



The Valley Voice

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ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th AT 6:00PM

Lent begins Wednesday, February 26th. It is the season when we reflect on the suffering of our Lord. A season to consider ways that we can suffer for our Lord and carry our own personal cross for His glory.

We will gather in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00pm. This service will include music, meditation on the sounds of the passion and walking forward to receive the mark of the cross on our foreheads. Invite a friend to this service and all of our Lenten services as we proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior.

AN ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

On this opening into the time of Lent, may we know just enough hope to do the hard things we need to do. May we leave this day ready to be refined by the power that leads to the light of Easter morning. Amen.

FRIDAY LENTEN SERVICES

Every Friday during Lent we will gather in the parlor at 11:30am for our Brown Bag Lunch. After lunch, we will gather in the sanctuary at 12:00noon for our Lenten worship services. The services will focus on the cross. There are fifty forms of the cross included in Christian symbolism. We will consider the following six crosses as we remember the sacrifice of our Lord.

- March 6th Celtic cross - Symbol of eternal life
- March 13th St. Andrew's cross - Symbol for martyrdom and humility
- March 20th Anchor cross - Symbol of recognition
- March 27th Greek cross - Symbol of mercy
- April 3rd Jerusalem cross - Symbol of witness
- April 10th Latin cross - Symbol of crucifixion

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Adult Sunday School class will begin a new Lenten study on Sunday, March 1st at 9:15am using the book and video entitled "The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days".

In "The Passion Play" Rob Fuqua follows the biblical story of the Passion and shows how the amazing play presented by the people of Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany impacts the villagers and all who see the performances. This play has been presented in Oberammergau every ten years since 1634.

Our class meets at 9:15am each Sunday. Everyone is invited to this interesting and challenging study led by Rev. John Gregory.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We want to welcome all young adults to our new bible study, beginning March 1st @ 9:15am!

During the course of each week we will listen to a podcast from Views from the Porch and come together to discuss. You can listen on your iPhone through the Podcast app or at <https://podbay.fm/podcast/1413459689>

Our first listen will be "How to Avoid Burnout". We look forward to seeing you!

A BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

A big welcome to sisters Joyce Updegraff and Nell Rush, who made it official by joining Valley on February 9, 2020! They have both worshipped at Valley for a long time and participated in many of our activities, including AAA events. Joyce was our church secretary for many years. We are very pleased to welcome them into our church family and into the life of Valley Christian Church. We love you Joyce and Nell!

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBER BETH COLLIER

We welcome Beth Collier as our new housekeeper! Beth is a member of Valley, the wife of Kohler Collier, who is also a member of Valley, and the daughter of Carolyn and Terry Nunnally. Beth has participated in many projects here at Valley and we are very pleased now to welcome her as our housekeeper.

WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

The Week of Compassion Special Offering will be collected on Sunday, February 23rd. Your contributions will help the recovery process in communities hit by natural disasters and will also improve conditions to provide clean water, to plant crops, and to educate children. Valley has always given generously during the Week of Compassion and we are setting a goal of \$1,000 for 2020. Thank you!

DISCIPLES WOMEN PLEDGE TO OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee appreciates the Disciples Women's pledge of \$20 a month to be added to the pastor's "Special Needs" fund during 2020. These additional dollars will go a long way toward Valley assisting needy visitors and callers with payments to their utility or rental companies and other debts at the discretion of the minister. Thanks so much!

OUTREACH SURVEYS

Outreach surveys were distributed at Valley on Sunday, February 16th and will be available again on February 23rd. The Outreach Committee wants to know your opinion about how Valley should respond to needy visitors and callers requesting cash. Your responses will help us to develop a procedure to present to Valley's Board next month. Please complete your anonymous survey and deposit it in the blue basket near the elevator by Sunday, March 1st. Thanks for your input!

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