


The Messenger

Valley Community Presbyterian Church November 2012

Worship Schedule

Adult Education class through
December 2, 9:00 a.m.
Early Bird Coffee in Library
9:30 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
Nursery care 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School
10:20-11:05 a.m.
Fellowship and coffee after
worship

November

- 4 Communion**
Stewardship Pledge Sunday
Fall Harvest Congregational
Brunch after worship
Daylight Saving Time ends
- 11 Combined choir anthem**
Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday
Mission Market after worship
Session Meeting with New
Members, 11:15 a.m.
- 18 Cents-Ability Offering**
'Dining for Women' 11:30 a.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day**
- 25 Christ the King/Reign of**
Christ Sunday

December

- 2 Communion**
Advent begins
Advent Fair

'Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity'

Stewardship Pledge Sunday, November 4

Bring pledge cards to worship. Come to Harvest Brunch after worship.
(See pages 1 and 2)

Congregational Harvest Brunch November 4



Everyone is invited

Please join the Valley family after church on Sunday, November 4 in Davis Hall/Gym for a time of fellowship and activities with everyone. A baked egg casserole with cheese and bacon or sausage, along with coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. The congregation is asked to contribute fruit (last name A-L) or breakfast breads such as muffins, sweet rolls, donuts or bagels (last name M-Z). Come celebrate with your church family.

Mission Market November 11

Don't miss this favorite Valley event

Please participate in supporting Valley's Mission Market on Sunday, November 11 from 9 a.m.-Noon. Each table offers donation opportunities. Or you can purchase meaningful gifts for family members. This is a feel-good, win-win opportunity that benefits the giver and receiver! Scottish Dancers will entertain in Davis Hall as you browse the tables and enjoy this special event.

Participants include: **Jars for Youth Mission** "make your own" jars. Valley's **Piecemakers** baby blankets and quilts for people in need. Their quilts are also available for purchase at the market. **Equal Exchange** fairly traded coffee, tea and chocolate.

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Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday

Do you hear the pipes calling? Valley will conduct a Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday, November 11 at the 10 a.m. service. Invite a friend or two and wear or bring tartan to this special service of our Scottish Presbyterian heritage. St. Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, and November 30 celebrates his day. At Valley, the service is the blessing of family tartans and all families.

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Ben Paroulek

Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity

“Now you excel in everything: in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in love. So we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.” - 2 Corinthians 8

As we celebrate God’s abundance and respond with overflowing generosity, we are also called to reflect on how we can be better stewards of our gifts of “time, talent and treasure.”

As Presbyterians, this is what we believe about stewardship:

Stewardship is about making choices, as individuals and in community. It is more than giving money to the church. Stewardship is about being faithful disciples, caring for and managing all that God has given us.

Stewardship is not just one part of Christian discipleship; it involves every aspect of life in all the stages of life.

Stewardship is the grateful response to God’s grace and goodness. It requires a consideration of how our choices affect us and others, of how we can be good caretakers of the created world, and of how we can best serve God as disciples of Christ.

We thank you for prayerfully considering your pledge to God’s work at Valley Community Presbyterian Church and our ministry to our community and world. Please plan to return your pledge card on or before November 4, Commitment Sunday. On that day we will join in a Harvest Brunch and celebrate the abundance with which God has blessed us. Together, in grateful thanksgiving, we will make commitments to God for the “abundant joy and overflowing generosity” we have each received.



Ben Paroulek

Operations during September continued to show some encouraging results. Last spring Session passed a balanced budget for 2012. However the YTD budget for nine months planned for a loss of \$39,100. The actual YTD loss was \$39,700, a difference of only \$600 and demonstrates the efforts of all program managers to minimize expenditures and stay within budget. The actual operating results for September were a positive \$20,700 which was slightly worse than budget. Generally, adult giving continues to need improvement, but net operations for all program areas except facilities and mission are under budget through September 30, 2012.

Obviously, in order to achieve break even operations by year end, adult giving must improve by \$26,500. We thank members and non-members for their financial support during 2012.

Again, we prayerfully request that you remember Valley in your financial planning and thank everyone for their continued support of the mission and programs of Valley.

Lyle Chadwick, Treasurer



Fall Budget Update

Gamble Library

Book Discussion Group: The combined November/December meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be on Friday, December 14. The group will meet at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room to discuss the book, *Little Gale Gumbo*, by Erika Marks. This is an intricately written novel about family, secrets, sisters, love and obsession. Everyone is invited to join this lively, fun group.

