



INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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THE WAR WE CAN'T AVOID

Memorial Day always gives me pause to think of friends I lost to war. For my generation it was the Viet Nam War that took the lives of our friends. To others, it has been WWII or the more recent conflicts in the Middle East. I can't help but get the "if only's" and wish desperately that these young people could have avoided their untimely death and all the suffering that goes with it.

There is another war, the war within, that is constant and relentless and, unfortunately, unavoidable. That is the war between selfish desires and the transforming Spirit of God, or, in other words, it's the war between selfishness and Godliness.

Paul makes a good attempt at explaining it in Galatians 5: 16-25. He admits that our selfish desires are always in conflict with God's Spirit desires – always. It's a never ending conflict. In fact a good deal of our faith journey is leaning to allow ourselves to be transformed into someone who desires in our human flesh, the same things that the Spirit desires for us. Bit by bit, God's Spirit opens our eyes to the beauty of God's ways and God's wisdom so that our very heart's desire to live in God's ways and by God's wisdom. We actually learn to see what God sees so that we "selfishly" want what God wants. Pretty impressive, eh?

Take a look at Paul's list of choices we might make if controlled by our selfishness – it's pretty grim. (19-21) It's easy to see how those choices play out just by watching the evening News or picking up an Oregonian. Murder and mayhem seem to be an ongoing theme. Of course none of us would do the things we see on the screen, but still sometimes we play around with a very limited form of those atrocities in our own way. Our list would be much tamer than Paul's but it would still chronicle destructive behavior. Sometimes, gossip, lies, judgmentalism and/or bullying show up in a congregation and become pretty damaging. Verbal or physical abuse, and/or other forms of damaged and damaging relationships are not strangers to the church, either.

Fortunately, Paul provides a great list of characteristics that become stronger and stronger in us as we battle our selfishness. (22-23) These describe both the nature and the fruit of God's Spirit. These are much easier to spot among us because we are all moving in that direction. Love, gentleness, patience, kindness, and generosity stand out in such stark contrast to the fruit of selfishness that we can't help notice them and respond in kind.

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Still, it's a battle. All of us know that, and though we become really good at masking it, we all struggle with selfishness. Because of this, wouldn't it be great if we began to encourage one another in holy living? It is so wonderful to hear someone say they see the Spirit of Christ or the fruit of the Spirit working in us. Such encouragement motivates us to open ourselves more and more to the Spirit's transforming power. What if our most common accusation was to accuse each other of being Christ-like?

We've all had comrades fall to the appeal of selfish desires. We've all lost those we love to their own self-destructive choices. It's a war with real casualties and real suffering. Part of being peacemakers is to help one another in this spiritual war. So a good thing to do would be to share your own battles with a trusted friend, mentor, or pastor. Victories are real too, in this spiritual battle. It is possible to be transformed so that we lose the very selfish desires that once plagued us. As Jesus said, the one whom Christ has set free, is free indeed!

- Stan

ANNOUNCEMENTS



KICK-OFF SUMMER BBQ

The Kick-Off Summer BBQ is Sunday, June 14 after worship. The main meal will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Please bring a salad, fruit, or chips to share. You may also want to bring a blanket to sit on!



REGISTRATION URGENT!

We have limited space for children to attend Tilikum if registrations are received by Wednesday, June 24 to the North Valley office. Registration forms and information are available in the church foyer.

Camp dates: July 27-31

COST:

- \$146 per week for children whose families are NOT registered for Yearly Meeting
- \$117 per week for children whose families are registered YM participants not staying on campus.
- \$97 per week for children whose families are staying on campus during Yearly Meeting

Contact Lynn for scholarship information.

GET READY FOR SUMMER 2009 AT TWIN ROCKS!

