



# VALLEY CHURCH NEWS

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## Mark Your Calendar

11/28/19  
Thanksgiving Dinner

12/7/19  
Angel Breakfast

12/14/19  
Women's Tea

12/15/19 & 12/22/19  
Special Christmas Services

12/24/19  
Christmas Eve Service

1/23/20  
Expert Witness Series Presentation

3/1/20  
Welcome Lunch

3/8/20, 3/15/20, 3/22/20, 3/29/20  
Discover Class

## Thanksgiving Dinner



Valley Church will host Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day. All are welcome! Sign-ups will start November 17 after church services at the church patio table.

Date: November 28, 2019

Time: 5:00pm (fellowship); 6:00pm (dinner)

Location: Campus Center

Fee: \$5

## Angel Breakfast



Boys and girls ages 2 through kindergarten are invited to Valley Church's Angel Breakfast, a holiday event for children. Because of limited space, one parent may accompany his/her child. Join us for Christmas food and fun to celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus. Sign up online at:

<https://forms.gle/V4g1BtEdvXrh8sEt6>.

Date: December 7, 2019

Time: 9:00am—10:30am

Location: Campus Center

## Holiday Women's Tea: Journey of Faith



Mark your calendar for a special women's holiday event. There will be performances, testimonies, fellowship, food and tea. Register online to volunteer and/or attend at <https://valleychurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/140/responses/new>, or stop by the church patio table between services. We will be providing rides for those who do not drive at night.

Date: December 14, 2019

Time: 6:00pm—8:30pm

Location: Worship Center/Sanctuary

Fee: Monetary or in-kind donation to *Next Door Solution* (agency providing aid to women subject to domestic violence)

## Christmas Services



We will be starting a new Christmas Sermon Series on December 8. We will be exploring the Book of Colossians. Please join us to celebrate Advent and Christmas!

Christmas Service Dates: December 15 & 22, 2019

Times: 9:00am & 10:45am

Location: Worship Center/Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Service: December 24, 2019

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Worship Center/Sanctuary

## Exploring the World God Created (STEM on Stelling Recap)

Excitement, explorations and (small) explosions filled the day for our third annual STEM on Stelling event. Over four hundred guests visited over 24 booths representing the four disciplines of STEM – science, technology, engineering, and math. Neighbors, families, students, and preschoolers enjoyed seeing the wonders of our world and the God who created it. Children were able to fly a drone, launch a rocket, code a robot, make a spectroscope, make kinetic sand, and learn about static electricity and Saturn’s rings. Curious minds and active bodies were fueled by snow cones, popcorn, and a taco lunch.

This event could not have happened without the support of our 80+ volunteers who gave their time and talents to show our guests the handiwork of God. Thanks to them all for helping our community know our King and Savior.



## Great Time of Fellowship (Men's Retreat Recap)



We had a great turnout of 20 men for the men's retreat at Mount Hermon on October 4-6. The men were encouraged and excited to hopefully double or triple our numbers for next year's retreat because they saw the great benefit in our men connecting with one another and receiving excellent teaching and encouragement from God's Word.

For more information about men's ministries, contact Thomas Sorrentino at [thomas@valleychurch.org](mailto:thomas@valleychurch.org).

## Living Hope (Women's Retreat Recap)



60 women retreated to God's majestic redwood forest at Redwood Christian Park in late October. "Our Hope has a name, and His name is Jesus!" This new song echoed in our hearts as we yoked with Jesus and found rest for our souls in the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father where God's gentle whispers filled our ears, minds, hearts, and souls. It was a love fest, a spiritual spa, and a heart-to-heart visit with God himself. It was a soulful time of reflection, excavation, revelation, surrender, repentance, renewal, restoration, and freedom. As we

stopped doing life in the world, and focused on being alive in Christ, we became like carefree children, joyful and secure in our Father's comforting presence. We played, laughed, cried, shared, prayed, listened, feasted, connected, danced, sang, worshiped, praised, loved, encouraged, and reflected, all in sweet surrender and in perfect unity through one Spirit. As the Holy Spirit moved powerfully in each of our hearts, barriers were broken, burdens were laid down, new bonds were made, new friendships were formed, new bridges were built, and God's abundant love was shared. We, the precious daughters of the King, each gracefully broken, humbly sat together at the feet of Jesus, poured out our hearts before Him, and basked in His healing grace as He filled us with His love, peace, joy, and hope. God turned even the dreaded power outage into a heavenly blessing as the momentary darkness only sharpened our awareness of the light of God's grace and reminded us of His unchanging faithfulness in an ever-changing fallen world. Praise God there's never a power outage in the Holy Spirit! After a soul-refreshing and spirit-filled powerful weekend in God's country, we all returned home with lighter hearts, renewed spirits, rested souls, and a new song in the depth of our beings - "Jesus, Our Living Hope!"

*By Nancy Cheng*