Library News: The library added several DVD sets to its collection. “The Holy Land Revealed” and “The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon” are two of these sets. These DVDs consist of a series of 30 minute lectures by college professors with expertise in their fields. Each set is accompanied by a guidebook outlining each of the lectures with questions to consider and suggested supplementary reading. The sets would be appropriate either for individual viewing or for group studies.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan (cont. from p. 1)

The theme of the Kirkin' is clearly Scottish, but of an American concept. The Rev. Peter Marshall (a Scot and the subject of the book and movie, *A Man Called Peter*), pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., introduced the idea on April 2, 1941.

If you're not sure if you have Scottish or Celtic roots, or even a national tartan (German, Dutch, Spanish, etc.) bring all the family surnames you know to the information table upstairs after the service. Jim and Pat McClean will help you research the names. If you would like to know sooner, contact them at: patjimcclean@netscape.net or 503.524.6364.

Sign up soon for December 13 Blood Drive



Sign up opportunities for the December 13 Deacons' Red Cross Blood Drive begin during coffee fellowship hour on Sunday, November 25. Give an hour of your time and save up to three lives. What a great gift from you to any one in need during the holiday season.

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Mission Market (cont. from p. 1)

Habitat for Humanity housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness. **Heifer International** helps end world hunger by helping poor families around the globe become self-reliant. **Luke Dorf** helps individuals with severe mental illness by providing behavioral health services. **Oxfam** provides sweaters to needy children throughout the world through Oxfam International.

Several volunteers are needed for clean-up at noon, November 11. Please stay if you can assist. Thank you.

Session Highlights

Valley's Session at the Stated Meeting on October 9, 2012:

- Approved a jar mix fundraiser to benefit the Youth Mission Fund.
- Approved a spaghetti feed/movie night to benefit the Valley Christian Preschool Scholarship Fund and also approved a Preschool book and craft sale during the week of November 16.
- Accepted the Certificate of Transfer of Membership for Roy and Valerie Connor from First Presbyterian Church in Pendleton to Valley Community Presbyterian.
- Approved a free will offering during Darlene Cusick's 25th Anniversary concert on October 28, 2012. Proceeds will support Music Ministries.
- Approved a fundraiser wreath sale by the Boy Scout Troop sponsored by Valley.
- Presented monetary gifts to both Pastor Ben Paroulek and Pastor Rebecca Chancellor as one-time gifts in recognition of their increased duties since the retirement of Pastor René Minshew.
- Appointed Elders Connie Brenner and Carol Powers as commissioners from Valley to the meeting of Presbytery of the Cascades, November 9-10 at Lake Grove Presbyterian.
- Approved Sadie Mae Rust for baptism at Valley Community at a future date.
- Accepted the annual report from Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry for Candidate Renn Sanderman.



All had fun at Valley's annual Pumpkin Patch trip!

Advent Fair set for December 2



Mark your calendars now for Valley's Annual Advent Fair, Sunday, December 2, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in Davis Hall. Family, friends, and neighbors of all ages are welcome.

There will be a variety of crafts and greens for wreaths and centerpieces. Bows and wreath rings will be available for \$1 each, and a donation to help defray the cost of the greens would be appreciated. Be sure to bring your gloves, clippers and wreath rings.

We are looking for people (individuals or groups) to sponsor and/or host a craft. Sponsors would contribute to the cost of the craft only, and a host would contribute to the cost, prepare the craft and host the table during the Advent Fair. The sponsor or host can provide the idea or one will be provided by the Advent Fair Team. This really is a lot of fun and a great way to give of your time, talent and resources for such a fun event. If you are interested, please contact Marie Bird at mcbird@comcast.net or Marcia Sanderman at mksanderman@comcast.net Watch for sign ups during Fellowship Coffee Hour.

Would you like to help at the **Advent Fair Craft Prep Party after church November 18? See Valley Notes on page 11.

Senior Christmas Lunch set for December 5

A festive luncheon is planned for all senior adults on Wednesday, December 5 at noon in Armitage Hall. After lunch, the traditional serenade from Valley Christian Preschool students and Pastor Ben on his guitar will include Christmas carols to get everyone into the holiday spirit. A special half hour Christmas concert in the sanctuary by the group, "La Musica Quartet" follows. The quartet includes Pamela Jacobsen, Rachael Susman (concertmaster of the Beaverton Symphony), Bev Gibson, and Allen Dobbins.

