



INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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Some bits of writing, no matter how often one reads them, reach one on a deep, spiritual level. In so doing they stir up longings and vision and inspire one to dream of a reality not yet within one's grasp. The following personal note by Robert Barclay (1648-1690), author of "Barclay's Apology", is such a piece for me:

"For it was not by the strength of arguments or by the formal discussion of each doctrine in order to convince my understanding, that I came to receive and bear witness to the truth. Rather it was by being mysteriously reached by this life. For when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power among them, which touched my heart. And as I gave way to it, I found the evil in me weakening, and the good lifted up. Thus it was that I was knit into them and untied with them. And I hungered more and more for the increase of this power and life until I could feel my self perfectly redeemed." (*Barclay's Apology, XI, 7.*)

Barclay's report is just one of many of its kind. Isaac Pennington (William Penn's father-in-law), gathered with a Quaker worship group and, though he had come to the meeting with a very low opinion of Quakers, was reached by this same secret power and experienced what we would today label a conversion. Though Quaker meetings were held in the context of silent waiting, they were not passive gatherings. Often the power of God's Spirit shook the hearts and souls of the gathered group and lives were irrevocably changed.

Of course we cannot duplicate the circumstances of the 17th century that provided the context for such powerful outpourings of God's Spirit. (Neither can we duplicate the circumstances under which the Pentecostal Blessing was poured out in the book of Acts.) Different times and different people. Some elements of those experiences, though, aren't dependent upon times and circumstances. Two such elements come to mind – expectant waiting and prepared hearts. Early Friends, in that period of explosive growth and phenomenal power, were given to spend long periods in Scripture, prayer, and witness as daily practices. The meeting for worship was the gathering during which their daily communion reached its crescendo; each worshipper's longing to be used of God adding to a corporate expectation that God would be faithful to address those longings. God was indeed faithful and the result was the most rigorous religious movement that England has ever seen.

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Reflecting on this era of Quaker history, calls me to be more faithful in preparation for our regular gathered worship. We spend a significant bit of time each week, trying to program the flow of worship so that our experience of God deepens as worship progresses. Hymns and choruses and prayers and silence and community are shuffled around to enhance our worship experience. I enjoy that process and when it is done prayerfully, the process bears fruit. Those who facilitate our time of unprogrammed worship also give thought and prayer to the gathering to come and often provide a seed for worshippers to consider as they center.

But the presence and power of Christ in our midst, can't be programmed. We will experience this "secret power" only to the degree that we are able to come with prepared and expectant hearts, ready to listen to Christ, our present teacher.

Prepared and expectant hearts are the direct results of our willingness to commune with God each day. Each of us has his/her own way of experiencing that communion. Some take time out for Bible study and prayer. Some try to be in prayer all day. Some look for the presence of God in their daily experiences. Some look for the presence of Christ in those around them, quietly praying that God would use them to be the hands and feet of Christ to those folks. Being faithful to these practices, brings us to worship with full hearts rather than empty cups. Noticing the working of God in our daily lives often sends us to worship with a store of evidence of God's grace and love. We bring these experiences to worship anticipating that God may ask us to share them as a gift to the gathered community. Sometimes we share them by reflection and prayer, sometimes by vocal testimony. In any event, it is the power of Christ working in our individual hearts and souls that sets the stage for a deep and powerful experience of worship.

- Stan

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FEED THE NEED

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE FOR F.I.S.H.
OCTOBER 17-18, 2009

Plan now to participate in Feed the Need - a special community food drive for F.I.S.H. - on October 17 & 18. Volunteers are needed to hang flyers on doors in the Oak Knoll area on Saturday, October 17. Please contact the church office or Debbie Headley if you would like to help out on Saturday. We will then have an opportunity to "worship through service" on Sunday, October 18 as we go back around the Oak Knoll neighborhood collecting food for F.I.S.H.



EXTRA SACK LUNCHES!

Please pick up a sack lunch or two from the foyer to put in your car to hand out to those in need.



Check out the North Valley website

www.northvalleyfriends.org

Take a look at the member's tab. You will find the events calendar, the current newsletter as well as each week's bulletin announcements.

If you see something that needs to be updated, please contact Jennie in the church office.

FELLOWSHIP MONTH

October is Fellowship Month! Take a look at what's going on during the month and make plans to join in the fun and fellowship!

Progressive Dinner: **October 17**

Game Night: **October 23**

Name tags each Sunday

Invite someone to your home for dinner



October 17, 2009

Progressive Dinner

We will meet at North Valley at 5:15 pm to make carpool arrangements, and then depart at 5:30 pm to the homes of Wes and Elaine Cropper, Scott and Laurie Conant, and Bruce Bishop and Ben and Angela Kantz. The evening will end in the Fellowship Hall for dessert.