Girls Camp: July 5-10 (for girls entering 4 th -6 th grades next fall) \$271 (\$241 if pre-registration postmarked by June 19)	LAST DAY TO REGISTER: June 29
Boys Camp: July 19-24 (for boys entering 4 th -6 th grades next fall) \$271 (\$241 if pre-registration postmarked by July 3)	LAST DAY TO REGISTER: July 13
Tween Camp: July 12-18 (for youth entering 7 th -9 th grades next fall) \$292 (\$262 if pre-registration postmarked by June 26)	LAST DAY TO REGISTER: July 6
Surfside Camp: August 9-15 (for youth completing 8 th -12 th grades) \$292 (\$262 if pre-registration postmarked by July 24)	LAST DAY TO REGISTER: Aug. 3

Pay particular attention to the LAST DAY TO REGISTER for each of the camps this summer. There will be NO walk-ons this year to ensure adequate staffing at camp. More information can be found in the church foyer or at www.twinrocks.org.

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NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING SESSIONS

JULY 26-30, 2009

George Fox University



REGISTRATION IS ONLINE: www.nwfriends.org/registration

Everyone participating in Yearly Meeting sessions is asked to register, *even if you will only attend during the day*. Registration is being handled online, with prepayment available. When you show up at Yearly Meeting, you will merely need to check in and pick up your packet of information. *If you are unable to access the internet, please pick up a hardcopy of the registration form in the church foyer.*

SPECIAL FEATURES: Outreach Celebration Rally, The Hoot, Young Adult Friends Gathering, YM Superintendents host a Reception, Pastors Association Picnic.



JUNE 14

It has been a tradition at North Valley for students who are promoted to the third grade to receive a Bible. The following students will be going into 3rd grade next fall:

- Darien Payne
- Emerson Harris
- Ian Woolsey
- Jayden Crays
- Kjersti LeClair
- Larissa McKennon
- Mitchell Allison
- Truman Connelly
- Hadley Massey



MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES

The 8th grade graduates will be heading to The Old Spaghetti Factory after worship on June 7th to celebrate the completion of Middle School. Congratulations graduates!



HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT: “LIFE. SUPPORT. MUSIC.”

Join us in the library (youth room?) at 6:45 pm this coming Wednesday, 6/10, for this remarkable film about Jason Crigler, a young guitarist and father-to-be who suffered a brain hemorrhage while on stage in New York City. It appeared at first that he likely would not recover and that, if he did, he would be in a vegetative state. Yet his family—most prominently his wife, sister, and divorced parents—driven by their courage, their love for him, and signs that the person they knew as Jason was still inside his broken body, refused to give up. With doctors telling them he wasn’t there, they persisted, devoting themselves to spending time with him round the clock, sending him what his sister terms “smoke signals,” drawing him out, stimulating the parts of his body and brain that lay dormant. The film carefully chronicles their and his agonizing progress to a miraculous recovery.

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Wednesday Night with Friends

JUNE 24

Join us for an evening filled with fellowship and discussion for adults, and fun-filled activities for the kids.

Dinner: 5:30-6:15 pm

Activities for all ages: 6:30-8:30 pm

Adults—Movie—*Jesus Save Us from Your Followers*
(see movie description from Stan at right →)

Nursery—babies through age 3

Wacky Wednesday—age 4 through 5th grade

Middle School & High School Summer Youth Group



SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING for CHILDREN Beginning June 14

During the summer months we will be providing a different focus and venue for our preschool and elementary children during Sunday mornings. These changes will begin on June 14th and run through September 6th.

Education Hour: 9:30-10:30—Play & Fellowship (ages 4 - 5th grade) on the playground. Coordinator: Laurie Conant

Worship Hour: 10:45-noon

**Children through age 3 will meet in the nursery.*

**Age 4-5th grade will meet in the gym* after they are dismissed from the service. Lukas McKennon and Emily Cropper will be giving leadership with the help of two additional adult volunteers.* The time will be filled with singing, activities, and a story time that will focus on the Armor of God based on Ephesians 6.

*We are still looking for adult volunteers to help. This is a great way to meet our children and provide a much needed rest for our folks who give leadership to our children during the other 9 months of the year.

