

Welcome



welcome visitors

We're so happy you joined us this morning. If you desire, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate when it's passed. We hope you enjoy your visit.

children's books needed!

Help provide children's books (in Spanish) for children in Honduras. Please give any donations to Karen Lyngdoh by January 18th so she can pass them on to her sister, Amanda, who works with the children.

serve others this week

Spirit of the Lehigh Valley dinner for families in need December 24th – 1 pm to 3 pm — Considering making this a family tradition during the holidays! Contact Alice Kim at agkim1997@gmail.com.

Bethlehem Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Sunday, December 28 – 12 noon until 2 pm. Check the website for addresses.

help in the children's ministry

If you are interested in being added to a substitute list for Children's Ministry please contact Jane at WVkids@westvalleypres.org.

Care Net Lehigh Valley

is providing training for **Healthy Relationship, Abstinence and Dating Violence Prevention** to the Emmaus HS 9th and 10th grades next semester. We need volunteers, who will be trained and willing to give 1/2 day a week to speaking to students in groups of 25. Contact Alice Kim at alice@carenetlv.org if interested.



current curriculum

"Show Me Jesus" teaches the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, taking our children deeper in God's Word.

Parents, please review the materials sent home each week and lead your children in remembering to bring their Bibles to church each Sunday. Contact Jane or Kerri with any questions: wvkids@westvalleypres.org



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tonight!
6:30 PM–8 PM
At the Goodman's

We will not be meeting again until next year.



To donate a meal contact Annie Burdine at meals@westvalleypres.org

men's Bible study

Join us every Wednesday at 7 AM for a great time of discussion and fellowship. For more info, please see or contact Tom Knesel at tknesel@gmail.com.

Family Advent activities are on the website.



worship as communal exchange

Trinity God renews us, and we respond

called to come in

God comes near and calls His people out of the world, and takes hold of us and brings us into the community of Himself.

O Come All Ye Faithful

we hear – I John 2, Psalm 107:1-2

You Alone Can Satisfy

Advent reading: John 13:34-35

confessing our sin

God the Spirit reminds us that God the Father has saved us through the righteous life and sacrificial death of Christ the Son – and in faith we rest on his gracious interest to renew us yet again.

we hear – I Corinthians 13:4-8 and I John 1:15

we confess – Valley of Vision Prayer

we rest – *This is Love*

declaration – I Peter 2:24

greeting & announcements

3yrs-5th grade go out to a kids experience of Word, worship and small groups.

consecrated by the Word

God declares the finished gospel of his Son, and continues his powerful, internal work of change/consecration by his Spirit.

we hear – The Missions Strategy of the Religious

Matthew 23:13, 15 • Bruce Finn

Black (NIV) Bible page: 700 • Blue (ESV) Bible page: 828

we respond – *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*Nothing But the Blood of Jesus**, Offering

compelled to go out

God blesses us and charges us go out and extend his kingdom into the broken world around us, making disciples of all nations

benediction – Ephesians 6:23-24

The Missions Strategy of the Religious

Bruce Finn

notes

Jesus subverts religion and replaces it with Himself, so we experience and express the revolutionary movement of grace.

1. The religious _____ doors, while Jesus _____ them.
2. The religious _____ seekers, while Jesus _____ them.
3. The religious _____ people, while Jesus _____ them.

