



INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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My spiritual practice during Lent has been to read poetry. I have to confess I have never previously found poetry very interesting, but at a conference I attended in January, each session started with a poetry reading. As I listened I became aware of an opening in my spirit that I wanted to pursue. I received a volume of poems for my

birthday which encouraged this new practice.

In the course of my reading I came upon a poem by Wendell Berry which is called *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*. The poem starts with a description of the way we have died to true values and have entombed ourselves with superficial appetites that lend no long term meaning. The poem begins: "Love the quick profit, the annual raise, / vacation with pay. Want more / of everything ready-made. Be afraid / to know your neighbors and to die. / And you will have a window in your head. / Not even your future will be a mystery / anymore. Your mind will be punched in a card / and shut away in a little drawer. / When they want you to buy something / they will call you. When they want you / to die for profit they will let you know."

The only answer, according to Berry, is to be crazy enough to follow God. He writes, "So friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. / Love the world. Work for nothing. / Take all that you have and be poor. / Love someone who does not deserve it / ... / Ask questions that have no answers / ... / Plant sequoias / ... / Laugh. / Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful / though you have considered all the facts / ... / As soon as

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

As anyone knows who has attended North Valley even once, we have a lot of kids! We are so grateful for our kids, and we want to create a fun, safe space for them to encounter God every time they walk through the meetinghouse doors. Based on the changing needs of our children as they grow and of our volunteers and paid children's ministers, we are working to create a plan for children's worship opportunities in the coming months, as well as a behavior policy that is known and adhered to by all children, children's workers and parents. (These will be presented in the April Monthly Meeting, still forthcoming at the publication of this newsletter.)

This summer:

- Nursery care will be provided by North Valley attendees.
- We will hire three interns.
- Childcare will be provided by the interns during the Sunday school hour, 9:30-10:30 am.
- Ages 4-5th grade will be split into three groups during Children's Church. Each group will be led by an intern and follow an established curriculum. North Valley adult volunteers

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PRACTICING RESURRECTION

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the generals and the politicians / can predict the motions of your mind, / lose it. Leave it as a sign / to mark the false trail, the way / you didn't go. Be like the fox, / who makes more tracks than necessary, / some in the wrong direction. / **Practice Resurrection.**"

He ends this manifesto with those two words that sum the entire poem: "**Practice resurrection.**" Curious words. We are not God; we cannot resurrect anyone; in fact, some of us can barely get through the day. What does it mean to practice resurrection? Recently I read on a blog that we know all too well the practice of crucifixion. We see it daily in the news, in the tears of friends, and in our own faces, sleepless and worn. But what do we know of resurrection? Dead bodies we've seen, but a new body bursting out of the rot of death--such a sight has never yet adorned the cover of *Time* magazine.

Resurrection is not something that we see every day. As a matter of fact, it's something that we have never seen, only experienced. So if a crucified world is to know resurrection, we Christians must practice it. We must think of new ways to bring the power of Easter to this world: we must act it out daily. We must become conduits of the love and energy of the Almighty God. Everyday we must remind people that death--in all its forms--is not the final word. As citizens of the coming kingdom of God, we are called to be messengers of God's incredible power, which, even now, is bursting forth. Death could not hold Jesus; and by God's grace and power it will not be able to hold us.

To **practice resurrection** is to put the power of Easter into our lives; it is to live in the way that Jesus calls us to live. It is to love our enemies: both our corporate enemies, like terrorists and hatemongers, and our personal enemies, like the sassy neighbor down the street that doesn't curb her dog, the difficult family member, or the person at work who lies about us. **Practicing resurrection** means to love all of these. This is easier said than done, and it's not humanly possible. It's in direct contrast to what our human nature cries out for us to do and feel. But it is possible for God, and God can transform us if we desire it.

Practicing resurrection means talking with your brother or sister when he or she has something against you. This is extraordinarily difficult to do sometimes, to say to someone, "Look, I know there's a problem between us. Can we talk about it?" This creates a surprising initiative for peace, the same way that Christ did: "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Our sermon series in the next six weeks following Easter will explore what it means to **practice resurrection**. So I invite you to give it a try: **practice resurrection**. Who knows what it will look like.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

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will provide additional support.

