

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 3, 2017

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	
10:15 a.m.	SS for Children & Youth	Downstairs
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for Adults	Downstairs Classroom
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Service	Sanctuary
12:30—5:00 p.m.	No Room at the Inn	

Monday, December 4, 2017

6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Downstairs
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Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Noon-7:00 p.m.	Pick up Nativity Sets	
6:30 p.m.	SS Program Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 Deadline for Sunday Bulletins

4:00 p.m.	Prayer	Pommrehn Lounge
5:30 p.m.	Adult Bell Choir	
6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	

Thursday, December 7, 2017

9:30 a.m.	Searcher's Circle	At Church
5:30 p.m.	Mission Team	St. Andrews Hall
6:00 p.m.	Praise Team	Sanctuary

Friday, December 8, 2017

4:00 p.m.	CFUM Meal-Mission Team	Trinity UMC
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Saturday, December 9, 2017

9:00 a.m.	COG Shopping	Valley Jct Activity Ctr
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Next Sunday, December 10, 2017

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	
	NO Children's Sunday School	
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for Adults	Downstairs Classroom
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Service	Sanctuary

Christmas Service Schedule

<i>Children's Christmas Program</i>	<i>Sunday, December 10</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Christmas Cantata</i>	<i>Sunday, December 17</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Blue Christmas</i>	<i>Tuesday, December 19</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Regular Worship Service</i>	<i>Sunday, December 24</i>	<i>9:00 & 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Sunday, December 24</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>Sunday, December 31</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>

December COG Donation Item: Shampoo

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



“Filling the Breach”



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Order of Worship

First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2017

Entrance and Gathering of Christ's People

Preludes "The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem" Paxton
Episode on "Veni, Emmanuel" arr. by Smith

Announcements

Chimes and the Ministry of the Acolytes

Lighting of the Advent Candle-HOPE

*Call to Worship from Psalm 80

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

P: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

L: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

P: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

L: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. It sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River. Turn again, O God of hosts.

ALL: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 196 UMH

*Sharing of Greetings and Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: Also with you!

Advent Mission Moment Heifer International Lynelle Meyer

Children's Message Deb Stensrud

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

Scripture Isaiah 64:1-9 Pew Bible OT 849
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Pew Bible NT 201

*Mark 13:24-37 Pew Bible NT 61

Message "Filling the Breach" Pastor Ken Ferguson

Holy Communion and 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 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" 382 UMH

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

*Postlude "Christians, Be Joyful, from 'The Christmas Oratorio'" J.S. Bach

*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; Communion Preparer: Gary Forster; Communion Servers: Gary and Margaret Forster; Worship Servants: Larry and Jennifer McLellan; Fellowship Hosts: John and Cindy Johnson; Nursery Attendant: Kim Tyrrell; Nursery Volunteer: Lorrie Hayes; Church open: Mike Canney.

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 in Advent. Children's Christmas Program: "Just a Little Christmas" Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15 and Mark 1:1-8.

Announcements

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.

UMW Circles: Faith Circle will NOT meet in December. Searchers Circle will meet on Thursday, December 7 at 9:30 a.m. here at the church.

Worship Servants-We Need You!: Are you looking for a new way to serve at Valley UMC? How about signing up to be a worship servant to assist in Sunday morning worship at the traditional 9:00 a.m. service or the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service? January through April 2018 worship servant schedules are being formed. Please sign the Connect if you would like to be added to the worship servant list or contact Sheila in the church office: 225-8128 or office@valleyumc.org.

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.

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

Worship Servants: (Jan-Apr 2018)

Please add me to the following lists for the 9:00 am Service

Worship Servant:
Communion Server:
Fellowship Host:
Nursery Assistant:
Computer Operator:

Please add me to the following lists for the 11:15 am Service

Worship Servant:
Communion Server:
Nursery Assistant:
Computer Operator:

Name:

Notes:

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.