



INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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The following article is part of a conversation on Christine Sine's blog: www.godspace.wordpress.com about "Spiritual Practice" defined as anything one does regularly as a way of connecting with God. There some very interesting posts, including one on Crying as spiritual practice. The blog is well worth the read. Here's my contribution:

MAKING SPACE FOR THE RABBI

I remember complaining to Richard Foster about the disadvantage of being 2,000 years too late to actually follow Christ in the same way as "The Twelve" did. For me trying to actually be a disciple of someone behind the cloud of unknowing didn't seem fair. The Twelve could actually see Jesus in action, ask him about what was going on, complain to him and each other about it, discuss it around the campfire, scribble pithy notes to be someday inserted in their gospels, etc. "We're at a great disadvantage!" I whined. Richard said something like, "Maybe you're just too focused on yourself and what you are doing to notice what Jesus is doing. Give Jesus a chance to act before barging in asking WWJD?" A bit of reflection revealed that no one really has a clue what Jesus would do in any given situation anyway, and to ask that question, at least for me, is an exercise in futility and/or arrogance.

After some soul searching and actual listening, I started the practice of stepping back in every daily encounter to see what Christ was about before I inserted myself into the situation. I began to ask, "What IS Jesus doing?" I tried to hold off on my own inclination to "do something" and just wait until I could see the Rabbi in action. I've been at it for a little more than thirty years and it has become a treasured and life changing practice. I still find it extremely difficult in many ways. It's difficult to be patient when a situation seems to require a quick response. It's difficult to suppress my own "wisdom" and avoid projecting it into what seem like familiar situations. It's difficult to avoid emotional reasoning in situations that unleash strong feelings. The biggest difficulty is that Jesus never seems to really do that much at any given time. He never seems goes for the big kill, the profound answer that solves the problem or the deep insight that completely changes people right before one's eyes.

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He seems to almost always prefer some small act of love or acceptance or grace that insinuates more than proclaims the depth of his love or the extent of his willingness to sacrifice. Plus, I guess if I were honest, I never really get to do much. Sometimes I get to point to what happened and say, “Yep, that was Jesus alright.” Sometimes I get to share in the aftercare, i.e. meeting the needs, sharing resources, or some act of service. Mostly though, I just marvel at all that Jesus is doing in every situation, in everyone’s life, all the time. I mean that seriously and literally, ALL the time.

I still hope I’ll get to do some serious healing sometime – even just with a sick pet or a broken household appliance. In the meantime, I feel like an authentic disciple, though. Not one of the big three or anything – maybe a Nathaniel or an Andrew. That’s plenty for me.

- Stan

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**“JUST FOR FUN”
BBQ**

August 14 & August 21

Join folks from North Valley for Friday Night Fun on August 14 and August 21. We’ll begin the fun at 6:00 pm and go until we’re done! Bring you own meat for the BBQ and a side dish to share. You can also bring your favorite board game. We’re looking for someone to “host” August 14. The host would be in charge of the grill, helping folks get their meat grilled - please let the church office know if you’re available.

Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to Miriam Bock, Keith and Anna Baker, Katrina McConaughy, Bill Rourke, and Earl Tycksen for all the help cleaning up and weeding around the church before Yearly Meeting.



UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY!



**Chelsea’s New
Address**

Chelsea Walker will be moving into a new house in Eugene on August 15. Her address will be:

5210 Mahe Avenue
Eugene, OR 97402



NEW PHONE NUMBERS

**The Croppers have
new phone numbers:**

- Wes:** 503-997-3054
- Elaine:** 503-750-3055
- Emily:** 503-922-9658
- Erica:** 503-764-8563

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



On **August 30** we will have a fundraiser to benefit Christian Peace-maker Teams (CPT). Please watch for more details about this event...until, then, be sure to mark **August 30** on your calendar! To learn more about CPT, visit their website at www.cpt.org.



