



# The Valley Voice

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## A THOUGHT FOR THANKSGIVING

There was a father and his young daughter who were on a cruise together. It was a “get away” cruise for them, because the little girl’s mother had just died, and they were trying to do something special to help relieve the pain. There on the deck of the ship, the little girl asked her father a question, “Daddy, does God love us as much as Mommy did?” He thought for a moment and then he pointed out across the water to the distant horizon. “Honey”, he said, “God’s love reaches farther than you can see in that direction.” And then he turned around and said, “And God’s love reaches farther than you can see in that direction too.” Then the father looked up at the sky and said, “And God’s love is higher than the sky.” And then he pointed down at the ocean and said, “And it is deeper than the ocean.”

The little girl said a beautiful thing. She said, “Just think, Daddy, we are right here in the big middle of it all!”

That says it all, doesn’t it? We live in the “big middle” of God’s love and presence. Therefore during this Thanksgiving season, may we be grateful that we are right in the middle of God’s love.

Happy Thanksgiving, Edd

## SERMONS FOR DECEMBER

Christmas is the most heartwarming time of the year. During December, the people that were around the manger will warm our hearts with the love of Jesus. The Sermon Series for December is as follows:

- Sunday, December 1 – “Mary and Joseph”
- Sunday, December 8 – “The Innkeeper”
- Sunday, December 15 – “The Shepherds”
- Sunday, December 22 – “The Baby”

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2019. The business will be nominations for church officers for 2020, the 2020 budget and the revised Constitution and Bylaws.

## THANK YOU RUSSELL AND LINDA REEVES

After an unsuccessful and extensive search by Sarah and Stewart Draper and Peggi Zinser to replace the missing handles for the china cabinet in the parlor, Russell and Linda Reeves were able to find the closest match. Thank you both for finding them, procuring them and installing them. Another job well done.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2019 nominating committee is presenting to the congregation the slate of officers they have

compiled for the 2020 board. During the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> you will be asked to approve this slate.

Should you want to nominate someone for a specific position from the floor at the Annual Meeting you must first ask that person if they would be willing to serve. You must get their consent to nominate them. Thank you very much – Peggi Zinser – Nominating Committee Chair.

## THANKSGIVING LUNCH

The Fellowship Department is planning a covered-dish meal for Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24th after worship. The church will provide the meat and we ask that attendees bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet available near the elevator. Plan to come and enjoy the fellowship and meal in this season when we give thanks to God for His many blessings. Guests are welcome.

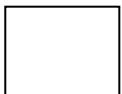
## DIAPER COLLECTION

Valley will be collecting diapers (both disposable and cloth reusable varieties) of all sizes to be donated to Greater Birmingham Ministries (GBM). We will be accepting donations from November 24th through December 8th. The diapers will be stacked and decorated in the sanctuary into the shape of a Christmas tree before they are delivered to Greater Birmingham Ministries the second week of December. Your donations will be much appreciated by families of infants and young children.

## NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin a study of the book “Names for the Messiah” by Walter Brueggemann on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this interesting and challenging Advent Study.

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