

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 30, 2018

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

Monday, December 31, 2018

6:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Service	Sanctuary
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Tuesday, January 1, 2019-New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2, 2019-Deadline for Sunday Bulletins

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

Thursday, January 3, 2019

9:30 a.m.	Searchers Circle	St. Andrews Hall
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Friday, January 4, 2019

Saturday, January 5, 2019

5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	Sanctuary
	Meal	

Next Sunday, January 6, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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
11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Brunch	St. Andrews Hall

Undecorating after Worship and after Brunch

Monday, December 31 6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Service

**January COG Items: Shaving Cream and Bar Soap
Place your items in the Mission Corner of St. Andrews Hall**

"Christmas Aftermath"



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Order of Worship

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

Entrance and Gathering of Christ's People

Preludes *Christians Be Joyful, from "The Christmas Oratorio"* J.S. Bach
"Fantasy on Christmas Carols" Saxton

Announcements

Chimes and Ministry of the Acolytes

*Call to Worship:

L: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

P: **We are called to action rather than reaction.**

L: Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

P: **Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.**

L: Come, draw near to God in faith.

P: **Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God. Amen.**

*Opening Prayer:

Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *"Sing We Now of Christmas"* 237 UMH

*Sharing of Greetings and Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: **Also with you!**

Witness in Music Anne and Andrew Hauser
"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Children's Time Pastor Jeremy

*Scripture Hymn *"There's A Song in the Air"* 249 UMH

Scripture Matthew 2:13-23 Pew Bible NT 2

Message *"Christmas Aftermath"* Pastor Jeremy Poland

Offering *"Brightest Diamond, Fairest Jesus"* 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.**

*Closing Hymn *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"* 251 UMH

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

*Postlude *"Rejoice, the Lord Is Come"* Russell

*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: Starr Himes; Worship Servants: Phyllis Pearson, Harold Templeman, Lynelle Meyer; Fellowship Hosts: Bob and Linda Mentzer; Nursery Attendant: Kim Tyrrell; Nursery Volunteer: Carolyn Lancaster; 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: Holy Communion. Lectionary Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12.

Announcements:

January Fellowship Brunch: Join us at 11:45 a.m. on **Sunday, January 6** for a delicious meal and a great time of fellowship. Enjoy a menu of omelette bake, ham, green salad, fruit, bagels and coffee cake. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Mission Trip. Sign the Connect if you plan to attend.

2019 Pledge Cards: Please remember to turn in your 2019 pledge as soon as possible. You will find extra pledge sheets on the usher table.

From the Finance Team: For tax planning reasons some members of the Congregation are paying tithes in one year that are intended as payments of tithes for the following year. If you are doing that, please indicate in the memo line or by a note accompanying the tithe payment how much of the payment is for tithes in each year. Please have your 2018 contributions in to the church office by Monday, December 31. The office will be open 9 am to 3:00 pm.

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 6):

_____ # attending

Name: _____

Valley View Newsletter: Please sign below or on the list outside of the church office if you still wish to be mailed the monthly Valley Views.

Name: _____

If you are not receiving the WIND emails and would like to, please list your email address below:

Email: _____

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.