The group shared their music with the holiday luncheon last year, too. Plan to come and bring a friend and enjoy. Please RSVP for the luncheon so the Kitchen Crew can better plan for everyone. Just call Sandy Cundiff at 503.524.7367 or Angie at the church office at 503.292.3537. The cost is \$4 for the lunch. Anyone who would like to listen to the concert is welcome; it should begin about 1 p.m. The Kitchen Crew looks forward to seeing many friends and guests!



Left: The ever faithful kitchen crew!

Adult Education

Sundays, November 4, 11, 18, 25, and December 2. 9 – 9:55 a.m.

"Saving Jesus" class continues on Sundays at 9 a.m. in Armitage Hall. What ever happened to Jesus? Each week will feature a new topic, so feel free to drop in on any class. Discussions led by Baird Smith.

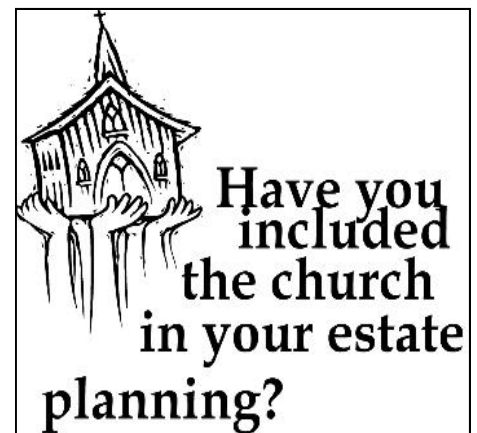
Presbyterian Women's Bible Studies

Two PW Bible Studies will be offered this school year. All women are welcome to join us for either study. Books are available in the church office for \$9.00. Come even if you haven't read the lesson.

- **First Tuesday, November 6, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.** in the Fireside Room (10 a.m. for coffee).
- **Evening Bible Study fourth Wednesday, November 28, 6 - 7 p.m.** in the Fireside Room.

Both Bible Study groups will be using the Presbyterian Women's study: *Dispatches to God's Household – The General Epistles*. Six books of the New Testament are explored, 1 and 2 Peter, 1 - 3 John, and Jude, teaching us what it means to live in community, and what it means to belong to the household of God.

For more information on the fourth Wednesday study, contact Paige Unangst at paige@unangst.net or Rebecca Chancellor at rebecca@valleycommunity.org or 503.292.3537.



Learn about women of Ecuador at DFW November 18



Dining for Women

Those who attend Dining for Women will learn more about the women of Ecuador at the November 18 meeting at 11:30 in the Fireside Room.

The featured group this month is The Pachamama Alliance, which is organized to empower indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest to preserve their lands and culture and, using insights gained from that work, to

educate and inspire individuals everywhere to bring forth a thriving, just and sustainable world.

The mission of Jungle Mamas, a project of The Pachamama Alliance, is to empower the indigenous women and communities of the Ecuadorian rainforest to ensure safe birthing and the health and well being of the Achuar people. This is based on the experience of women's health and education as the keys to cultural preservation and protection of the Amazon rainforest.

Marilyn Tuffs has been attending the group and adds her experience: *"I am a member of the Dining For Women group and was reminded recently how important it is that we participate in something that helps others. I would encourage all of us to mark our calendars and join the potluck group (ordinarily the third Sunday at 11:30 a.m.) to learn about the areas where a 'bit' of money makes a big difference. It only requires a small potluck dish, and a giving circle of donations to help. There are more than 800 DFW groups in the U.S., so you can see how each dollar makes a difference. Consider visiting the group on November 18 in the Fireside Room."*

For more information please contact Ruthann Marquis at 503.297.8992 or go to diningforwomen.org and read about this and other featured programs that support women and children in underserved areas of our world.

Meet our church family



Karen and Baird Smith

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Karen has belonged to Valley since around 1970. She taught Sunday School for several years, worked with the middle school youth group, and served as an elder. When she met and married Baird (they were married at Valley Church in 1978), they moved to New York City and were gone for 13 years. When they moved back to Portland, they rejoined the Valley community.

Karen's parents, Helen and Keith Kruchek, joined Valley two years after Karen did.