- We will engage in Intergenerational Worship/Family Worship once a month on a scheduled Sunday. There will only be nursery care on these days.

Staff Update:

Kim will be transitioning out of her role as the children's coordinator at the end of June, and Leslie's job description change will go into effect July 1 to cover some of the responsibilities for children's ministry.

Behavior Policy:

The policy will be discussed at the Monthly Meeting, and you can get a copy of the policy once it's approved from any of the staff. It is our desire to help children, volunteer and paid children's workers and parents understand what is expected and have clear guidelines for how to proceed if children are not willing to cooperate. We hope this will increase the feeling of safety and love for everyone involved.

Parent Meeting:

Please join us for a parent meeting on Monday, May 16 at 6:30 pm to discuss these changes and look toward the future regarding how we can better serve North Valley's children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TO GARDEN WITH GOD: THE SPIRITUALITY OF GARDENING

MAY 1, 1:00-5:00PM, \$20

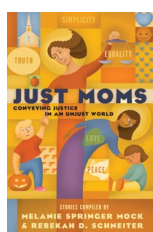
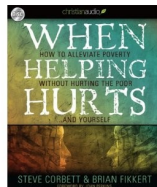
Join author, activist and gardener Christine Sine for this half-day seminar at Camas Friends Church, exploring the connection between community, spirituality and garden-

ing. Prepare yourself for the growing season by learning from a master gardener, connecting with other gardeners and taking a moment to recognize the spiritual in your gardening practice. Community and backyard gardening has been one of the major responses to our turbulent times but most people do not know how to relate their garden experiences to their faith. Yet the gospel comes to us in the midst of God's created world. Learn more and [register online](#).

DAVID THOMAS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES MAY 4-25 NEWBERG FRIENDS CHURCH, 8PM

You are invited to attend four evening sessions on transformational development, facilitated by David Thomas, during the month of May on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 in the Barclay room at Newberg Friends Church. This will be an interactive time of learning with skits, discussion, questions and stories focused on helping you think through the issues related to poverty alleviation and the holistic Gospel. This study will be full of insights from David and Debby's work in impoverished communities in Rwanda, Africa through the Discipling for Development program. If you would like to have more background before coming to the workshop, David encourages you to read the book *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor and Yourself* (Steve Corbett & Bruce Fikkert, Moody Press, 2009). (Reading the book is not a requirement.)



JUST MOMS AVAILABLE FROM BARCLAY PRESS

Three of our members, Nancy Thomas, Amy Lutz and editor Rebekah Schneider, contributed to a book recently released by Barclay Press! 27 women share their

adventures and misadventures modeling social justice principles for their children and communities. *Just Moms* is about moms bending their own rules and redefining success as they work to raise kids who value peace, equality, truth, simplicity and love. You can purchase it [online](#).

FAITH IN ACTION NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR DAY MAY 7

Serve our senior neighbors this spring with yard work, window washing and gutter cleaning. Check in and have refreshments at 8:30 am at the Faith in Action parking lot, 310 Villa Rd. in Newberg. Registration deadline is April 26, but if you still want to participate, contact Jill: 503.537.1549; jill.a.smith@providence.org.



TREE MULCH AVAILABLE

Spring is here and it is time to start sprucing up your yard and garden! Tree mulch is available at North Valley Friends Church for a donation benefitting the Peace Project. The mulch can be found behind the gravel parking lot by the gym. For more information contact Debbie at 503.547.7993.

MAY MEMBERSHIP CLASS: WHY FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS



Have you recently started attending North Valley and plan to make it your church home? Have you been part of Friends for a while but never gone through official mem-

bership? Are you simply interested in learning more about Friends history and practice? Sign up for this class, offered Sunday mornings in May, 9:30-10:30 am. To sign up, contact Lynn or the office.

CAMP REGISTRATION

You can register now for summer camps at Twin Rocks Friends Camp online: [Girls Camp](#) July 3-8, [Boys Camp](#) July 17-22, [Tween Camp](#) July 10-13 or [Surfside](#) August 7-13. Registration forms are also available in the North Valley foyer.

Stay tuned for more information about registration for [Tilikum Day Camp](#), as well as [Yearly Meeting](#) sessions and Youth Yearly Meeting July 25-28.

