

Valley Forge UMC Vision Statement

We are a Christ-centered community learning and striving to make our faith a way of life as we share with each other and all people the love, acceptance and forgiveness lived and proclaimed by Jesus of Nazareth.



Open Door Tidings

From the Pastor

There is no other like Him, and He cares



Dear Friends,

While taking a shower this past week, an old hymn popped into my head. I used to love singing it while attending my home church, Simpson United Methodist, in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. It warmed my heart and made me feel close to God.

“I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus
 Since I found in Him a friend so strong and true;
 I would tell you how He changed my life completely,
 He did something that no other friend could do.
 No one ever cared for me like Jesus,
 There’s no other friend so kind as He;
 No one else could take the sin and darkness from me,
 O how much He cared for me.”

In this season of Thanksgiving I am grateful to have received the love and acceptance of God in a real human being, Jesus of Nazareth. I am thankful that Jesus is more than just a personage of history, more than someone I read about in the gospels. He is my friend. His spirit lives in me. Trusting his presence I can live my life celebrating each day, knowing that the heart of the universe cares about me and supports me. Some days are extremely challenging, but this I know. God gives me courage, strength and meaning for all my moments. Jesus reflects the essence of his Father and I know God’s love enfolds me now and will forever.

Peace and Blessings,

Jim Hallam
 Pastor



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Adult Sunday School—9 a.m.

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Letters of John

The 3 Letters of John

“How plain, how full, and how deep a compendium of genuine Christianity!”

Thus did John Wesley speak of the First Epistle of John. These three letters have justly enjoyed esteem disproportionate to their size. Very little can be said with confidence about the author of these documents. Certainly the early Church held them in high esteem.

Come explore the mystery and the varied themes of these letters. Bring your Bible.

Tom Loane



Scottie's Sunday School Class

John Ortberg writes in chapter 2 of Dallas Willard's book entitled "Living in Christ's Presence": "I first came across Dallas's work over twenty years ago . . . I had the experience that so many folks have with Dallas . . . But it's really not about Dallas at all. It's about this wonder that there is a God who is as good as Jesus said that he is. Somehow, we keep losing that . . . But every once in a while, that vision gets cleared up, and . . . for whatever reason, for many of us, that has happened through the writings and the teachings of . . . Dallas Willard. Part of what's wonderful about him is the way he is far from perfect . . . and has his own set of struggles. But you get the sense when you are with him that this is . . . somebody who is actually living in the reality of the kingdom . . . the [kingdom] reality that lies behind and can speak through any of us.

We're still interweaving "Hearing God" and "Living in Christ's Presence" and might even include an Andy Stanley DVD here or there. It all begins in the church "parlor" at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Scottie DeMartinis

UMW Christmas Dinner
 Friday, December 8, 5:30 p.m.
 Nook & Kranny Kafe
 Phoenixville
 Choice of Chicken Marsala or
 Flat Iron Steak
 Includes salad, potato,
 vegetable, dessert & drinks
 Cost: \$35.00

*Lots of Good Food (that someone else prepares) . . .
 Good Friends (the Best in the World) . . .
 and Good Fun (Unlimited)!!*

Reservations are a must.
 Call Patty Davis @ 610-247-6909 or
 plr619@verizon.net
 or
 Fern Heit @ 610-933-3683 or
 FernH729@aol.com



November Lectionary

November 5 — All Saints Sunday
 Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22
 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

November 5—Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
 Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12

November 12 — Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

November 19 — Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
 Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 or Psalm 76
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

November 26 — Christ the King Sunday
 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100
 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46



Prayer Scripture of the Month

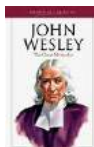
For November the *Prayer Scripture* is:

“Regard your servant’s prayer . . .
O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the
prayer that your servant prays to you.”

2 Chronicles 6:19 (NRSV)

JOHN WESLEY

—QUOTE OF THE MONTH



Having given him thy heart, thy inmost soul, to reign there without a rival, thou mayest well cry out, in the fullness of thy heart, “I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my strong rock, and my defense; my Savior, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust; my buckler, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge.”

From *The Way to the Kingdom*.
Submitted by Bob Erb

Tai Chi at Valley Forge UMC



Please check your e-mail for more information about November Tai Chi classes.



If you are interested in joining the class, call Maggie Horosky at 610-343-1343.

*Schedule for Christmas Eve
& Live Nativity*

Worship Service—10:30 a.m.

Lunch—11:30 a.m.

*Live Nativity
12:30—1:15 p.m.*

*Candlelight Service
11 p.m.*

Worship Participation Schedule

	Refreshments	Liturgist	Greeter
11/5	L. Moran	D. Erb	A. Davis
11/12	P. Davis	E. Turner	P. & J. Torres
11/19	N. Loane	R. Masters	C. & R. Masters
11/26	Thanksgiving—Donuts	R. Johnston	S. Knotts
12/3	F. Heit	N. Turner	S. Hranilovich

Note of Caution:
The schedule may be changed due to members’ scheduling issues. The most up-to-date version of the Schedule is the weekly Bulletin.

