

An Update on the Sandy Hook Tragedy

As a response to the horrific and senseless tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut last Friday, Week of Compassion has sent a solidarity grant to our very own Central Christian Church in Danbury, CT [<http://www.centralchristianchurchdanbury.com/>]. The Rev. Dr. Anne Coffman, pastor of Central Christian, has been intimately involved in the post-crisis interventions. Through close partner organization Family and Children's Aid of Danbury, CT, which is housed at Central Christian Church, Week of Compassion has purchased copies of the children's book, *A Terrible Thing Happened* by Margaret M. Holmes. We have also provided funds for play therapy and trauma counseling as needs arise among the community. Family and Children's Aid [<http://www.fcaweb.org/index.html>] of Danbury is one of the leading agencies in the state for caring for traumatized and abused children. They were the first on the scene at Sandy Hook School.

Donations are welcome as we continue to reach out to this community. Long after the initial shock the long road to recovery and healing begins. Please designate all gifts specifically for "Sandy Hook" and we will direct them accordingly. We also ask for prayers for our own congregation, Central Christian, as they minister to their wider community. While no one was directly affected in our church, they are all deeply impacted by this tragedy. They are a people of profound faith—even at a time like this.

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In the Mail:

Dear BVCC Community,

You are such generous people. Marilyn and I thank you for remembering us with the staff Christmas gift. You are kind to do so.

Our plans are to purchase an exercise bike similar to the one I used during cardiac rehab. So your gift will truly keep on giving.

Thanks you for your kindness and generosity.

Grace and peace,
Rick

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift! Your generosity never ceases to amaze me.

Anthony and I are so glad to be a part of BVCC and feel that we have found a great church home. Thank you for welcoming us into your lives this past year.

We look forward to what the future will bring!
Rhonda Frisbie

Dear BVCC Community,

Thank you so much for the recent Christmas gift. I can't express how grateful I am for this job. I get to work among friends and family and be a part of something so much larger than I ever dreamed.

Thank you so much for everything!
Amy Jo Jamison

Special Thank You!!

Special "THANK YOU" goes out to all that helped make the Advent Season a very special one!

We thanks the Women of Faith group and PCC for their help in decorating and un-decorating the church.

Thank you to Marcy Hctor from PCC for helping get, set-up, and water the Poinsettia's.

Thank you to all those that served as Worship Leader, Communion Table Host, and/or provided yummy treats for the Hospitality Table.

Thank you to all that donated to our Christmas Family!

**Welcome
Aspenn Edward Jamison**

Congratulations to Amy Jo and Aaron Jamison on the birth of their third son. Aspenn was born December 21st, 2012 at 9:28 am. He was 6 lb. 12 oz. and 18 inches long.

Big brothers, Austin and Andrew couldn't be more happier.

We pray blessing, joy, and peace on this family's new life together.



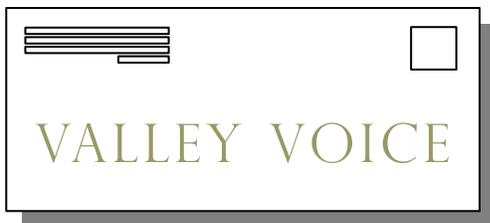
Men’s Bible Study Continues Exploring the New Testament (by Rick Butler)

BVCC Men’s Bible Study group (meeting Wednesdays at 6:30 AM) is reading in the Pastoral Epistles.

In Chalice Introduction to the New Testament scholar Bonnie Thurston introduces the chapter on the pastoral epistles with this paragraph:

The pastoral epistles represent the culmination of the development of Paul’s thoughts. Probably documents from, the late first or early second century, their primary concern is ‘how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God’ (1 Tim. 3:15). First and Second Timothy and Titus depict the church as it moves toward institutionalization. (p. 249)

The group is always open to new members.



The deadline for the January newsletter is
Thursday February 6th by 5:00 PM.

All articles/calendar events need to be sent to both
of the following emails:
bvccvalleyvoice@gmail.com and
bluevcc@sbcglobal.net

Women of Faith

Women of Faith meeting **every second and fourth Tuesday at noon**. If you are interested in more information contact Kathy Dobbels.

BVCC Calendar Events

January	23, 30		Men’s Bible Study @ 6:30 AM
December	21	9:30 AM	Worship
December	22	NOON	Women of Faith Meeting
December	27	9:30 AM	Worship
			Third Sunday after the Epiphany