



# VALLEY VOICE

Valley Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

## A Journey of Renewal

*“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)*

*“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19a)*

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

At the January 28 Annual Meeting, we looked back upon the year that has just passed, and forward to the year that has just begun. One is filled with memories; the other requires using our imaginations: discerning where God might be pointing and leading us. In 2018, we will be entering into a time of spiritual discernment: seeking together to discover God’s leading for our ministry and mission at Valley.

This *Journey of Renewal* will require the participation of the whole community: there will be opportunities for involvement for everyone in the church: some will take place on Sunday mornings, some at other times during the week; some as a corporate body, some in small groups. It may take longer or cause more discomfort than we might hope. But, instead of relying solely upon our own ideas, or rushing to judgement, this process of renewal invites us to seek and wait upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer, conversation and spiritual imagination.

During the upcoming season of Lent, we will be using a resource called “A People of Salt and Light”, which is based on Jesus’ teachings from the Sermon on the Mount. These will be the focus for our Sunday worship services during Lent as well as a five-week bible study that will be offered on the days and times listed below. You are invited to come to some or all five: there is no prior reading necessary and no cost for the printed materials.

This church has been and continues to be vital to this community and its members; I invite you, therefore, to come with us on this *Journey of Renewal* and to help imagine its faithful future.

In Christ,  
Pastor John

### ***“A People of Salt and Light” Five-week bible study***

#### Tuesday evenings

7 - 8:15 p.m. .... Feb. 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20

#### Thursday afternoons

Noon – 1:30 p.m. .... Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22  
(brown bag lunch)

# February

## Thursdays

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

## Sundays

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, February 4

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
12:00 p.m. Commission Meetings

## Tuesday, February 13

1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

## Wednesday, February 14

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Soup Supper  
6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

## Sunday, February 18

12:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Library)



**Heart of Valley**  
• CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL •

Valley Art Center, Lake Erie Captain Tickets, Rock N Roll Hall of Fame Tickets, Raised and Glazed Donuts — these are just some of the items up for auction/raffle at Bright Night 2018! Our biggest and most fun fundraiser of the year is March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Adam Hall in Auburn Twp. Join us for the wine/beer tasting, the silent auction — and a lot of fun! Invitations are in the Narthex or see Heidi Cregar.

Registration for next fall is, also, underway. If you know of anyone with preschool-age children, please pass the word about Heart of Valley — our best advertising comes from YOU!

As we begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our school year, we just want to say thank you, again, to the members of Valley for your support - with your help we have a very happy, loving and caring preschool atmosphere, and it shows on each child's face every day!

## Youth Group

## February schedule

### Sunday, Feb. 4 —

Souper Bowl of Caring — Youth collect donations at close of worship.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. — Meet at church to go snow-tubing at Punderson State Park.

### Sunday, Feb. 18 —

6 — 8:30 p.m. — Dinner and Game Night — location TBA (No school on Monday!).



## February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
5	Cooper Timmons
11	Jeff Louis
14	Dick Doughman
23	Norah Foster
28	Payton Hildebrand



ASH  
WEDNESDAY

## February 14

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper  
6:45 p.m. Service of Worship

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, where we remember that our life and our salvation rests with God. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a light soup dinner, and then remain at tables to worship and receive the imposition of ashes.



## Change the Game

On Sunday, February 4 — Super Bowl Sunday — the youth group will be collecting donations to support the feeding ministry of North Church. They have, also, over the past two weeks been collecting canned goods to help those who struggle to have enough to eat. Please join them as part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need.

ADAM HAMILTON

**Christianity  
AND  
World Religions**  
*Wrestling With Questions People Ask*



## Adult Christian Education

### "Christianity and World Religions"

The Adult Sunday School class began a new study based on Adam Hamilton's video series. Class runs from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. each week in the library – everyone is invited!

## Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle is a small group of women at Valley who meet monthly in our homes. Faith is nurtured and growth takes place through worship, study, friendship and outreach. Open discussion is encouraged on how the Bible study relates to our lives in today's world.

This month, Sarah Circle will meet in the home of Margaret Minor on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. Christie Frenchie will lead Lesson 6 of "Cloud of Witnesses". All women of Valley are welcome to attend.

## Montreat Youth Conference

Montreat Youth Conference gathers young people from all over the country to the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina for a week of worship, small groups and recreation. It is designed for current 8<sup>th</sup>-grade – 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students.

Valley has reserved a 6-bedroom cabin a few-minutes walk from Montreat Conference Center and will be taking a group of youth the week of July 14-21. The cost will be approximately \$200 (the balance of expenses covered by fundraising) with scholarships available.

For many youth, this is one of the highlights of their high-school years, and a chance to forge friendships that will last for years into the future. It is truly a holy place. If you have any questions, contact Pastor John.



## Food Bank Needs February

Please consider donating the following food items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:

White rice, spaghetti sauce, grape jelly, toilet paper



## Church World Service Blankets+

This February, once again, Valley will be participating in CWS Blankets+ program. Our congregation's support is important. It changes lives.

Contributions to Blankets+ and Tools mean that CWS will be ready to help families, here and around the world, recover from disasters and displacement. We can help people gain the resources and develop the skills necessary to build or rebuild sustainable lives and communities.

Some ways our support plays out in real life:

- Through homeless shelters and warming stations;
- Through relief and recovery assistance from floods, tornadoes and hurricanes;
- Through tools, seeds and micro credit loans for members of CWS supported co-ops in rural, poverty-prone communities;
- Through blankets sent in the aftermath of hurricanes.

These are just some examples of how Blankets+ reaches out to those in need. Envelopes will be provided in mid February. Please consider a generous gift to Blankets+.

In Christ's Service, Mission

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## Pass-It-On Resale Store

The store is currently receiving donations with pick-ups on request. Call the office for more information. The next open dates for the store will be:

Saturday, February 17 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Sunday, February 18 (noon – 2 p.m.)

Choir  
members  
having  
fun



## Deacons' Brunch

Sunday, February 25  
Following Worship

Looking for a few dozen goodies  
for the dessert table. A sign-up  
sheet is in the Narthex.