Jesus Save Us from Your Followers

Wednesday evening June 24th, North Valley is going to screen a wonderful documentary and invite the whole community to join in the experience. This film was shown at pastor's conference this year and I immediately said to myself, "I'd love to show this to my friends at North Valley. This is a fun movie yet asks some very real questions about how Christians are doing at living out the gospel of love. This is NOT a church-bashing movie, but is a warm and humorous way for us to understand how our culture sees us. Here's a clip from a review that explains the movies intent:

"Lord, Save Us From Our Followers" asks the question that presses at all our hearts, "Why is the Gospel of Love Dividing America?"

Utilizing a broad array of expert interviews, man-on-the-street bits, hilarious animations and "I've never seen that before" stunts, *Lord, Save Us From Your Followers* brings everyone into the conversation that this country is aching to have. *Lord, Save Us From Your Followers*, employs the language of pop culture to create a provocative, funny and redemptive viewing experience that will leave the audience talking for hours.

With exclusive interviews with comedian/Senatorial candidate Al Franken, former Senator and Religious Right inside man Rick Santorum, noted "liberal evangelical" Tony Campolo, conservative radio host Michael Reagan, racial reconciliation activist Dr. John Perkins and features with Bono, Pastor Rick Warren ("Purpose Driven Life"), James Dobson, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, no stone is left unturned in this engaging, unpredictable and challenging look at the conflict over religion in America.

This is a great event to which you can invite your friends. Ages High School and up will enjoy this film.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 pm High School Youth	2 7 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	3 Middle School BBQ 6-8 pm @ NV Fellowship Committee Celebration 6:30 pm	4	5	6 5 pm Elders
7 8 th Grade Graduates to Spaghetti Factory after worship Inauguration of Iglesia de los Amigos 5:30 pm Potluck 7 pm Worship Service	8 7 pm Gifts & Leadings Meeting at Stan's house	9	10 6:45 pm High School Movie Night	11	12	13 High School Retreat
14 High School Retreat Kick-Off Summer BBQ Promotion Sunday	15	16	17	18	19 High School Seniors to Marakesh & Movie	20 8 am Men's Breakfast @ J's
21 7:30 am Stewards  Happy Father's Day	22	23	24 Tilikum Registrations due to the NV office Summer Wed. w/ Friends Wacky Wednesday	25 7 pm Social Concerns Committee Mtg.	26	27
28	29 Twin Rocks Girls Camp registrations due!	30				

JUNE WORSHIP CALENDAR

	7	14	21	28
Greeters	Hector Munn Verna Munn	Rob Felton	Vonnie Burton	Janine Saxton
Ushers	Bill Rourke Jess Howell George Piper John Frost Ryan Libby	John Frost Jim Allison Alan Parry Jared Jones	Don Parrish Michael Pender Jesse Lowe Terrel Smith Sam Conant	Daryl Burton Lukas McKennon Anna Baker Mike McBride
Music	Janine Saxton Aletha McKennon Steve McKennon Michael LeClair Linda LeClair	Sandi Thornton Lukas McKennon Peter McKennon Emily Cropper Amy Saxton	Darleen Ortega Dave Kinnunen Michael LeClair Linda LeClair Jon Holt Wes Cropper	Jared Jones Bryan Boyd Colby Spell
Sound	Rawlen Smith	Mike McConaughey	Rawlen Smith	Steve McKennon
Power Point	Peter McKennon	Nathan Murray	Ben Kantz	Jessica Trout
Media	Aletha McKennon	Sandi Thornton	Darleen Ortega	Jared Jones
Preach/Facilitate	Stan	Lynn	Stan	Stan
Monthly Focus	Peace/HS Graduation	Promotion/Missions	Peace	
10:45 Nursery	Jennie Harkema	Janelle Townsend	Jenny Fisher	Valerie Lapham
2's & 3's (beginning June 14)	Abby Woolsey Elsie McConaughey	Joseph Olivarez Erinn Baker Amanda McConaughey	Jonah Harkema Jenna Allison Brenna Baker	Troy Lapham Scott Conant Della Anderson
2's & 3's	Miriam Bock	SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE 4-year-old through 5 th grade (in the gym)		
	Heidi Pender	Lukas McKennon	Lukas McKennon	Lukas McKennon
		Emily Cropper	Emily Cropper	Emily Cropper
		Scott Conant	Colleen Simon	Earl Tycksen
4 - K	Priscilla Lowery Katrina McConaughey	TBA	TBA	Janine Saxton
Godly Play Lesson	David			
1st - 3rd Grade	Amy Lutz Brendon Connelly			
4th - 5th Grade	Leslie Murray			