BBQ and Ice Cream Social Sunday, September 13th

Well, folks, fire up those ice cream makers! On **September 13th** we will be having our Kickoff School BBQ with our 3rd annual Homemade Ice Cream Social! Who will take home the Pewter Scoop this year? If you would like to make ice cream for the Ice Cream Social, please contact Jessica Baker (503-538-3769) to let her know what kind you will be bringing so she can put it on the voting ballot.



TWIN ROCKS FRIENDS CAMP!



SURFSIDE: August 9-15

For youth completing 8th-12th grades

LAST DAY TO REGISTER: Aug. 3

There will be NO walk-ons this year to ensure adequate staffing.

FAMILY CAMP: September 4-7

Registrations postmarked by August 8 will receive a \$25 discount!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CAMP: September 18-21

More information can be found in the church foyer or at www.twinrocks.org.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Night with Friends

AUGUST 26

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 (sub sandwiches, chips, watermelon, & ice cream!)

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

Adults—Movie (*watch for more details*)

Nursery—babies through age 3

Wacky Wednesday—age 4 through 5th grade

Middle School & High School—Youth Group



Who: High School Youth

What: Spelunking & Rafting

When: August 28-31

Cost: \$75.00



The High School Youth will be going spelunking and rafting August 28-31. We will go spelunking (caving) at the base of Mt. Adams and then white water raft the White Salmon River! Registration deadline is Friday, August 21st. Your spot is reserved when you've paid the fee.

Please contact Leslie with questions.



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS & INFORMATION



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MINISTRY OF THE MONTH:

The ministry of the month for August is backpacks and school supplies. This year we also want to help our schools with general office supplies. Below, you will find 2 lists: one for kids and one for schools.

Backpacks and School Supplies:

Backpacks	#2 Pencils	Crayons	Markers
Glue Sticks	Kleenex Box	Pencil Box	College Lined Paper
3 Ring Binder	Composition Notebooks	Colored Pencils	Scissors

Supplies for Schools:

Copy Paper (Letter Size)	9x12 or 10x13 Manila Envelopes	Pens	Construction Paper
#2 Pencils	Dry Erase Markers & Erasers	Compositions Books	

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE SHELTER:

4 nights available to host/hostess in the shelter – this is a once a month commitment. Open nights include:

Second Sunday, Third Tuesday, Fourth Sunday, and Fourth Monday of each Month

6 more people to join a cleaning team – this is a once a month commitment any day of the week

1 more dinner meal volunteer – this is a once a month commitment the third Saturday of each month.

Make laundry detergent one time or once a month

Make breakfast bags one time or once a month. Direction sheets available upon request.

Provide basic cell phone service and phones for women in the shelter – this is a 6 month commitment

NEWBERG LIBRARY NEWS:

If you've ever wanted to watch an artist at work, here's your opportunity! On August 8 (from 11:00 am-1:00 pm) we will have local artists at work in the library.

Stop by the meeting room downstairs in the library and stroll around as various artists work on projects. Feel free to ask questions and discuss the works. Painters, a cartoonist and an artist who works with tile will be here. Come enjoy art as it unfolds.



*For more information on what's happening at the library, check out **The Library Update** on the bulletin board in the foyer.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH DAY

August 8, 2009

9:00 am-3:30 pm

Grace Baptist Church

1619 E 2nd St., Newberg, OR

FREE vision screening, teeth cleaning, sports physicals, speech/hearing screening, health screening.

Free for children in our community ages 4-18

Contact Love INC with questions at:
info@loveincnewberg.org or 503-537-3999.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	1
2 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	3 Last day to register for Surfside!	4 7 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	5 10 am Middle School Girls Small Group	6	7 10 am Middle School Girls Small Group	8
9 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	10	11 7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg.	12 10 am Middle School Girls Small Group	13	14 10 am Middle School Girls Small Group	15
TWIN ROCKS SURFSIDE CAMP						
16 7:30 am Stewards Meeting 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	17 6:30 pm Admin. Committee Mtg.	18	19	20	21	22
23 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos 30 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	24 31	25	26 10 am Middle School Girls Small Group Wednesday with Friends: Dinner@5:30pm Activities@6:30pm	27 7 pm Social Concerns Meeting	28 10 am Middle School Girls Small Group	29