Karen and Baird have two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth. Margaret Harrieff and her family live close to the Smiths in NE Portland.

The Smiths enjoy babysitting their grandson, Will, who is three and one-half. Elizabeth Leavitt is a familiar face to many of you as she led the youth program for two years before she left to earn a Masters of Divinity degree at Harvard Divinity School. Liz is now the interim minister at Peace Presbyterian Church in Eugene, and she and her husband have become urban farmers.

Baird very much enjoys teaching and the research that it requires. He has taught several adult education classes at Valley, and is currently teaching a 9 a.m. class on Sundays.

Karen and Baird enjoy traveling and have attended several Road Scholar (Elderhostel renamed) programs.

They have recently downsized, moving from a large home on Skyline Blvd. to North Portland. They are living in a multi-generational cohousing community (Daybreak) and enjoy community activities and being close to public transportation.



Reminder:
Daylight Saving
Time ends
November 4.
Set your clocks
back one hour
before you go to
bed the night
before.

Children's Ministries



This fall, children's Sunday School lessons have focused on Stewardship. Children are learning that as children of God, we are all called to practice good stewardship by giving generously of our God given gifts of our talents, time and money. Children designed their own hand-made offering envelope boxes. Class Leaders for the unit on Stewardship are Amy Henning-Blair with Alex -Games, Sarah Boyle -Video and Susan Gentner with Liz-Art. Review and Celebrate for Pre-K through Fourth Grade is scheduled for November 11 with Amy Rheingans, Kay Hope Gold and Beverly Hubbard.

Pre-K Sunday School Leaders are Bert and Cheryl Hoffbeck, Paul and Elizabeth Brown and Craig and Terri Vermillion. We're using the Presbyterian based "We Believe" curriculum for Pre-K again this year, with lessons from Mark 12 and Luke 21.

Kidz Mart planned for December

We're collecting your gently used items for Kidz Mart, our popular one-stop Christmas shopping for children. Drop your donations in the collection basket located in the office lobby. Kidz Mart is scheduled this year on the following dates:

Shopping for children only is 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 15.

Shopping is open to adults, teens and children 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 16.

Preschool corner

Here we go; the holiday season has begun. We just finished our parent/teacher conferences. This gave the families a nice opportunity to chat with the teachers, enable parents to share their insights and set some goals for the upcoming months. We have a brilliant staff of highly qualified teachers who bring their own individual personalities and styles to the classroom. All this, while continuing to maintain the core focus of Valley Church's ministry.

Speaking of ministry, have you seen the great enhancement made to our playground? Volunteer families from within the preschool designed, built and outfitted the new swing set. It's a fabulous testimony to the willing spirit of this community. Thank you, families!

Halloween parties took place during the last few days of October. Carnival games, costumes, trick-or-treating, pumpkin patch and non-stop fun were the rules of the day. This has always been one of my favorite celebrations and seems to be on the top of the kids' lists as well. Of course, none of this would be possible without the help of our parent party-planners.

Here's a quick peek ahead:

- Scholastic Book Fair..... Nov. 12-16
- Teacher In-service Day..... Fri. Nov. 9 (No School)
- Veteran's Day..... Nov. 12 (No School)
- Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 22, 23 (No School)
- School Picture Days..... Nov. 27 & 28
- Christmas Parties Dec. 19, 20 & 21
- Christmas Break Dec .24 – Jan. 4, 2013

Kristina Kurtz, Director

Can you help?

We're seeking three adults to lead activities for our next unit on the Nativity. This is your opportunity to form lasting relationships with Valley's kids while you enjoy sharing one of your favorite interests or hobbies with the children. Available dates are November 18, 25 and December 9. Contact Kay Hope Gold for more information.



These happy children had attended Sunday School three out of four Sundays in a row and were therefore eligible to select prize from the Golden Treasure Box from Mrs. Gold's office.

Youth Ministries

Hunger and Poverty

Both Middle School LIFE and High School FAMILY have been exploring themes of Hunger and Poverty through Bible Study and activities. The youth have been engaging in scripture, true or false analysis of hunger and poverty statistics, and created skits reflecting how they would respond when presented with someone in desperate need and hungry. The youth have also started a competition gathering food and monetary donations for the Oregon Food Bank. In order to take what they've learned about hunger and poverty and put it into action, both High School FAMILY and Middle School LIFE groups planned to volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank, the High School group in October and the LIFE group on November 28.



