

NEWS

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Families Connecting

“And now for something completely different...”

(Monty Python's flying circus)

On **Sunday November 25th** after the service, you will, as usual, be invited to Fellowship Hall, but this time, for something different. We are having a symposium with tables set up for 5 persons at each table. **Coffee or tea** will be served to you at the table, and there will be **sandwiches with veggies** as well.

Bring the kids! The lounge will feature hot food for the children, shows on DVD, and anything else we can think of to spoil them. (Supervision provided).

A prepared program will allow private discussion at each table about events past and present that were uplifting and those that were not so agreeable, along with ministerial preferences based on the past history of Valois United.

sym'po'si'um (noun)

1. A formal gathering to express opinions,
2. A drinking party in ancient Greece,
3. A friendly lunch to offer ideas for a bright future at Valois United Church.

We start at **11:20 AM** and because of the structure of the symposium we **finish before 1:00 PM**. No grandstanding – no hogging a microphone – no longwinded speeches at all! We truly feel that you will find the experience rewarding and there is no doubt that as we slowly move toward a permanent minister your collective input will be invaluable to your transition committee.

Sunday School News *Christmas is* *Coming!*



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and the kids are busy.

Children will lead service on November 18th, and are preparing for many things during Advent season, including an Advent project, Christmas Pageant and White Gift. Children of all ages are **welcome** to come join in and be part of our Christmas celebrations!



★ Church Bazaar Breaks Records ★

Have you heard? Over \$10,000.00 was raised at our annual bazaar. Once again our church halls were transformed into a festive Christmas village that saw a steady stream of shoppers and supporters on Friday night and Saturday. The children's room added a new feature this year— Dawn Chipps and

her youth group presented puppet shows Friday night and Saturday, receiving many accolades for their talented work. Our success would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the many volunteers and contributors who participated—our heartfelt thanks to everyone for a great event.

Mini-Bazaar

Saturday December 1st, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Join us in Fellowship Hall to shop for a selection of baking, crafts, Christmas decorations, books, quilts, new and new-to-you items, knitting. Coffee/tea/juice will be available. Anyone attending is asked to bring along a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Christmas food baskets, if possible.

