

# 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, August 19, 2018

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

### Monday, August 20, 2018

### Tuesday, August 21, 2018-Valley View Deadline

### Wednesday, August 22, 2018—Deadline for Sunday Bulletins

4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group	Pommrehn Lounge
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### Thursday, August 23, 2018

5:30 p.m.	Mission Team Meeting	St. Andrews Hall
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### Friday, August 24, 2018

### Saturday, August 25, 2018

3:00 p.m.	Back to Sunday School Rally Day
5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Service Praise Garden
6:00 p.m.	Potluck
8:30 p.m.	Movie Under the Stars

### Next Sunday, August 26, 2018

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	Pommrehn Lounge
1:00 p.m.	Charge Conference	

**September Fellowship Brunch:** All are invited to the Fellowship Brunch with proceeds supporting Heifer International. Come for delicious food, great fellowship and the opportunity to support **Heifer on Sunday, September 2**. The menu includes: Assorted quiche, Hungarian sausage hash, fruit bowl, bagels and cream cheese and coffee cakes. Suggested donation is \$6.00. Please sign the Connect to RSVP.

**Worship Servant Sign up:** We are working on the September-December schedules and would **love** to add your name to the Worship Servant list! Sign the Connect or contact Sheila in the church office if you have questions.

**70th Wedding Anniversary Card Shower:** Longtime Valley UMC members, Jerry and Shirley Peterson will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on **Wednesday, August 22**. Help them celebrate this milestone by sending cards to Jerry and Shirley at 140 S. 52nd Street, West Des Moines, IA 50265.

**August COG Item—Diapers (greatest need size 5 and 6)**

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

## “Blind Familiarity”



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*Order of Worship*  
*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 19, 2018*

Entrance and Gathering of Christ's People

Preludes Martin Civiello  
"A Dance Prelude"  
"Arietta"

Announcements

Chimes and Ministry of the Acolytes

\*Call to Worship:

L: Let our souls bless the LORD!  
**P: LORD our God, how fantastic you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!**  
 L: You wear light like a robe; you open the skies like a curtain.  
**P: You make the winds your messengers; you make fire and flame your ministers.**  
**All: You established the earth on its foundations so that it will never ever fall.**

\*Opening Prayer:

**Almighty God, at Your word, the Solar Systems sprung into being. Your voice sends every atom to dance according to Your grand, unfathomable design. Your word is creation; Your breath is life. And yet, in the pits of our foolishness, we pretend to know You. We convince ourselves we comprehend Your incomprehensible mysteries. Amid Your grand and intricate wonders, we allowed ourselves to be bored. We've turned Your revealed truths to lifeless creeds. Open our eyes and hearts to Your dazzling revelation. Let our hearts and minds be made new, again. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise 553 UMH vss.1-4  
"And Are We Yet Alive"

\*Sharing of Greetings and Peace

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

Witness in Music Larry Hutzell, Saxophone Solo  
"Softly and Tenderly"

Children's Message "Blessing of the Backpacks"

\*Hymn 2083 TFWS vss. 1,2,5  
"My Song Is Love Unknown"

Scripture Pew Bible NT 264  
Hebrews 1:1-2:1

Message Pastor Jeremy Poland  
"Blind Familiarity"

Offertory J.S. Bach  
"Trio, from the Third French Suite"

\*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 560 UMH  
"Help Us Accept Each Other"

\*Benediction-"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" UMH 671 v.1

\*Postlude Glycannon  
"Arise, O True Disciples"

\*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: Emory Cleveland; Worship Servants: Teresa Cleveland, Bonnie Constant and Rose Donati; Fellowship Host: Forsters/Smiths; Nursery Attendant: Kim Tyrrell; Nursery Volunteer: Carolyn Lancaster; Church open: Lynelle Meyer; Church close: Forsters.

Flowers for worship are provided by Wayne, Ellen and Skylar Miller in remembrance of Tina's Birthday.

**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:** 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43, Psalm 84, Ephesians 6:10-20 and John 6:56-69.

**Announcements:**

**Sunday School News:** See the insert in today's bulletin to learn about our "Under the Sea" Back to Sunday School Event on **Saturday, August 25** and opportunities to serve as a Sunday School teacher/helper. Sign the Connect to RSVP.

**Charge Conference:** A Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, August 26** at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on rental of the parsonage. All are encouraged to attend.

**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**

**SS Kick-off (August 25)**

\_\_\_\_\_ # children attending

\_\_\_\_\_ # adults attending

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall for the potluck in addition to signing the Connect.

**Worship Servants: (Sept-Dec)**

**Sun 9:00 am    Sat 5:00 pm**

Worship Servant: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Server: \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship Host: \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

Computer Operator: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**I Need a Name Tag:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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