

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 24, 2017

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

Monday, December 25, 2017-Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 Deadline for Sunday Bulletins

4:00 p.m.	Prayer	Pommrehn Lounge
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Thursday, December 28, 2017

Friday, December 29, 2017

Saturday, December 30, 2017

Next Sunday, December 31, 2017

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	St. Andrews Hall
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	Downstairs
10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Downstairs
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Service	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Service	Sanctuary

Christmas Service Schedule

Regular Worship Service	Sunday, December 24 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.
Christmas Eve	Sunday, December 24 6:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve	Sunday, December 31 6:00 p.m.

Do You Have a Heart for Missions?: Join the Mission Team on **Wednesday, January 10, 2018** from 5:30–7:30 p.m. for our 2018 Planning Meeting. A light meal will be provided. Please sign the Connect and contact Deb Stensrud if you have questions.

December COG Donation Item: Shampoo
January COG Items: Bar Soap and Shaving Cream

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



“Stories to Remember”



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Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2017

Entrance and Gathering of Christ's People

Preludes "Wexford Carol" arr. by Mansfield
"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" arr. by Mansfield

Announcements

Chimes and the Ministry of the Acolytes

Lighting of the Advent Candle-LOVE Bill Hillyard

*Call to Worship from Psalm 96

L: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

P: tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

L: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols.

P: The Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

L: Give to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!"

ALL: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

*Hymn of Praise "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" 218 UMH

*Sharing of Greetings and Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: Also with you!

Witness in Music "The Holly and the Ivy and The First Noel" arr. by Halferty
Larry Hutzell, Saxophone

Children's Message Pastor Ken Ferguson

*Hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter" 221 UMH

Scripture Isaiah 9:1-7 Pew Bible NT 111

Message "Stories to Remember" Pastor Ken Ferguson

Offertory "At the Manger" Eliot

*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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1-4) 234 UMH

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

*Postlude "Variations on a Russian Christmas Carol" Simone

*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: Lynelle Meyer; Fellowship Hosts: Marilyn Hanson and Carolyn Lancaster; Nursery Attendant: Kim Tyrrell; Nursery Volunteer: Deb Stensrud; Church open: Larry Hutzell.

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: First Sunday After Christmas. Scripture: Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40. **New Year's Eve Service 6:00 p.m.**

Announcements

2017 Contributions: Please note: Contributions for 2017 must be received in the Sunday offering or church office by **Sunday, December 31.**

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

January 7 Fellowship Brunch: Menu: Panettone French Toast, Chicken Apple Gouda Sausage, Lasagna, Green Salad, Fruit and Sweets. With January's brunch, we will be focusing on more support for CFUM (Trinity Meals). It is important that we support this mission work to help feed those who are less fortunate than we are. As the year progresses, each month we will be focusing on a different mission and the proceeds after expenses will be donated to whatever mission we are focusing on for that particular month. We look forward to everyone attending the monthly brunches, not only for the support, but because it is a great time for fellowship. Please remember to sign up for brunches via the connect, phone call or email.

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

Fellowship Brunch (January 7):

_____ # attending

Name: _____

Mission Planning Meeting (January 10):

Name: _____

Email/Phone: _____

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

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