GET AWAY, GIVE AWAY PHOTOS



View a slideshow of all the GAGA photos on our [website!](#)



GAGA PHOTOS CONT'D.; ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

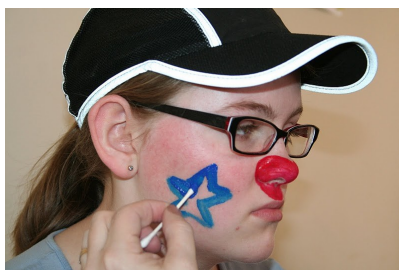


MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Angela Kantz
- 2 Glen Gathercoal
Tara Maddox
- 3 Bob Vogel
- 4 Meredith Fieldhouse
Sarah Kinnunen
- 5 Amanda
McConaughy
- 6 Jeremy Baker
- 8 Liam Lowery
- 9 Emma Boyd
Sandy McDonough
- 16 Emma Libby
- 17 Paul Anderson
- 25 Sara Boyd
- 26 Kasey Allison
Joey Heath
- 27 Emily Smith
- 29 Ian McDonough
- 30 Peter McKennon

ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Scott & Karin
Majdecki
- 21 Jim & Mindy Allison
- 30 Don & Susan Parrish



YCEW TO CAMBODIA



We have two youth, Jered McConaughy and Anna Jolliff, who will be going to Cambodia this summer with [Northwest Yearly Meeting's YCEW team](#).

YCEW stands for Youth Challenged to Expand their Worldview. To support them, we have some products for purchase from [The Pepper Project](#) and [Daughters of Cambodia](#) on hand at North Valley. These are fair trade pepper, soaps and textiles that are made in Cambodia by girls and young women who have been rescued from the sex trade there. The president of The Pepper Project has agreed to sell these products to us at wholesale prices, so that we can mark them up and sell them to you at fundraising prices! You can also donate money directly by sending it to NWYM, 200 N Meridian St, Newberg, OR 97132. Write "YCEW" and Jered and/or Anna's name in the memo line.

TRFC SUMMER STAFF, SLP

J. Rourke will be serving on Summer Staff at [Twin Rocks Friends Camp](#) this summer, and Erica Cropper and Amanda McConaughy will be a part of Twin Rocks' Servant Leadership Program! Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for your service.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE RETREAT MAY 6-7

Middle school youth, enjoy a weekend of service together! Stay overnight at North Valley and serve the Newberg community with Faith in Action. Cost is \$35.

J. ROURKE TEACHING ABROAD

Starting this fall, J. Rourke will be teaching English in China through Northwest Yearly Meeting!



FWMF SPRING RALLY MAY 21

North Valley is hosting the Friends Women's Missionary Fellowship Spring Rally on May 21 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Jan Schmeltzer will share about ministries in Africa. Bring a salad to share.

JP IN THE PHILIPPINES

JP Lowery spent his spring break in the Philippines with a team of eye specialists. JP says, "We saw nearly 1200 patients and over 1000 received glasses and 22 had cataracts removed by the surgical team from Manila. The presence of God is very strong where we went and we were well taken care of in every respect." You can view a [slideshow](#) of his trip.



SERMON SERIES: PRACTICING RESURRECTION

“Practicing Resurrection” is the name of our new sermon series, beginning May 8. The idea for the series comes from a poem by Wendell Berry, copied below. You can prepare for worship in the coming weeks by meditating on this poem.

MANIFESTO: THE MAD FARMER LIBERATION FRONT

by Wendell Berry

Love the quick profit, the annual raise,
vacation with pay. Want more
of everything ready-made. Be afraid
to know your neighbors and to die.
And you will have a window in your head.
Not even your future will be a mystery
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer.
When they want you to buy something
they will call you. When they want you
to die for profit they will let you know.

So, friends, every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.
Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
Give your approval to all you cannot
understand. Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millenium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.
Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold.
Call that profit. Prophesy such returns.



Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.

Listen to carrion—put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering
of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts.
So long as women do not go cheap
for power, please women more than men.
Ask yourself: Will this satisfy

a woman satisfied to bear a child?
Will this disturb the sleep
of a woman near to giving birth?

Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.
As soon as the generals and the politicians

can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go. Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.

“Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front” from The Country of Marriage, ©1973 by Wendell Berry, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7pm Missions Committee Mtg.	4 6:30 pm MS Youth Group 6:45 pm HS Movie Group	5	6 MS Service Retreat	7
8 12:30 pm Of a Certain Age Lunch 7 pm HS Youth Group	9	10 6:30pm Land Use Committee Mtg.	11 6:30 pm MS Youth Group 6:45 pm HS Movie Group	12	13	14
15 6:30-8:30 pm HS Youth Group: Hot dogs & bonfire at Clyde Thomas' house	16 6:30 pm Parent Meeting	17 7 pm Stewards Mtg	18 6:30 pm MS Youth Group 6:45 pm HS Movie Group	19	20	21 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Hospital 11 am FWMF Spring Rally & Salad Potluck
22 7 pm Last HS Youth Group	23	24	25 6:30 pm MS Youth Group 6:45 pm HS Movie Group	26	27	28
29	30	31				

MAY WORSHIP CALENDAR

<u>May</u>	1	8	15	22	29
Greeters	Verna Munn	Janine Saxton	Rob Felton	Earl Tycksen	Vonnie Burton
				Annie Tycksen	
Ushers	Bill Rourke	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish
	Michael Pender	Ron Fieldhouse	Jim Allison	George Piper	Stuart Griffith
	Anna Baker	Alan Kanne	John Frost	Mike McBride	Alan Parry
	Jessica Trout	Jeremy Baker	Eric Funk	John Frost	John Frost
Music	Joel Bock	Sandi Thornton	Joel Bock	Bryan Boyd	Janine Saxton
	Jon Holt	Lukas McKennon		Jared Jones	Michael LeClair
	Michael LeClair	Emily-Grace Cropper		Colby Spell	Linda LeClair
	Linda LeClair	Peter McKennon			Mike McBride
	Steve McKennon	Adria McKennon			Steve McKennon
		Steve McKennon			Aletha McKennon
Sound	Rawlen Smith	Austin Huelsbeck	Mike McConaughy	Steve McKennon	Joel Bock
Power Point	Jennie Harkema	Nathan Murray	Jennie Harkema	Jessica Trout	Peter McKennon
Media	Joel Bock	Sandi Thornton	Joel Bock	Bryan Boyd	Aletha McKennon
Preach/Facilitate	GAGA Team	Paul Bock	Brian Bews	Lynn Holt	Lynn Holt
Monthly Focus	Peace Prayer			YCEW	
10:45 Nursery	Janelle Olivarez	Leah Rupp	Adina McConaughy	Jeanne Boyd	Debbie Headley
under 3	Joseph Olivarez	Bryan Rupp	Leanne Baker	Liz Majdecki	Heidi Pender
	Becky Headley	Laura Dunn	Brenna Baker		
Preschool	Angela Kantz	Lydia Cathers	Beth Woolsey	Angela Kantz	Lydia Cathers
3s & 4s	Jered McConaughy	Jonah Harkema	Greg Woolsey	Jered McConaughy	Jonah Harkema
	Betsy LeClair	Olivia Pugsley	Abby Woolsey	Elsie McConaughy	Amanda McConaughy
	Adria McKennon		Erinn Baker	Jenna Allison	
Children's	Kim Boyd	Kim Boyd	Kim Boyd	Austin Huelsbeck	Kim Boyd
Worship	Lynn Holt	Katrina McConaughy	Amy Lutz	Emily-Grace	Mindy Allison
Kindergarten-5th	Priscilla Lowery			Cropper	Priscilla Lowery
	Kristi Longstroth				Kristi Longstroth
	Jody Jones				Jody Jones
	Noël Carey				Noël Carey

PEACE PATH WORKDAY MARCH 23



NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

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NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

Staff:

- Lynn Holt
- Lead Pastor
- Leslie Murray
- Youth Pastor
- Children's Ministry Facilitator
- Administrative Assistant
- Cherice Bock
- Paul Bock
- Worship Coordinator

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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NWYM: www.nwfriends.org

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours:
Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 - 11:00 am
Friday 9:00 - 11:00 am
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