

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, February 16, 2020-Food Pantry Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	St. Andrews Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children and Youth SS	Downstairs
10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Pommrehn Lounge

Monday, February 17, 2020

6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts	St. Andrews Hall
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Tuesday, February 18, 2020-Deadline for Valley Views

6:30 p.m.	Admin Leadership Team	St. Andrews Hall
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts	Downstairs

Wednesday, February 19, 2020—Deadline for Sunday Bulletins

4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group	Pommrehn Lounge
6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Friday, February 21, 2020

11:00 a.m.	Celebration of Life for Virginia Aschan	Sanctuary
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Saturday, February 22, 2020

7:30 a.m.	Men's Group	St. Andrews Hall
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Next Sunday, February 23, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	St. Andrews Hall
10:30 a.m.	Children and Youth SS	Downstairs
10:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Pommrehn Lounge
Noon	Eagle Scout Event	Sanctuary

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE: *The celebration of life service for Virginia Aschan will be held at Valley UMC on **Friday, February 21** at 11:00 a.m. Lunch and fellowship time with family will follow the service. Burial will be with family at a later date.*

**Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 26**

Save the Date!

**March 7 Valley UMC talent show and potluck.
Watch for more details to come.**

February COG Item: Toilet Paper

Place your items in the Mission Corner of St. Andrews Hall

"The Greatest Gift"



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Order of Worship
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 16, 2020

Entrance and Gathering of Christ's People

Preludes Pugnani
"Largo Cantando"
"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" arr. by Mansfield

Announcements

Chimes and Ministry of the Acolytes

*Call to Worship

L: The Christ calls us to follow him through the gate of life.

P: The gate is narrow, and the way is difficult.

L: He has taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated.

P: It isn't enough to know his teachings, or to call him Lord.

All: Holy One, empower us to bear good fruit, with our knowledge, our words, and our actions.

Opening Prayer

God of heaven and earth, you have revealed to us what is right. You have taught us how we should use the gift of life we've been given. Help us to bring your teachings alive by putting them into practice. Forgive us for when we let our faith become idle ideas. Inspire us with your grace, and love, and justice. We know you are present with us, every step of the way. Let this assurance help us to act with courage, for the sake of your Kingdom. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: 732 vss. 1,2,4 UMH
"Come, We That Love the Lord"

*Sharing of Greetings and Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: Also with you!

Witness in Music Adult Choir
"Walk Along Beside Me"

Children's Time Pastor Jeremy

*Scripture Hymn 87 vss. 1-3 UMH
"What Gift Can We Bring"

Scripture Pew Bible NT 8
Matthew 7:13-28

Message Pastor Jeremy Poland
"The Greatest Gift"

Offertory Hill
"O Heavenly Grace"

*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 577 vss. 1,3,4 UMH
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Benediction—"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" 557 v. 1 UMH

*Postlude Scott
"Epilogue"

*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; Announcements: Clare DeBoef; Computer Operator/Sound: Emory Cleveland; Worship Servants: Carolyn Lancaster, Jennifer and Larry McLellan, Jan Meek; Fellowship Hosts: Gary and Margaret Forster; Nursery Attendant: Kim Tyrrell; Nursery Volunteer: Marilyn Hanson; Church open: Margaret Forster.

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: Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany. Lectionary Scriptures: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9.

Announcements:

Small Groups are Forming! *You won't want to miss the excitement here at Valley UMC this spring! The trend in churches is moving to "Small Groups" again and we're putting together our very own small groups to encourage connection and relationships. **Would you be a host for one of our small groups?** As a host you determine how many you feel comfortable with hosting in your group, determine how often you would meet, where-when and how (in your home, a restaurant, at church, do a study, activity, fun and games, or make someone in your group come up with the what-where-when). **Would you like to join one of our small groups?** As one of a group you would help the host come up with a name for the group, joyfully help decide the where-when and how and support the group by your regular participation in "getting connected". Sign the Connect or contact Margaret Forster or Lynne Henn if you would like more information.*

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

Valley UMC Small Groups:

_____ I would like to host

_____ I would like to join

Name: _____

Phone/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.