

The background of the newsletter is a photograph of a forest with trees having vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a warm, glowing effect. In the center, there is a white circular graphic with a double-lined border. The title 'Valley Covenant News' is written across this circle. 'Valley Covenant' is in a large, dark purple serif font, and 'News' is in a smaller, lighter purple script font. Below the title, the text 'MONTHLY NEWSLETTER' and 'NOVEMBER 2019' is written in a small, dark purple sans-serif font.

Valley Covenant News

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NOVEMBER 2019

November Ministry Spotlight Valley Covenant Preschool

Established in 1974 Valley Covenant Preschool is set to celebrate their 45th year as a vital ministry to both our church family and the Stillman Valley Community in 2020.

One of the most valuable assets that our preschool provides is a rounded education. Our teachers foster a sense of exploration for young students which builds their confidence. On top of teaching much needed fine motor skills, social & emotional comprehension, creativity, and intellectual development, Valley Covenant Preschool teaches students bible stories that are the basic building blocks of early faith.

Consider sponsoring a scholarship for a child at the preschool. Currently 7 students

receive scholarships. Sponsoring a child for 1 month is \$115 or sponsor them for the whole school year for \$1,035.

If you'd prefer to support the preschool with supplies they are in need of Pretzels, Goldfish crackers, Ritz crackers, and Vanilla Wafers. Additional hands are always welcome in the classroom, even if it's just a few moments of your day to sit and read a book to the students, please let Jill Huber know if you'd like to come help.

Church Events

- Saturday Nov 2nd 9am to noon– **EPIC workshop**
- Sunday Nov 3rd– **Service of Consecration & Potluck**
- Tuesday Nov 5th & 19th 2³⁰ to 5pm– **Junior High Jam**
- Wednesday Nov 6th 7⁴⁵ to 8¹⁰ am– **Fusion Breakfast Devos**
- Thursday Nov 7th & 21st 7pm – **Christmas Musical Rehearsal**
- Sunday Nov 10th– **Harvest Soup Supper & Hymn Sing**
- Wednesday Nov 13th 12noon– **Royal Retirees**
- Wednesday Nov 13th 7pm– **Council meeting**
- Tuesday Nov 12th 3 to 5pm– **Bread of Life Food Distribution**
- Sunday Nov 17th after worship– **Potluck & Quarterly Congregational Meeting**
- Saturday Nov 23rd 11am to noon– **Kid's Club Crafternoon**
- Wednesday Nov 27th 7pm– **Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service**

Because of Bethlehem Book Study

A four week women's study of the Max Lucado book Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here will be meeting in the home of Cathy Huber (9197 Lemke Dr Byron) November 20 and December 4, 11, 18 at 7pm. Sign up at the welcome desk today.

Contact Cathy Huber (815– 979-4694) or Angie Snodgrass (815-979-4842) for more information.

A Note From Pastor Rick

Hi friends! Today is Sunday October 27, and it's the first Sunday you've been able to come to your church mailbox and pick up church news and information – since April 28, which was one week after Easter! It has been a LONG journey, hasn't it? It's also the first Sunday when you can look in my office and see a full desk!

In the stress of a very challenging summer, trying to do ministry without a church building; without a common workplace for the church staff; without systems and structures (like our mailboxes for communication), it has been difficult, and some elements of our life together have suffered.

Effective communication has been part of what suffered. I'm writing this note simply to let you know that, if you've noticed that communication has been lacking, especially in the last 6 months... we know that, too, and we'll be working to address that in the coming weeks and months!

God Bless you, and God Bless our church as we move forward together on this pathway of revitalization.



Saturday, Nov. 23 from 11am-12:30pm: All families with children from Preschool - 5th grade are invited to this fun time of making holiday crafts together. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteers NEEDED!



Summer '20 Mission Trip

Summer of 2020 a group Fusion Student and leaders will be volunteering on a mission trip to Nome, Alaska with KICY radio station. KICY is operated by Arctic Broadcasting Association (ABA) which is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church. The station ministers to the Western region of Alaska and the far eastern Russia areas where the station can be picked up.

One of the notable events that occurs in Nome is the finish line for the Iditarod sled Dog race which is located in front of Nome Covenant Church.

The first fundraiser to support this missions trip will be the Harvest Soup Supper, dessert auction, and Hymn sing on November 10th. Additional fundraisers to be announced Spring 2020.

Proverbs 22:17

"A merry heart does good like medicine"



Sunday, November 10th, 2019

at Valley Covenant Church
103 S. Maple St., Stillman Valley, IL

Schedule of Events:

4:30pm Hymn Sing Theme: Through the day with Jesus

5:30pm Soup Supper Fundraiser Cost: Donation

6:15pm Dessert Auction & Raffle

Dessert Raffle tickets sold during dinner. Dessert sampling opens during dinner before the auction.



All proceeds and donations from the Soup Supper, Dessert Auction and Raffle will go to Valley Covenant's NextGen Ministries, which is raising money this year to send the High School students on a summer mission trip to serve the needs of KICY Christian Radio Station in Nome, Alaska. For more details, go to www.valleycov.org.