Childcare and dinner will be provided for children at the church for \$5.00 per child.

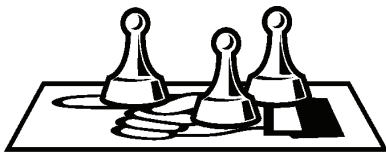
There will be a sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

JOIN IN THE FUN!

Please sign up for the Progressive Dinner taking place on Saturday, **October 17th**.



Each Sunday during the month of October (aka Fellowship Month), please pick up a name tag on your way into worship. Make a point to greet someone new during the morning greeting time.



GAMENIGHT

Come enjoy some food, fun, fellowship, and friendly competition at Game Night, Friday, **October 23rd** starting at 5:30 pm. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share, and join in on the fun!

WHERE THERE IS FOOD,
THERE IS FELLOWSHIP!



As part of Fellowship Month, you are encouraged to invite someone to your house for a meal during the month of October.

UPCOMING EVENTS



The New Abolitionists is a joint conference of NWYM and George Fox University to abolish sex trafficking and forced prostitution in the Portland area.

WHY: Today in the United States, it is estimated that 300,000 minors are being trafficked for sexual exploitation. Ninety percent of the victims are American citizens. The most recent FBI Operation Cross Country sting found Portland has the second highest standing in the country for sex trafficking with over 50 percent of those victims being children. Oregon police say they are encountering three to five people per week who are victims of trafficking.

Featuring James Pond of Transitions Global and musical artist, Jeff Greer, The New Abolitionists will move you from awareness to action. There will be other Portland-area activist organizations joining the conversation to stop slavery in Our Town.

Join George Fox University and the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends on **Saturday, October 24** from 9:00 am-4:00 pm on the Newberg campus and be part of the movement.

For more information visit: www.georgefox.edu/NewAbolitionists
RSVP and questions? Email newabolition@gmail.com

NORTHWEST FRIENDS MINISTRIES

EXPANDING SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH ESTATE PLANNING

Are you among the nearly 60% of Americans who don't have a current estate plan? Realizing that this is often a confusing area for most people, several Northwest Friends Ministries have banded together to develop a program to help people in this area of their lives.

What makes this new initiative so unique? It's been designed completely as a service for those who need assistance. No insurance or investment products, or legal fees are sold in the process. The goal is simply to serve people well as they determine what God would have them do with their earthly possessions.

The Northwest Friends Ministries who have formed this endeavor together are Twin Rocks Friends Camp, The Friendsview Retirement Community, The Northwest Yearly Meeting of Churches and George Fox University. Together these ministries have asked Gene Christian, a well-known estate planning expert to lead this effort. Gene has a long-standing involvement with the Friends movement in the Northwest. He grew up in the Silverton Friends Church. His undergraduate degree is from George Fox and he served on the staff there during the 1980s.

Gene will conduct an estate planning session on **Sunday, November 1, 2009**
at North Valley Friends Church from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Again, Gene has nothing to sell, or to gain personally, by helping you develop a God-honoring estate plan. This truly is a service for anyone who needs assistance in this often complicated area of their lives. You can reach Gene at 1-877-964-2300 or email him at gene@cepnw.com.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS



QUESTIONS?

Contact Leslie Murray
 503-538-5340 (office)
 503-260-7615 (cell)
leslie@northvalleyfriends.org



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Don't miss out on the fun!

Join Leslie for lunch after worship on
 October 4th from noon-2:00 pm.

ADOPTIVE FAMILIES GATHERING OCTOBER 11, 2009

Newberg Friends Church is hosting a new opportunity for adoptive families. On Sunday, Oct. 11, at 5:30 pm, NFC will hold the first *Adoptive Families Gathering*. We will have a potluck with our families and, following dinner, children will be excused to play with supervised care while parents talk together about their ideas for how best we might provide adoption support and discussion, and about how we might celebrate our children, and our children's cultures, together.

We hope to meet the second Sunday evening of every month this year, and will plan together a program that best meets parents' and children's needs. Families who have adopted domestically or internationally are invited, as are those just beginning the process and those with grown adopted children. Please direct your questions to Melanie Springer Mock (mmock@georgefox.edu), and/or let her know if you are coming, so we can have adequate childcare available.



Save the Date!

The next Ladies Night Out will be Monday, November 9th. We will meet at North Valley to car-pool to Rose's Deli in Sherwood at 5:30 pm.

Hope you can join us!



ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

January 22-24

Twin Rocks Friends Camp

Make plans now to attend the All-Church Retreat in January.