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE



SHIRLEY ALICE WARK KJERSTEN

December 11, 1925 - May 19, 2009



Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed unexpectedly and peacefully at home in her sleep to be with her Lord. Born to James Henry Wark and Minda Ovidia Hagen Wark in Bagley, Minnesota, Shirley had five brothers and one sister. In 1941 she heard a new boy was moving to town and decided he would be the one she would marry. They met at a dance and she loved to tell the story of how she went and got Kenny out of the corner to dance. Shirley graduated from Bagley High School in 1943 and married the new boy in town, Kenny, on December 27, 1943. They moved to Minneapolis. When her husband was in the Navy overseas she moved to Portland to work in the shipyards with her father and three sisters-in-law. After WW2 ended in 1946, they moved back to Minnesota. Their first child, Evelyn, was born in 1949. In 1951 they moved to Oregon and lived in Sherwood until 1961 and had three more children, Beverly, Paul and Tom. In 1961 they moved their family to a farm in Newberg where they stayed. Shirley, a loving and feisty farmwife and homemaker, was also a writer. She enjoyed writing her memoirs as well as her ancestry research books. She worked in retail, enjoyed flower gardening and could often be found in her greenhouse. She was actively involved in the Quaker church, for the last 30 years at North Valley Friends Church. She was also involved in Friends Women Missionary Fellowship and volunteered countless hours. Even at 83 years old, she would ride on the back of an All Terrain Vehicle with her husband around their farm. She loved baking desserts and has helped rear not only grandchildren, but great-grandchildren as well. Shirley had a quick wit and a happy disposition and she always had a comeback for everyone. Her voice is memorable; we all recall how she would call her husband in to meals out the back window, and it would carry across all 250 acres... "Ken-ny!!" She always loved red lipstick, bright clothing and colorful jewelry. A favorite song she always requested her husband play for her was "Wild Irish Rose", for she was his.

Shirley was preceded in death by her mother, father, three brothers and one infant sister. She is survived by her beloved husband of 65 years, Kenneth Kjersten and their children; Evelyn & Ed Casciato, Beverly Briggs, Paul & Bonnie Kjersten, and Tom & Diane Kjersten as well as nine grandchildren, six (almost seven) great-grandchildren, two brothers, Glenn Wark and Russell Wark, and numerous cousins.

The family will remember her love and life at a private memorial picnic in June.

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

The following youth will be graduating from High School this year:

- Emily Cropper
- Della Anderson
- Skye Woodley
- Thomas Hotaling
- Landon Townsend

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

WELCOME BABY ISAK STAVE

Andrew & Kim Stave welcomed Isak Andrius into the world on Thursday, June 4!! He was 8 lbs, 21 inches long and as healthy as can be! Andrew & Kim and Big Sister, Ieva are SO happy to finally meet Isak!