Middle School Ministry

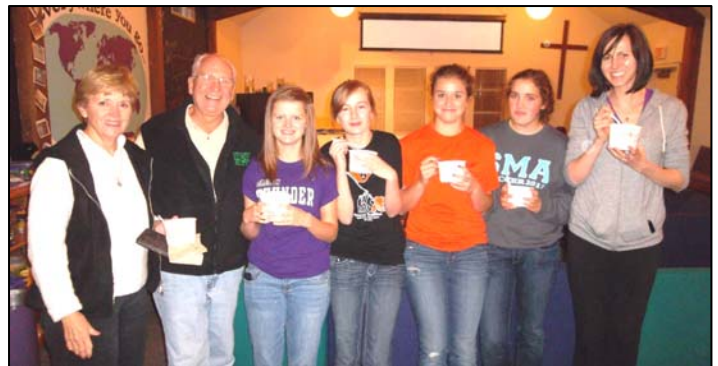
The Middle School LIFE group has also been meeting Wednesday nights and combining with the FAMILY group for dinners. The LIFE group has spent their time digging into questions of names for God and discussing the challenges associated with having so many options and interpretations throughout the world. The fall presbytery retreat for Middle School youth was in October in Lincoln City. The theme for the weekend was "Hide & Seek," based on the promises of God according to Jeremiah 29:10-14. The youth enjoyed a weekend full of activity and excitement with energizers, music, keynote speeches, small groups, recreation, free time, crafts, campfire, and more.



Part of the youth serving team at the pancake breakfast.

High School FAMILY

The High School FAMILY continues to meet on Wednesday nights for combined dinner with the LIFE group, devotionals, games, and pow-wows. FAMILY has dug deep into the current political spectrum and has been challenged to strong conversations by some new curriculum. Some devotionals have included "Is it a sin not to vote?" and "Is God a Republican or a Democrat?" The FAMILY group had a blast at a lock-in in October filled with games, hanging out and setting up for the pancake breakfast to raise money for Youth Mission. We are also looking forward to the annual presbytery retreat for all high school youth (CPYA), which is November 16-18 at Aldersgate Retreat Center in Turner, OR. This year's retreat is based on Matthew 4:1-11, and the theme is "Don't Tempt Me!"



Enjoying frozen yogurt during a High School FAMILY meeting

Growing the Youth Mission Fund

The youth are grateful for the congregation's support of Youth Mission! On October 2, the youth raised \$706 for the Youth Mission Fund at the Pancake Breakfast. The Clippers Mariners made it a huge success, spending hours in the kitchen cooking all of the pancakes and sausage. We also give great thanks for Steve Bird who helped facilitate much of the breakfast. The contributions of so many help make it possible for the youth to serve both locally and nationally. Thanks for helping us get ready for summer mission trips and camps. And...you have another opportunity to support the Youth Mission Fund at the Mission Market on Sunday, November 11. The Middle School and High School Youth will be selling jars full of sweet and savory mixes. Pint jars are \$6, and quart jars are \$12. All proceeds will benefit youth mission trips and events. Plan now to buy some lovely Christmas gifts for friends, family, teachers, and neighbors—or, just buy something yummy to make for yourself.

Valley Scrapbook



A hay ride at the pumpkin patch.



Choosing a pumpkin during Valley's trip to the pumpkin patch.



High School youth holding up their "Peace Pumpkin." You may see all of the peace pumpkins lining the steps of the Youth House entryway!



Right: Rebecca and Middle School youth after a fabulous weekend at the coast with friends from all over Cascades Presbytery at Middle School Mania.



Middle School Youth bagged LOTS of beans during a trip to serve at the Oregon Food Bank in NE Portland.





Third graders receive Bibles on Children's Sabbath.



The pancake breakfast for youth mission was enjoyed by all ages.



Stoles made by Sunday School children were presented to Pastors Ben and Rebecca during the Children's Sabbath worship service.



Members of the Sanctuary Choir sing a special song for Darlene at her reception.



Darlene Cusick and family at the reception given in her honor.



