# BEGREAT

THE UNEXPECTED PATH TOWARD GREATNESS



# WELCOME TO VALLEY

November 23 & 24

We are so glad you could celebrate with us today. If you are new to Valley, visit the Welcome Center for refreshments and a **Meet and Greet**. We'd love to meet you and give you a gift.

#### **Explore Baptism Classes THIS WEEKEND**

Whether you've been a Christian for a couple of weeks or a couple of decades, baptism is your next step! To participate, attend a meeting this weekend. The class for students is Sunday at 10:45 am. Adult classes are Saturday at 6:45 pm and Sunday after each worship gathering. Sign up on the community card, or visit *valley.church/baptism*. Baptisms are occuring the weekend of December 7 & 8.

#### **Dedicate a Poinsettia**

Sign up on the Community Card or at *valley.church/flowers* to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia to a loved one. You may pick up your poinsettia after the 6:30 pm Christmas Eve service. Dedication is \$20.

**Celebration of Thanks** (THIS SUNDAY from 6:30-8 pm) Join us for a special Thanksgiving Celebration event for the whole family. We will also be having baptisms for students 1st-5th grade. Bring your Operation Christmas Child boxes!

#### **Join Our Team! Part-Time Positions Available**

The Connections Coordinator will help connect Valley attenders with meaningful service opportunities based on their gifts, interests, and calling within the Body of Christ.

The Guest Experience Coordinator assists recruiting and scheduling greeters and ushers who create a welcoming environment at our weekend worship gatherings. For more information contact Vernon Delpesce, *vernond@valley.church*.

MOBILIZING EVERYONE'S GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL TO DEEPLY LOVE CHRIST AND THEIR NEIGHBORS.

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# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

#### SERVICE:

Promoting volunteerism as a way of life.

#### RELATIONSHIPS:

Building healthy families and friendships.







#### COMPASSION:

Meeting needs of the unserved and underserved.

#### WELLNESS:

Equipping people to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit. The Valley Community Center is owned and operated by Valley Church as an expression of our highest calling to love God and our neighbors.

The Valley Community Center is a very tangible way of expressing how much we love the people of our community. It is about doing good for the community...with the community.

"Love You Des Moines" is a movement that God has ignited among us to serve and love our community in deeper and greater ways. Our hope and prayer is that through these good works of love and service, many in our community would be able to experience for themselves God's love and renewal.

We're proud to partner with over 80 organizations and welcome the 100,000+ people who walk through the doors every year.

# **VENUE FEATURES**

- 29,000-square foot facility
- 38 acre campus
- Indoor children's play area
- Kitchen
- Meeting areas
- Large coffee shop comfortably seats 150 people
- Multi-purpose event hall
  - 2-4 basketball/volleyball courts

Thursday, November 28 from 2 to 4 pm

- Carpeted venue seats up to 1,250 people
- Sports fields
- Inclusive Playground
- Cyclocross course
- Available for rentals

### Volunteer at the Thanksgiving Dessert Open House

Connect and build community with our neighbors at the Chapel Ridge West Apartments by welcoming them to the Valley Community Center on Thanksgiving Day! We're looking for volunteers to serve apple pie, ice cream and frosted cookies as well as monitor the gym and play area. Sign up on the Community Card or online at signupgenius.com/go/thanksgivingdessert

Christmas Dinner For Internationals Sunday, December 15 Holiday music, a traditional American meal, and a Christmas program! This FREE event is open to the community and all are welcome. Please sign up below! Halal and vegetarian meals are available.





Operation Christmas Child BOXES DUE THIS SUNDAY It's not too late! You can still pick up boxes at this weekend's services. Attend the Valley Community Center Packing Party THIS SUNDAY from 4:30-6:30 pm. For families and individuals with special needs, packing is from 3-4 pm. You can also drop them off at the church or VCC during the day or bring your boxes to the Celebration of Thanks service THIS SUNDAY at 6:30 pm.

#### **Community Bridges Luncheon** (Free!)

Sunday, December 8 at 11 am, in the Chapel
Would you like to have stronger connections with your
neighbors and your community? Then join our Community
Bridges Team for a luncheon on the second Sunday of every
month at 11 am to discuss simple ways to reach the people
around you and begin building bridges. Stop by the gathering
(no registration required) or email Lisa at
lisal@valleycommunitycenterdm.com.