs-Yth Rm
10:45 a.m.	thrive UMC Worship	Sanctuary
12:00—5:00 p.m.	No Room at the Inn	

Monday, December 3, 2018

7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Downstairs
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Tuesday, December 4, 2018

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.	Pick up Nativity Sets	
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Downstairs

Wednesday, December 5, 2018-Deadline for Sunday Bulletins

4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group	
5:30 p.m.	Bells	Downstairs
6:00 p.m.	Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 6, 2018

9:30 a.m.	Searchers Circle	St. Andrews Hall
7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Downstairs

Friday, December 7, 2018

Saturday, December 8, 2018

9:00 a.m.	COG Shopping	WDM Activity Ctr
9:30 a.m.	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal	
5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
	Meal	

Next Sunday, December 9, 2018-Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	Children's Christmas Program	
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	St. Andrews Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Downstairs
10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Downstairs-Yth Rm
10:45 a.m.	thrive UMC Worship	Sanctuary

Gift Wrapping Fundraiser: In addition to the gift wrapping fundraiser here at the church on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, the Youth Mission Trip participants will be at Barnes and Noble at Jordan Creek Mall wrapping gifts on **Sunday, December 9 from 12-6:00 p.m.** Donations will go toward the mission trip expenses. Please note that items do not have to be from Barnes and Noble, but no boxes will be provided. Stop by with your items to wrap or just to say "Hi". Please spread the word to family and friends.

December COG Items: Shampoo
Place your items in the Mission Corner of St. Andrews Hall

"A Widow's Hope"



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Order of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

Entrance and Gathering of Christ's People

Preludes "Come, Savior of the Gentiles" Pachelbel
"The Advent Star" Martin

Announcements

Chimes and Ministry of the Acolytes

*Call to Worship:

L: As we gather in this new season of Advent, we remember our needs.

P: **We live in a world rich with things, but starved of hope.**

L: Anticipating Christmas, we hope for gifts that will bring smiles to our faces. We hope for happy moments, and a chance to rest.

P: **And yet these things will bring us no closer to hope's fulfillment than they had in the past.**

All: **Lord, we give our hope over to you. Take the hope we have for our selves and transform it. Let it be created anew into something big enough to be shared with the whole world.**

*Opening Prayer:

Lord of both heaven and earth, we stand again expectant of your salvation. We remember how you fulfilled the whole world's hopes by entering into history and our midst in the person of Jesus. You are our 'Emmanuel'—God with us. And yet we still feel scared and insecure. Sometimes we lose sight of who we are, and what you have called us to do. And so, in this brief season of waiting, we renew our hopes that you will draw close to us once again, so that we might be redeemed. May we put all of our hope in you. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 211 vss. 1, 2, 4 UMH

*Sharing of Greetings and Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: **Also with you!**

Children's Time Pastor Jeremy

Scripture Hymn "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" 626 UMH

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Kmett Family

Scripture Ruth 1:11-18, 4:13-17 Pew Bible OT 299

Message "A Widow's Hope" Pastor Jeremy Poland

Holy Communion & Offering "The Lamb That's Soon to Come" Boyles

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 "Blessed Be the God of Israel" 209 UMH

*Benediction—"What Child Is This" 219 v.1 UMH

*Postlude "Postlude on an Ancient Carol" 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: Lynelle Meyer; Computer Operator/Sound: Nathan Henn; Communion Preparer: Lynelle Meyer; Communion Servers: Lynelle Meyer and Lynda Hommer; Worship Servants: Bill Hillyard and Larry Hutzell; Nursery Attendant: Kim Tyrrell; Nursery Volunteer: Anita Canney; Church open: Lynda Hommer.

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: Second Sunday of Advent. Children's Christmas Program. Scriptures: Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6.

Announcements:

No Fellowship Time Today: *Please note: There will be no fellowship time following worship today. We will see you again next week to enjoy refreshments from the Christian Development team following worship and the Children's Christmas Program!*

COG Shopping Spree Donations: *Thank you to those who have volunteered to chaperone for the COG shopping event, all of our volunteer spots have been filled! We are still accepting donations to fund the shopping. Simply make your check payable to Valley UMC with "COG Shopping" in the memo line of your check. Contact Teresa Cleveland if you have questions.*

Searchers Circle: *Valley UMC's Searchers Circle will meet on **Thursday, December 6** at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Andrews Hall. All are welcome to join us for our guest speaker, Valley UMC member, Phyllis Pearson as she presents the program: "What You Need to Know About Elder Law."*

**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

I Need a Name Tag:

Name: _____

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