Cost: \$99.00 per person
 \$49.50 children ages 3-8
 Children under 3 are free

Family Cap: \$350.00

**To alleviate some of the financial burden during the holidays, consider beginning to make payments now! Just indicate on your check that it is for the All-Church Retreat.*



*Friends
 Women
 Meeting
 October 13*

Friends Women will be meeting October 13th at 1:00 pm. Fern Buoy will be the hostess at Friendsview Retirement Center in the east 5th floor lounge. A report will be given about the Friends Women Retreat.

Questions? Contact Verna Munn at 503-538-5292

EAGLE'S WINGS MINISTRY NEWS



O'Si-yo Friends!

It was a short summer-with the constant moving into the Church House but we are mostly in with a few piles under tarps in the yard. We need to move the storage shed before the rain hits though...Skye has graduated from High School and begins classes at Chemeketa Community College in Salem soon. The other kids are fine, Young a freshman at NHS and playing football and Redbird at Ewing-Young.

My (Randy's) knees have become almost completely spent after the move so, please pray for that. If we get good health insurance in the future I will likely need some operations. I will be teaching Native American History and Mission again this Fall at George Fox Seminary while I try to finish my dissertation.

Look for an interview with Randy in Indian Life Magazine-America's only national Christian Indian publication. I also have a chapter coming out in a book called "The Justice Project" release date: October 1st. Edith and I are teaching workshops at the Urbana Mission Conference this December and we are participating in the Dakota 38 Memorial ride (more about that later).

We have now had our second Native American Fellowship meeting here in Newberg with about six families represented so far. September 17-23 we will be attending Edith's brother's Memorial Service in Wyoming. Please remember us in prayer...wa-do! (thanks!)

Do'hi ("Peace," in Cherokee)
Randy & Edith Woodley

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS & INFORMATION

SafeShelter Host Homes Needed

Youth Outreach in Newberg has an emergency shelter program for youth throughout Yamhill County called SafeShelter. The goal of the program is to reunite runaway and homeless with their families and provide support.

While youth are in the SafeShelter program, they stay with a host home, a family that has opened their home to youth in the community who are in SafeShelter. Youth Outreach has host homes throughout the county, *but are in need of one host home family in the Yamhill-Carlton area.*

A youth's stay at a host home is 1-14 days, and host homes receive a monthly stipend plus a nightly allowance for every night a youth is sheltered in the home.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact Jennie in the church office for more information.

DEPRESSION RECOVERY PROGRAM

This is a series of classes that cover a variety of depression related topics - everything from identifying depression and its causes, to nutrition and making positive lifestyle choices.

Facilitated by: Tami Rodgers, M.D., of Providence Medical Group

When: Tuesdays, Oct. 6-Dec. 8 from 7-9 pm

Where: Seventh-day Adventist Church
530 Edgewood Drive, Newberg

Cost: Workbook for \$20. The class is free.

To register, or for more information, call 503-537-5934.

Pick up a flyer in the church foyer.



OCTOBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				----- Friends Women Fall Retreat Oct. 1-4 ----->		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Noon-2 pm HS youth lunch 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos Women's Retreat	11 am Education Committee Mtg.	7 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group Small Groups			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos		7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg.	Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group Small Groups			8 am Men's breakfast @ J's <hr/> Feed the Need  <hr/> Progressive Dinner
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
7:30 am Stewards <hr/> Feed the Need 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos			Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group Small Groups	7 pm Social Concerns Committee Mtg.	 5:30 pm GAME NIGHT	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos		6:30 pm Land Use Committee Mtgs.	Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group Small Groups			 Move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed tonight.

OCTOBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

	4	11	18	25
Greeters	Vonnie Burton	Janine Saxton	Rob Felton	Verna Munn
Ushers	Daryl Burton	Jess Howell	Bill Rourke	Alan Parry
	Jim Allison	Ryan Libby	Michael Pender	George Piper
	John Frost	Terrel Smith	Mike McBride	Anna Baker
	Sam Conant	Jesse Lowe	Jared Jones	Lukas McKennon
Music	Janine Saxton	Darleen Ortega	Sandi Thornton	Bryan Boyd
	Aletha McKennon	Dave Kinnunen	Lukas McKennon	Jared Jones
	Steve McKennon	Wes Cropper	Peter McKennon	Colby Spell
	Michael LeClair	Jon Holt	Emily Cropper	
	Linda LeClair	Michael LeClair	Amy Saxton	
		Linda LeClair	Steve McKennon	
Sound	Rawlen Smith	Steve McKennon	Mike McConaughey	Rawlen Smith
Power Point	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout	Nathan Murray	Ben Kantz
Media	Aletha McKennon	Darleen Ortega	Sandi Thornton	Bryan Boyd
Preach/Facilitate	Lynn Holt	Stan Thornburg	Stan Thornburg	Stan Thornburg
Monthly Focus	Peace Prayer	TBA	Partner Ministry	Missions
10:45 Nursery	Jenny Fisher	Janelle Olivarez	Heidi Pender	Valerie Lapham
	Scott Conant	Joseph Olivarez	Jennie Harkema	Troy Lapham
2's & 3's	Miriam Bock	Tabatha Weaver	Beth Woolsey	Ruth Headley
	Angela Kantz	Brent Weaver	Greg Woolsey	Jered McConaughey
	Abby Woolsey	Erinn Baker	Della Anderson	Amanda McConaughey
	Elsie McConaughey	Jenna Allison		Brenna Baker
4's - K	Priscilla Lowery	Kathleen Gathercoal	Lydia Cathers	Kristi Longstroth
	Katrina McConaughey	Kristen Sandoz	Shirley Kyte	Jonah Harkema
1st - 3rd Grade	Kim Boyd	Kim Boyd	Lynn Holt	Mindy Allison
	Gennie Harris	Kim Felton		Jim Allison
4th - 5th Grade	Leslie Murray	Joel Sandoz	Amy Lutz	Leslie Murray

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

EAGLES WINGS MINISTRY FEATURED IN "INDIAN LIFE"

Randy and Edith Woodley are featured in the latest issue of *Indian Life*, one of the foremost Christian magazines featuring news and articles about Native Americans across North America. The following excerpt is from this article and features the relationship between the Eagles Wings Ministry and our faith community.

Randy's comments to interviewer Jim Uttley: "...In Kentucky we started a Native American ministry center called 'Eloheh Village for Indigenous Leadership and Ministry Development' as part of Eagle's Wings, but after two-and-a-half years, white supremacists threatened us, telling us we couldn't have our school there. After months of threats and public confrontations, they finally chased us out.

It took almost two years to sell the property but finally we moved to Newberg, Oregon, where we started the ministry again.

It's been a year since we arrived in Oregon – a time of refocusing and reorganizing. We found North Valley Friends Church. I walked in one day and met the pastor and found that the church had just been studying about diversity and, of course, I wrote a book on diversity called *Lining in Color* (Intervarsity Press).

After a process over the last year, the church has allowed us to live in their rental house at a rate far less than the going rental process in this area. It's our hope that after that we'll be able to get our own place.

They gave me an office in the church and we've started having Native Fellowship meetings there the first Friday of every month. Hopefully this will turn into more avenues for fellowship and outreach.

The church is also allowing us to keep our goats and chickens there (which we brought from our farm in Kentucky).

When bad things happen to you, God says, "Watch this." So we moved and everything's the total opposite from what it was. Everyone's making sure we're welcome and we can do our ministry here. What a difference from the way it was back East."

(A few copies of *Indian Life* are in the foyer so folks can read the full article.)



Thanks to all of you for your prayers, thoughts, words of encouragement, and care for our family during our recent journey.

We're home safe, enjoying a bunch of firsts as a family of five.

-Jared & Jody Jones



- 1 Don Parrish
- 3 Marian Parry
- 4 Miriam Bock
Jacob Jolliff
Mike McBride
- 6 Brendon Connelly
Leslie Murray
- 9 Lisa Cox
- 10 Rob Felton
Ruth Piper
- 12 Kathleen Gathercoal
- 13 Beth Woolsey
- 14 Russell Lapham
- 15 Cai Woolsey
Cael Woolsey
- 16 Judi Smith
- 17 Jonah Harkema
- 18 Joy Howell
- 19 Tom Mortimer
Stan Thornburt
- 24 Jody Jones
Levi Jones
- 26 Hal Thomas
- 28 Jenny Crackenberg
- 30 Laurie Conant
Al Lehman



Anniversaries this Month

- 5 Daryl & Vonnie Burton
- 11 Brendon Connelly &
Amy Lutz

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

Staff:

- Lynn Clouser Holt Education/Spiritual Formation
- Leslie Hodgdon Murray Youth
- Stan Thornburg Pastoral Ministry
- Kim Boyd Children's Ministry Facilitator
- Jennie Harkema Administrative Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours:

Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

9:30 am Sunday School of all ages
9:30 am Unprogrammed Meeting
10:45 am Programmed Meeting

North Valley Friends is a Quaker community of ministers who seek to follow Jesus Christ faithfully, love each other deeply and continue His ministry in the world.

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