



**Spotlight on:
Chapel in the Valley (Swan Valley, Idaho)**



Chapel in the Valley, located on US Hwy 26 in Swan Valley, is a beautiful place carrying a beautiful message: “God’s love in Jesus Christ!”



Rev. Laura Baarda is the congregation's pastor, serving "with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love." Laura has a particular gift for ministry to children - a ministry which touches many families in the valley and is a tremendous outreach from this congregation.



The “balcony view” from within the sanctuary - a beautiful and well-maintained facility.



The view of mountains to the north, visible through the windows behind the pulpit, reminds worshippers of the abundant goodness of God.



On this particularly fine Sunday morning, Rev. Laura preached from the prophet Isaiah's image of the potter's wheel, where the potter re-works a lump of clay that had failed to reach acceptable form on the first attempt.

“We may not always succeed on our first attempt ... nor our second, or even our third ... but God is gracious and able to sculpt our lives for goodness and glory. The ‘perseverance of the saints’ is really a story of the unfailing love and perseverance of God.”

- Rev. Laura Baarda



Delbert Winterfeld here conversing with Rev. Baarda. Delbert currently serves on the Presbytery's Board of Managers - a tremendous gift of talent and experience necessary to properly manage the Hilda Thompson Ranch's complex operations.



The “Chapel” provides their pastor comfortable housing at the manse which is located immediately adjacent to the sanctuary facility.



The original vision of the congregation's founders is being fulfilled in faithfulness and love. Swan Valley, and our Presbytery, are blessed in great measure by this ministry.

May the good news of Jesus continue to shine forth in this lovely corner of the Lord's vineyard for many years to come!