



# The Valley Voice

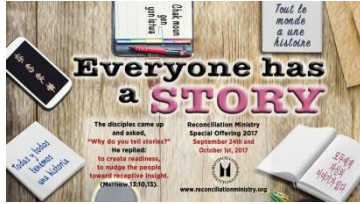
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## RECONCILIATION OFFERING



The Reconciliation Offering will be received the next two Sundays, September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. This special offering is an integral part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) mission imperative to be a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church. This offering provides funds to support programs for leadership and curriculum for dialogue and learning. Please support the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) efforts to meet its goal to be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world by supporting this special offering.

John Neville

## AAA



Have you signed up yet for our AAA trip to Horseshoe Bend National Military Park near Alexander City on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, leaving the church by van at 8:00 a.m.? The sign-up list is on the desk by the elevator. We will go first to the Visitor Center/Gift Shop/Museum and then see a short film about the battle and the events which led up to it. The final bloody battle of the Creek Indian War was fought here on March 27, 1813 near a bend in the Tallapoosa River. This war made Andrew Jackson, who later became President, famous. After the film a park ranger will lead us on a tour of the battleground. There is no charge at the park.

Lunch will be at a local restaurant. Sign up now for a day of fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

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## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL



Our Advent Devotional Booklet this year will be organized according to the themes of Advent – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We invite and encourage everyone, both members and friends, to write a devotional for this booklet. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the office. If you choose a date in the first week of Advent, we ask that you write a devotional on Hope; the second week, a devotional on Peace; the third week, a devotional on Joy; the fourth week, a devotional on Love.

This Advent Booklet has become a tradition at Valley, a tradition that members and friends look forward to each year. We hope that many of you will participate in this project by writing a devotional of length approximately 250 words on one of the themes of Advent.

Devotionals should be given to Lola or emailed to Jane in the office. We would like to receive them by November 1<sup>st</sup> so the booklet can be prepared for distribution by the first day of Advent, Sunday, December 3, 2017.

Many thanks for your help!

## ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL THE LORD GOD MADE THEM ALL



The Greater Birmingham Humane Society is caring for additional animals because of the hurricanes in Houston and Florida. They need dog and cat food and cat litter. If you would like to help, please leave your gifts in the CWF room. Several people have volunteered to take donations over to the Humane Society. It was good to see the animals being rescued from the storms, and now they need our help. Many thanks from our four-legged friends!

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