

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, May 19, 2019-Graduation/Christian Development Sunday

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	Church Office
10:45 a.m.	thrive UMC Worship	Sanctuary

Monday, May 20, 2019

7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	St. Andrews Hall
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Tuesday, May 21, 2019-Valley View Deadline

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

Wednesday, May 22, 2019-Deadline for Sunday Bulletins

4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group	Pommrehn Lounge
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Thursday, May 23, 2019

6:30 p.m.	CD Team Meeting	Pommrehn Lounge
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Friday, May 24, 2019

Saturday, May 25, 2019

Next Sunday, May 26, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	St. Andrews Hall
10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Church Office
10:45 a.m.	thrive UMC Worship	Sanctuary

VBS On Wednesdays in June: Be sure to check out the insert in today's bulletin for details on our summer VBS! Our small but mighty Christian Ed team really needs your help during our Wednesdays in June VBS for our 5:30 p.m. meal time, our sign-in times, our Bible Skits, our crafts and our games! Please contact Lynne Henn or Margaret Forster if you have questions. Sign up on the Connect if you can help.

Youth Mission Trip: The Valley UMC Youth Mission Trip is happy to announce a new fundraiser: **The Spring Casserole Sale!** The casserole sale will be held on **Sunday, June 9**. While you are making dinner over the next month, please double up a recipe and donate a casserole to the sale. Please deliver your casserole in a disposable foil container (no plastic tops) thoroughly wrapped in aluminum foil and labeled with the recipe name. Also include number of servings, heating/cooking instructions, and ingredients (due to allergies please no nuts). If you have any questions, please contact: Jacqueline Vega @ 515-422-4929 or vegadynasty@gmail.com.

May COG Items: Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Place your items in the Mission Corner of St. Andrews Hall

"The Prodigal Father"



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Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday after Easter May 19, 2019

Entrance and Gathering of Christ's People

Preludes "Prelude in A Flat Major" J.S. Bach
"Allegretto Antigua" Koury

Announcements

Chimes and Ministry of the Acolytes

*Call to Worship

L: We gather on this holy Sunday, to celebrate!
P: **Our God is great and generous: we have been lavished with abundance.**
L: We have food, and friends, and breath and life!
P: **Today God has given us the chance to live again: may our hearts be filled with gratitude.**
ALL: **Let us celebrate with joy, for we were lost and have been found—dead and have come back to life!**

*Opening Prayer:

Lord of joy and generosity, you have put all that we need before us: life, love, and sustenance. Your acts of creation and re-creation are extravagant and excessively beautiful. We can see no need for the wonder of a sunset, or the vastness of the cosmos, or the simple pleasure of a good meal—and yet you gave them anyway. All creation sings of your abundance; and yet we still try to horde all we can, to keep it for ourselves. Our very civilization is built to protect the station of the 'haves' vs. the 'have nots.' Remake us today as a people of gratitude. Let us revel in your abundance this holy day. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "Surely the Presence of the Lord" 328 UMH

*Sharing of Greetings and Peace

L: Peace be with you.
P: **Also with you!**

Christian Education Appreciation

Witness in Music "The Lord is My Shepherd" Adult Choir
Ryley Schulte, Soloist

Children's Time Pastor Jeremy Poland

*Scripture Hymn "Where He Leads Me" 338 UMH

Scripture Luke 15:11-24 Pew Bible NT 95

Message "The Prodigal Father" Pastor Jeremy Poland

Offertory "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" arr. by Glycannon

*Doxology

Graduation Recognition

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 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" 399 UMH

Choir Recognition

*Benediction—"Peace I Leave with You" Adult Choir

*Postlude "A Bright, New Trumpet" Martin

*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: Phyllis Pearson; Computer Operator/Sound: Lynelle Meyer; Worship Servants: Lucy Elrick, Bob Johnson, Rose Donati; Fellowship Hosts: Valley UMC Christian Development Team; Nursery Attendant: Kim Tyrell; Nursery Volunteer: Anita Canney; 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: Lectionary Scriptures: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5, John 14:13-29.

Announcements:

Iowa Flood Disaster Response: The flooding continues from the West to the East here in our state and so does the need for prayers and donations. Please consider contributing to the efforts to help the flood victims in Iowa. Make your checks payable to Valley UMC with Advance Special #223 marked in the memo line.

We've Got Rhythm! A Concert for Two Pianos: You won't want to miss out on a musical "feast" featuring the talents of Joyce Templeman and Barbara Nish as they present a special concert: *We've Got Rhythm!* Dates and times are as follows: Wednesday, May 22 at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. and Friday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. The concert will take place at the home of Barbara Nish, 4400 Greenwood Drive, Des Moines.

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 would love to help with VBS! (Wed. in June):

___ Meal time

___ Sign-in time

___ Bible skits

___ Crafts

___ Games

___ As needed

Name: _____

Email/Phone: _____

Email Address for Church Announcements:

Name: _____

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.