

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Valley Shepherd's benevolence fund is used to financially support families in need throughout the year. Due to your generosity in supporting this fund, \$31,504 has been given so far in 2022.

During the winter and holiday seasons, financial needs for families, and requests for financial help from the church, often increase. If you would like to give to this fund to support families in need, please note "Benevolence Fund" on your check.

Thanks for your generosity!

District Marriage Conference 2023
 January 13-14, 2023
 Nampa First Church

featuring
Shaunti & Jeff
 Feldhahn

DISTRICT MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

When: January 13-14, 2023
Where: Nampa First Church
Cost: \$40/couple



Use the QR code to register.

Sunday School 9:30 am

- Early Childhood (birth – K) is available during Sunday School and Worship
- Children's Classes 1st-2nd Room 156
- Children's Classes 3rd-6th Room 157
- Youth Class Room 138
- Adult Classes are available for all ages in the education wing.
- Children are welcome to join us in worship service.
- Grade school children will be dismissed before the morning message.
- Room 105 is available for parents who need a quiet space with their kids.

Church Office Hours:
 Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Pray For:

- Church board during the pastoral search process.
- Those in our church family dealing with health issues, including Ron and JoAnn VanOrder, Kathy Seaton, Christy Jacobsen, Dan Ward, Ray Cammack, Christine Vasquez, Elaine Wilson.
- Those homebound or in hospice care.
- The lead pastoral family God is preparing for us.

VISITOR INFO
 Text VSNGUEST to 77411
 Fill out a Connection Card in the pew rack

Financial Update

| November 2022 | Needed to date | Received |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Tithes & Offerings | \$89,546 | \$64,328 |
| Faith Promise | \$4,228 | \$3,780 |
| Year to Date | Needed | Received |
| Tithes & Offerings | \$785,660 | \$733,735 |
| Faith Promise | \$48,656 | \$46,406 |

Pastors' Emails:

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Don Bergland, Interim Youth Pastor
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Our Pastors can also be reached by calling the church office at 208-888-2141.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022



150 W Maestra - Meridian, ID 83642

208-888-2141 - office@myvsn.org - myvsn.org

Wifi available - VSN-Guest

Passion for God!

Compassion for People!



Thank you for joining us today – December 4, 2022

Peace

“A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6

Morning Message:
Encouraged by a Friend
Luke 1:26-45
Pastor Randy
Communion

Nursery and early childhood care is available throughout the morning.
Room 105 is available for parents who need a quiet space with their children. It is located across from the Chapel.



ADOPT A CHURCH

Every year at Christmas, Valley Shepherd sponsors one of the smaller churches on our district. This year we will be taking a love offering on Dec. 18 for **Pastor Kurt and Tanya Oman and their children (l to r) AbbyGrace, Isaac, Emma, and Erric of the Buhl church.** The Omans attended Valley Shepherd while Kurt was preparing to be a pastor. Kurt is recovering from a recent motorcycle accident. **Help us bless them this Christmas!**



GIVING TREE OUTREACH

A Giving Tree is decorated in the foyer with tags from Boise Angels and CASA Family Advocates requesting gifts for children and teens in foster care in our community. Pick a gift tag from the tree, shop for the item requested, and return both the unwrapped item and gift tag to the church office by December 18.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 5

9:00am Men’s Prayer Meeting
6:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 7

5:30pm Children’s Ministry Council Meeting
6:45pm Caravans
6:45pm Youth Group
6:45pm Choir Rehearsal
6:45pm Zoom Adult Prayer Meeting
7:00pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday, December 8

6:30am Men’s Prayer Meeting
6:00pm AA Meeting
6:30pm Men’s Bible Study

Friday, December 9

7:00pm An Evening in December

Saturday, December 10

7:30am Men’s Breakfast
2:00pm An Evening in December

Sunday, Dec. 11—3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30am Sunday School for all ages
10:45am Morning Worship, Pastor Randy
6:00pm An Evening in December

Wednesday, December 14

Home Communion



Thursday, December 15

12:30pm Senior Connections Sweet Shoppe
Dessert Swap

Saturday, December 17

3:00pm Liberty Quartet Wonder of Christmas
Concert

Sunday, Dec. 18—4th Sunday of Advent

9:30am Sunday School for all ages
10:45am Morning Worship, Pastor Randy

Saturday, December 24

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

No Sunday School
10:45am Christmas Day Service



AN EVENING IN DECEMBER

Sunday evening has sold out. Tickets are still available for Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

As we welcome our neighbors, friends and community, we want to serve them something special. So we are asking for your help to bake **Christmas cookies** - gingerbread, shortbread, spritz, crinkle, snickerdoodle, peppermint, or sugar cookies!

We only need about 20 dozen more.

Email Pastor Stephen at slist@myvsn.org to let him know how many you can bake. Please bring your cookies to the church Wednesday, Dec. 7 or Thursday, Dec. 8.



SERVICE PARTICIPATION FOR KIDS

On Sunday, December 18, kids will be participating in the Morning Worship Service with bells, singing, advent reading and Scripture quotation. Early Childhood will be presenting the manager scene and singing Away in a Manager. We would love all children to participate!

Contact Anna (annamwilly@gmail.com) and Monica (langford01@msn.com) to let them know how you would like to be involved.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

SWEET SHOPPE DESSERT SWAP

When: Thursday, Dec. 15, 12:30 pm

Where: VSN Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share. This will be a time of fellowship and celebration.