AUGUST WORSHIP CALENDAR

	2	9	16	23	30
Greeters	Verna Munn	Rob Felton	Vonnie Burton	Earl Tycksen	Janine Saxton
				Annie Tycksen	
Ushers	Bill Rourke	Alan Parry	Don Parrish	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish
	Jess Howell	Jim Allison	Michael Pender	John Frost	Jess Howell
	George Piper	John Frost	Jesse Lowe	Anna Baker	Alan Parry
	John Frost	Anna Baker	Terrel Smith	Mike McBride	Mike McBride
	Ryan Libby				
Music	Janine Saxton	Jared Jones	Darleen Ortega	Sandi Thornton	TBA
	Aletha McKennon	Bryan Boyd	Dave Kinnunen	Lukas McKennon	
	Steve McKennon	Colby Spell	Michael LeClair	Peter McKennon	
	Michael LeClair		Linda LeClair	Emily Cropper	
	Linda LeClair		Jon Holt	Amy Saxton	
			Wes Cropper	Steve McKennon	
Sound	Rawlen Smith	Rawlen Smith	Steve McKennon	Mike McConaughy	Mike McConaughy
Power Point	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout	Ben Kantz	Nathan Murray	Jessica Trout
Media	Aletha McKennon	Jared Jones	Darleen Ortega	Sandi Thornton	TBA
Preach/Facilitate	Stan	Stan	Lynn		
Monthly Focus					
10:45 Nursery and 2's & 3's	Debbie Headley	Janelle Olivarez	Jenny Fisher	Valerie Lapham	Jennie Harkema
	Erinn Baker	Joseph Olivarez	Heidi Pender	Troy Lapham	Elsie McConaughy
	Becky Headley	Erinn Baker	Jenna Allison	Scott Conant	Becky Headley
	Brenna Baker	Brenna Baker	Amanda McConaughy	Della Anderson	
SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE 4-year-old through 5 th grade (in the gym)					
4-year-old's through 5th grade	Lukas McKennon	Lukas McKennon	Lukas McKennon	Lukas McKennon	Lukas McKennon
	Emily Cropper	Emily Cropper	Emily Cropper	Emily Cropper	Emily Cropper
	Earl Tycksen	Shawn McConaughy	Kathleen Gathercoal	Jody Hamm	Cathy Thornburg
	Scott Conant	Leslie Murray	Gennie Harris	Angela Kantz	



MISSIONS UPDATE



Hal and Nancy Thomas will be traveling the next two months with their work with PRODOLA. They will be in Costa Rica meeting with students and teaching classes. Following their time in Costa Rica, they will be traveling to Bolivia and Peru. Please keep them in your prayers.

At Easter we heard about the need for people to go to Rwanda and teach English to the teachers at the Friends High Schools there to help meet the government mandate that all secondary education be taught in English instead of French by the 2011 school year. **Matt and Gayle Denham**, attendees at 2nd Street Church, shared in our worship service about God's call to them to be part of meeting this need. **Paul and Miriam Bock** have also been accepted by Evangelical Friends Mission to join others who hope to leave in a few months as part of the people to teach English to the teachers. Please remember to pray for all of these who are needing financial support and prayer partners for this ministry in Rwanda.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



Our regular Wednesday Night with Friends begins on September 16th. We are looking for another person or two to help the fabulous duo, Elaine Cropper and Laurie Conant, in the kitchen. You would need to show up at 5:30 to help serve food, etc. and then help clean up. You'd be done about 6:45 pm. Please call the church office if you can help!



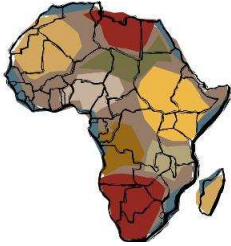
We're looking for folks who are willing to help out in the nursery during the 10:45 worship hour. We're beginning to put the next quarter's worship calendar together, so please contact the church office if you are available to help out!