COLLEGE GRADUATES

An enormous congratulations to North Valley's college graduates:

- **Cherice Bock**, Masters of Divinity
Princeton University
- **Ethan Headley**, Business Administration
George Fox University
- **Haley Kruger**, née Thornburg, Psychology
George Fox University
- **Jody Jones**, Masters of Education
Walden University
- **Mike McConaughy**, Masters of Education –
Administrative License
George Fox University
- **Chelsea Walker**, Interdisciplinary Studies: Christian Ministries,
Social Work, & Communication Arts
George Fox University



BIRTHDAYS:

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| 1 | Katrina McConaughy |
| 2 | Daryl Burton |
| 4 | Jon Holt |
| 5 | Brenda Jolliff |
| 7 | Roy Lehman |
| 8 | Kristi Longstroth |
| | Clara Pugsley |
| 11 | Rebecca Jolliff |
| | Chelsea Walker |
| 15 | Terrel Smith |
| 16 | Aletha McKennon |
| 17 | Margaret Whittlesey |
| 18 | Tabatha Weaver |
| 19 | Rachel Torgeson |
| 21 | Eric Funk |
| | Bob Haggerty |
| | Jess Howell |
| 22 | Naomi Benham |
| | Madison Peffers |
| | Becky Headley |
| 23 | Owen Gathercoal |
| 24 | Lois Haggerty |
| 25 | Jeff McDonough |
| 26 | Annie Tycksen |
| 27 | Mitchell Allison |
| | Nancy Funk |
| 29 | J Rourke |

ANNIVERSARIES:

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| 1 | Ryan & Kari Libby |
| 9 | Al & Jenny Crackenberg |
| 12 | Hector & Verna Munn |
| 16 | Eric & Nancy Funk |
| 17 | Jared & Jody Jones |
| 19 | Jeff & Kim McDonough,
Hans & Rebekah Schneiter |
| 23 | Jon & Lynn Holt |
| 28 | Wes & Elaine Cropper |
| 30 | Michael & Jenny Fisher |

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DID YOU KNOW...

There are a couple of rock stars among us that recently have achieved remarkable and notable milestones.

☞ **Brent Weaver's** original compositions were featured recently in a performance at Alders Street Presbyterian Church. They were remarkable pieces and obviously the favorites of the Alder Street Sextet, which performed the works.

Cathy and I attended the performance and were delighted with the whole performance, especially Brent's works, entitled "Chehalem Sketches" for piano and winds.

A repeat performance is scheduled this coming Sunday, June 7, at 4 pm at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, at 4028 SE 34th at Gladstone in Southeast Portland.

Thanks, Brent for your willingness to share your gifts in this way.

☞ **Paul Anderson** gathered a group of wonderful folks for the "Spiritual Discernment As Christian Leadership" Conference. Paul's work around discernment is cutting edge stuff.

The conference was one of the most thought provoking conferences I have ever been a part of. I learned so very much from the speakers and workshops. Also, the conference was part of a larger work being done around spiritual discernment. My guess is that the results of Paul's and others' teaching around discernment will eventually become important fodder for how we think about ministry, leadership and faith.

Thanks, Paul for all your hard work.

Sometimes we don't recognize the accomplishments of our own. Paul and Brent really deserve our gratitude and encouragement for the contribution they are making beyond our four walls.

There's going to be a Ceili!

The Jones family is raising money for travel expenses in anticipation of bringing baby Elise Bethlehem home from Ethiopia and want to offer a time of fun to our community, so.... **There's going to be a Ceili!** What's a ceili? It's an evening of Irish folkdancing and it's heaps of fun! And no experience necessary! Live music will be provided by locally renowned celtic group, *Roughly Hewn*. A caller will teach us the folk dances. It will be held **Saturday, June 20th, 7:00-9:30 at the Fernwood Grange Hall, in Newberg** (on S. Springbrook Rd., between Fred Meyer and E. 2nd St., just past the Hayes St. stoplight). Come for however long you can. Suggested admission donation \$8/person age 13 and over. But please, don't let admission cost keep you from coming! This is going to be a great time for our community and we want you to come! All are welcome - kids too! If you have any questions, call Jared & Jody at 503-538-4036, or email at jodyjared@gmail.com

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

Staff:

- Lynn Clouser Holt Education/Spiritual Formation
- Leslie Hodgdon Murray Youth
- Stan Thornburg Pastoral Ministry
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CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: (beginning June 15)

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

Phone: 503-538-5340

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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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