Notice: Congregation member **Linda Ludwig** has a business which provides *Senior Companion Care and Pet Sitting*. Linda is willing to help other members of the congregation with her knowledge and compassion. **Phone: 610-906-0774.**

Valley Forge UMC to offer online American Heart Association course

We will be offering a group learning experience using the American Heart Association course. Bring your laptop and a credit card to register. We'll provide technical help and WIFI. The date is November 11 at 10:15 a.m. in the adult classroom on the lower level of the education building. Questions, or to register, contact Tom Loane at tloane@comcast.net

Heartsaver® CPR AED Online 1.75 Hour Online

The AHA's Heartsaver CPR AED Course has been updated to reflect new science in the 2015 American Heart Association Guidelines Update for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care. This course is designed to prepare students to provide CPR and use an AED in a safe, timely, and effective manner.

Heartsaver CPR AED Online is the eLearning portion of the Heartsaver CPR AED blended learning course and is designed to teach students the cognitive information needed for CPR and AED training.

Upon successful completion of both portions of the course, students receive a Heartsaver CPR AED course completion card, valid for two years.

Price : \$25.50

Tom Loane



A Big Thank You from UMW . . .

To everyone who helped with the Flea Market. I think it was a fun day and we earned \$1,000 + for the day. Our goal was \$1000 and we did go over it. I want to thank all the workers and cooks and our wonderful men for helping with set-up and tear-down. We surely appreciate all you do to help us. So, thank you BIG TIME to all the helpers and cooks!!!

Fern Heit



If you are interested in going to Haiti with our Mission Team, please contact Adam Davis. The dates of the trip are February 17-24, 2018.



November Birthdays

Kevin Bohl	4
Colleen Dorrin	4
Bill Arnold	5
Tom Davis	7
Liz Gular	7
Jim Bohl	12
Lynda Austin	16
Drake Vitale	20
Tessa Martielli	26
Libby Moran	27

November Anniversaries

Steven & Sharon Knotts	8
Michael & Colleen Dorrin	13
Sue & Steve Walter	21

Outreach News

We've received paperwork for three families which we will be adopting for Thanksgiving and Christmas. For Thanksgiving we purchase and deliver the ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal to all of the families. At Christmas, we give meal ingredients plus we purchase gifts for the children (under 18) in the families.

I'm amazed that you have signed up so quickly to donate items for our families. It's important that I know who signed up for what, so please put your name by your item. That way I can make sure that everything is covered. I appreciate your help. God Bless You.

Fern Heit

**Valley Forge United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Meeting
October 23, 2017
Minutes**

Attendees: Adam Davis, Fern Heit, Nancy & Tom Loane, Tom Davis, Jim Hallam, John Torres, Maggie Horosky, Patty Davis

Minutes were approved from September meeting, Bible should still be capitalized.

Old Business: The new microphone Jim is using is working well.

Finance: Income YTD \$99,010, expenses YTD \$90,393. Total Trustees \$477,045. \$3,000 allocated for cabinets, \$4,000 allocated to Haiti. Church operating account total \$8,537 in the operating account. A note was made that at end of year any operating overage should be moved to the trustee's accounts.

SPRC: No report.

UMM: Flood bucket setup was completed, took out A/C units, fixed LED bulbs in upper education building. Upper parking lot was paved. A neighbor asked if we could limit light pollution. Adam will ask his Peco contact to fix the fixture. Men will look at lighting options for upper lot. Men will work on repairing fence. Fall work day will be November 18th.

UMW: Flea market was held October 7th, raised over \$1,000.

Learning: Committee meeting was held on 10/15. Martielli family presentation will be on Sunday 29th. December 3rd will be a carol sing and pot luck lunch after church, Jim will invite Mary King to Play. Defibrillator training will be on November 11th at 10:15 AM- 2 Hour class. Must bring a laptop to class on 11/11.

Reaching Out: No meeting recently. Richard made a motion to donate to donate \$3,000 to the Chester community charter school. Motion was passed and will be paid out of trustees.

Nurturing: Snacks were provided for Charge conference.

Pastoral Items: Live Nativity, will be from 11:30 to 1:30. Mission connection meeting tomorrow in Wayne, we will learn more about Montco prison ministry. A minister has approached Jim to use the church facilities for a non-denominational service. Jim will get more information before any decision will be made. Jim has brought up the possibility of supporting families with Christmas presents but would be logistically difficult.

New Business: Glenn is in charge of buying cabinets, men will install.

Pastor Jim closed with a prayer.



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 1 p.m. Pastor Jim	2 Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m.	3	4 Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.
5 Sunday School, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m. Worship, 10:30 Communion	6	7 Election Day	8 Bible Study 1 p.m. Pastor Jim	9 Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m.	10	11 Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.
12 Sunday School, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m. Worship, 10:30	13	14	15	16 Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m.	17	18 Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m. Fall Clean-up Day, 9:30 a.m.
19 Sunday School, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. <i>Commitment Sunday</i>	20 Jazzercise 6:15 p.m.	21 Jazzercise 6:15 p.m.	22 Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:30 p.m. No Jazzercise	23 Happy Thanksgiving! Jazzercise, 9 a.m.	24 Jazzercise, 9 a.m.	25 Jazzercise, 9 a.m. Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.
26 Sunday School, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.	27 Admin. Board Mtg. 7 p.m.	28	29	30 Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m.	Jazzercise: Monday-Thursday at 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Saturday at 9-10 a.m. Bible Study—Pastor Jim Choir—Julia Rich Bell Choir—Nancy Loane	