Do you enjoy planning parties?
Organizing special events?
Hanging out with friends?
Joining the **Fellowship Committee** may be just the thing for you! Contact Jessica Baker, clerk of the Fellowship Committee, or Angela Kantz, clerk of the Nominating Committee if you're interested or have questions.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

NORTH VALLEY TRAVELERS



Debbie and Scot Headley will be traveling to Africa this month, as part of a delegation of faculty members from the School of Education at George Fox University. The Headleys will be joined by their son Paul. Their three week trip includes stops in Nairobi, Kenya, several locations in western Kenya and Kigali Rwanda. Scot is working with faculty colleagues in Kenya, assisting educators at 220 Friends High Schools. The purpose of their work is to assist the Kenyan educators in the development and implementation of a peace and reconciliation curriculum program for the Friends schools. While in Kenya, the group will also visit the Masai Mara Park in southern Kenya. In Rwanda, Scot is consulting with faculty at the Kigali Institute of Education, a Rwandan University. During their visit, the Headleys will have the opportunity to meet Dave and Debbie Thomas and hopefully other Friends from the Northwest, as well as enjoying the natural beauty of the land. Please pray for the travelers and for the work that they will engage in. Pray for family remaining at home, as well.

Bill and Myrlene Rourke are leaving August 6 for a great family vacation! Their daughter, Shelley, and grandson, Dakota, are on a mission trip in Malawi. They will fly back through Frankfurt, so Bill and Myrlene, along with their son-in-law, Matt, and grandson, Dallas, will meet them there to spend a couple of weeks in the Frankfurt, Cologne, and then Munich areas with a side trip to Salzburg, Austria. Bill and Myrlene will be going a week early to spend a little extra time in southern England before joining family in Germany. Sounds like a great family vacation indeed!



Sam Conant is in Germany as part of a German student exchange program through Newberg High School. A group of German students came to Newberg last fall. The Conant's hosted a boy named Hendrick who stayed with them for a month. Now Sam is staying with Hendrick's family for a month. Sam is staying in a town called Luechow and they will be traveling to Dresden, Prague, Luebeck and Berlin. He will also attend Hendrick's school for a few weeks while he is there. Sam loves Germany and is having a great time! He gets back on August 21st. His 18th birthday is August 12th, so the Conant's will have a double celebration when Sam gets home!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Bruce Bishop
- Nathan Murray
- 3 Kyra Longstroth
- Teya Longstroth
- 4 Jered McConaughey
- Spencer Moore
- 5 Livvy Headley
- 7 Mindy Allison
- 10 Erica Cropper
- 11 Lukas McKennon
- 12 Sam Conant
- 13 Anna Jolliff
- 14 Alan Parry
- 18 Verna Munn
- 19 Leah Clouser
- 22 Cherice Bock
- 24 Joel Bock
- 27 Josh Cannaday
- 29 Michael Fisher
- 31 Rick Fieldhouse

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 1 Jacob & Lisa Cox
- 2 Paul & Miriam Bock
- 3 Scot & Debbie Headley
- 6 Steve & Aletha McKennon
- 7 Paul & Carla Anderson
- 9 Roy & Kathleen Gathercoal
- 10 JP & Priscilla Lowery
- 14 Jonah & Jennie Harkema
- 20 Bill & Brenda Jolliff
- 21 Alan & Bryna Parry
- 23 Joel & Cherice Bock
- Darren & Christa Funk
- Hal & Nancy Thomas
- 26 Bryan & Gennie Harris
- 28 Bill & Myrlene Rourke
- 29 Bruce & Sharon Longstroth
- 30 Stan & Cathy Thornburg

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

Staff:

- Lynn Clouser Holt Education/Spiritual Formation
- Leslie Hodgdon Murray Youth
- Stan Thornburg Pastoral Ministry
- Jennie Harkema Administrative Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours:

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