



# The Valley Voice

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### A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Last week Mary Pat and I along with the Drapers and Gregorys attended the Ministers and Mates Retreat in Orange Beach, Alabama. It was a wonderful experience except for the weather.

Every day the beach was covered with fog. You could not even see the Gulf of Mexico from the shoreline and it was this fog that reminded me of a story.

Picture a man stumbling along in a heavy fog, totally lost, but then way off in the distance, he sees a light from one small lamp.

There is not enough light to burn off the fog, nor enough light to illuminate all the obstacles that might be on the ground between the man and that lamp. But something causes him to believe if he heads toward that lamp he will be going in the right direction. That "something" we will call Faith.

While heading toward the lamp he finds another lost person whose eyesight is so poor he can't see the light of the lamp in the fog. So, the man takes him by the hand and helps him walk toward the lamp. The act of reaching out to another we will call Love.

And the lamp that calls them? It is called Hope. So, by Faith a man reaches out to another person with Love and together they head toward Hope.

It is our call to go out in Faith into our community and with Love bring others and ourselves to the Hope of God in Jesus Christ. May we do it!

God Bless You, Edd

### SERMONS FOR FEBRUARY

The Elders have selected the following topics for the sermons in February.

Sunday, February 2 "Sharing the Good News"

Sunday, February 9 "Sacrificial Love"

Sunday, February 16 "The Prodigal Son"

Sunday, February 23 "Compassion"

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Beginning on Sunday, February 2, there will be a Children's Moment in worship. This special time to share the love of God with children will take place every Sunday in the early part of worship following the Invocation Prayer.

### A VISIT TOGETHER

During the months of January, February and March, I would like to visit in the homes of members and friends of Valley.

An Elder of the church will be coming with me.

If it is not convenient to visit in your home, then we could get together for lunch at a restaurant.

My reason for these visits is to get to know each other better. I would love to hear about you and your family, your jobs, your hobbies and your life. I will share some of my life with you too.

I will call and make appointments because I know your time is valuable.

Looking forward to our moments together. God Bless You, Edd

### LAITY WEEK

Week of the Laity will be celebrated January 19-26, 2020. Laity Sunday is a special time when the lay people of the church often pause to consider their varied gifts

for ministry, inside and outside the walls of the church building. The theme for this year is "You Have a Friend in Me".

The members of Valley will be conducting the worship service on Sunday January 26. If you are asked to participate please prayerfully consider doing so.

Thank you. Worship Department

### LAITY LUNCH

There will be a covered dish luncheon after worship on Laity Sunday, January 26th. The sign-up sheet will be on the table by the elevator this Sunday. The church will provide roast beef and beverage, so folks need to sign up to bring vegetables, salads and desserts.

### YEARBOOK INFORMATION

We are in the process of preparing the 2020 Yearbook for Valley. In order to have correct information and get the yearbook out quickly, we ask that you send corrections or updates to the church office by the date of your Leap Year Celebration, February 29, 2020. This will be your gift to us and will be much appreciated! Many thanks for your help.

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER

The shower is honoring Lauren Simon, bride-elect of David Lambert on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at Valley. Please RSVP to Ginny, regrets only, 205-305-1169. For registry information go to

[www.blueprintregistry.com/registry/laurenheartsdavid](http://www.blueprintregistry.com/registry/laurenheartsdavid)

### AAA – BIRMINGHAM HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

#### CENTER MUSEUM TOUR

Wednesday, February 23, 2020 the van will leave the church at 9:30am for a 10:00am tour. We will go to the Fish Market for lunch after the tour. January 27, 2020 marks the 75 years since the Soviet Union liberated the death camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau in World War II where six million Jews and eleven million others were murdered. Birmingham has many families of survivors of this tragedy and AAA will be going to Temple Emanu-El on Highland Avenue to view the Holocaust Museum that is housed there. We have a speaker, Denise Lewis, whose Father was a survivor of the concentration camps and she will give us a tour and informative presentation of his life.

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