November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 Stewardship Sunday 9:00a Adult Education Class 9:30a Early Bird Coffee 10:00a Worship 10:20a Children's Sunday School 11:00a Fall Harvest Congregational Brunch 5:00p Youth Choir 6:00 Angel practice 6:00p Youth Bell Choir</p>	<p>5 8:00a Women's Aerobics 6:00p Girl Scout Troop Metropolitan Patchwork Society 7:30p Portland Highland Game Association 7:30p Scout Troop 592</p>	<p>6 10:00a Tai Chi Class 10:00a Women's Bible Study 1:00p Staff Meeting 6:00p First Tuesday Dinner and Committee Meetings 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 40168</p>	<p>7 8:00a Men's Bible Study 8:00a Women's Aerobics 5:00p Cherub Choir 5:00p Kings Kids Choir 6:00p Royal Ringers Bells 6:30p Middle School LIFE 7:00p Cub Scout Meeting 7:00p Youth Dinner 7:00p High School FAMILY</p>	<p>1 10:00a Alanon 10:00a Tai Chi Class 11:30a Pastors' Meeting 6:00p Tai Chi Class 7:00p Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>2 8:00a Women's Aerobics</p>	<p>3</p>
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Valley Notes

Opportunities

Advent Fair Craft Prep Party is Sunday, November 18 in Armitage Hall immediately following the 10 a.m. service. Adults only please; bring a sack lunch and good pair of scissors if you have them and come help us measure, cut, count and more as we prepare the craft kits for the upcoming Advent Fair on December 2. Please contact Marie Bird at 503.644.4892 or mcbird@comcast.net, if you have questions or would like to help.

Join the fun and help at the Advent Fair, December 2. (See p. 4)

Planning for a Sunday Evening Worship Service is underway, and you are invited to be part of the process. Pastors Ben and Rebecca are leading the planning meetings, and the next one is Sunday, November 4, 5-6 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Come join us!

Boy Scout Troop 592 is currently holding their annual Holiday Wreath Sale. If you would like to purchase a wreath or other holiday greenery to help a Scout go to camp, please visit www.troop592.net to see the beautiful products available.

Thanks

Thank you to Darlene Cusick for the beautiful organ and piano recital in October to celebrate her 25 years as Valley's organist. Many members and guests of Valley enjoyed the afternoon concert, which also benefitted Valley's music ministry.

Thank you to Valley friends for all your prayers and thoughts!

~ Sally Moody

In Memoriam

Leo John Hess
October 7, 2012

Prayers

We pray for those with health concerns:

Chelsea Armstrong, Sophia Bird, Marilyn Conforti

We pray for those who mourn:

- Family and friends of Leo Hess who died October 7, 2012. A memorial service was held at Valley on October 20.

- Mary Bercovitz and family of Nat Bercovitz who died October 21, 2012



*Prayers
of Thanks*

Thank you for sending
your check for the

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for each Valley member.
Your checks help Valley's
budget planning.

For more information about
what per capita is,
and how it helps, go to
[http://oga.pcusa.org/
percapita](http://oga.pcusa.org/percapita).

Buy Fairly Traded products

At the Mission Market on November 11, you'll have an opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange products through the Presbyterian Coffee Project as well as a number of mission projects that Valley supports.

For the past decade, we've had an opportunity to buy coffee, tea, chocolate, and other products that help small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the U.S. as they build a better future for themselves and their families. Through the project, farmers earn a fair price for their products, have access to affordable credit, and gain a long-term trading partner they can trust, a Fair Trade Organization called Equal Exchange. With your support, these farming communities invest in education, health care, and agricultural improvement.

This year, several new products will be offered at the Mission Market, including organic olive oil produced by a farming cooperative in Palestine. Coffee from the Congo Coffee Project will be offered in 1-pound bags, and will help support a hospital in the Congo that provides treatment, counseling and after-care to survivors of sexual violence.

Buy organic, fairly-traded products at the Mission Market to help small farmers and help save the rain forests!



All are invited!

Sunday, November 4 after worship

**Congregational Harvest
Brunch**

Davis Hall/Gym



Come for fellowship, activities
and brunch

Bring fruit (last name A-L) or
breakfast breads (last name M-Z)
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Davis Hall/Gym

**Come do your gift shopping
and benefit others!**

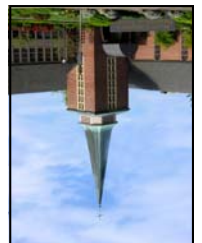
Youth mission jar mixes, Equal Exchange,
Piecemakers, Habitat for Humanity, Oxfam,
Heifer Int'l, Luke Dorf and more...



TIME DATED MATERIAL

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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