



INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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CLAIMING THANKSGIVING FOR THE KINGDOM

It's pretty easy to get upset at Madison Avenue for secularizing our sacred days...Easter and Christmas, especially. This year, it seems, the Christmas displays are coming out even earlier...even before Halloween. Makes me tempted to go to a Halloween party in a Santa costume just to confuse people. We can get our payback, though, by turning Thanksgiving into a religious holiday. Rightly so, because thankfulness is such an important of our spiritual practice.

Check out Paul's comments in Colossians 3:12-17: *"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. **And be thankful.** ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs **with gratitude in your hearts** to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

Paul seems to be saying that gratitude is a necessary part of worship and that forgiveness is a necessary part of gratitude. I like the fact that Paul isn't giving some Pollyanna view of gratitude. Paul is being realistic and authentic. True worship is difficult; it takes work and requires discipline. His picture of wearing garments of love, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience is at first inspiring and quickly becomes incredibly challenging. No sooner have we adjusted to that challenge then we are asked to forgive as the Lord has forgiven us.

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Even though Paul doesn't say it explicitly in this passage, we all know that true worship is close to impossible when one's heart is not clear of resentment, bitterness, blame, or ill will toward another.

I wonder if you would be willing, this Thanksgiving season, to join me in trying to live out this passage. Would you be willing to "...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience and to "...bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another?" Perhaps you are way ahead of me and already do so, perhaps not. Either way, I wonder if working at this discipline of thankfulness and all it entails might make the time we spend in worship even more rich and deep. Let's give it a try and see.

- Stan

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Orphan Sunday is November 8. Churches around the world are recognizing God's call to care for orphans. Learn more at <http://www.orphansunday.org>, and join us that day to celebrate how God is working through our local meeting to serve children in need.



Thank you to all who helped with the

FEED THE NEED

food drive. With your help over 17,117 pounds of food was collected for the Newberg and Dundee food pantries.

THE NORTH VALLEY CLOTHES CLOSET IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS.

When: One Tuesday a month, 12 - 2 pm

Requirements: A desire to be gracious to and help those in need. Willingness to sort through and hang up clothing donations. Ready for a cross-cultural experience.

We're short one volunteer, and want to make sure we can keep the Clothing Closet open for those we're serving.

For more information, contact Kimberly Felton at 503.502.0310 or kdfelton@comcast.net.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Ladies, it's time for a break for some fun, food and fellowship! Let's join together for dinner out at Rose's Deli in Sherwood on Monday, November 9th. We will be meeting at the church at 5:30 pm to car-pool, or if it's easier, you can just meet us at the restaurant. Questions? Contact Laurie Conant at 503-310-2442.

ALL-CHURCH HARVEST DANCE
Mark your calendars now for the all-church Harvest Dance on Friday, November 13, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Come and dance, or just come & listen to live stringband music. The whole family is welcome. Dance moves will be taught from 7:00-7:30, with dancing from 7:30-9:00.



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

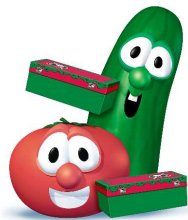
Family Cap: \$350.00

*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 November 10

Chrissy Muhr will be the speaker for the Friends Women Meeting November 10 at 1:00 pm at the home of Rita Winegar (1100 cherry St. #2). Chrissy was one of the teachers for the missionary children in Rwanda and now is raising support to return to Rwanda to teach the teachers English. In 2011, teachers there will be required to teach in English.

Questions? Contact Verna Munn at 503-538-5292



It is time again to prepare for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**. Organized by Samaritan's purse Operation Christmas Child brings joy

and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love. We will be packing our shoeboxes during an Intergenerational gathering during the Sunday School hour on **NOVEMBER 22**. Please find the sign-up sheets in the foyer to provide the items needed for the shoeboxes and bring them to the church foyer by Wednesday, November 18. Also needed are shoeboxes with detachable lids. Donations will be accepted during the event; each box costs \$7 to ship. On November 22 we will gather to wrap and package the boxes and enjoy some breakfast rolls together. Also during that time we will be packaging breakfast bags to be used at the Love, Inc. Shelter. All are welcome to join in the fun.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Looking
Toward
Advent*



WE CAN'T WAIT FOR ADVENT!

...and with that joy and anticipation, we are looking forward to many church family members' participation in the season. We are looking for varieties of musical selections, visual art, and short creative writing pieces to use throughout the weeks of Advent. Don't wait to be asked, if you are willing to share your gifts, contact Aletha McKennon soon.

*And, mark your calendars now, **December 20**, for the all-church Christmas musical celebration!*

F.Y.I.

Kids Alive time on Wednesday also includes practice time for the kids' portion of the all-church Christmas musical celebration. If kids can come consistently, it would help. (more info coming soon about that)



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Each year, the churches and meetings of Northwest Yearly Meeting take a Thanksgiving offering to support special projects of local or global outreach. This year, we hope to raise \$9,000 to assist Del and Suzanne Livingston (Olympic View Friends), begin three biosand water filtration micro-businesses in Burundi.

Check out <http://nwfriends.org/thanksgiving-offering-2009/> for more information on this year's Thanksgiving Offering.

Also, if you have a Facebook account, be sure to join the "cause" where you can read more about the Thanksgiving Offering, share with your friends/congregations, and even give directly to the offering. Here's the link: <http://apps.facebook.com/causes/374259/91118430?>

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS & INFORMATION

Includes Free Lunch

IGNITE
the *Light*
of Hope

Networking 11:30 a.m.

For a Healthy Community
*A Benefit for the Children of
Chehalem Youth & Family Services*

You're Invited to Lunch

November 5, 2009, 12 - 1 p.m.
Arrive early for Social Networking at 11:30 a.m.

Newberg Christian Church · 2315 Villa Rd · Newberg
Please RSVP (Phone) 503-538-4874 or (Email) service@cyfs.net

Providence Hospice and Palliative Care

Presents

A FREE ONE-HOUR SEMINAR

**Get me Through the Holidays:
10 Strategies for Coping with Loss**

Providence Newberg Medical Center
1001 Providence Drive, Newberg
Saturday, November 14, 2-3 pm
Dundee/Sherwood Rooms

These presentations are part of the Community Care Program and are offered free of charge. Registration is appreciated by not required. For more information or to register, please contact Anne Kister at 503-215-4636 or anne.kister@providence.org.

November 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4:00 pm Estate Planning Session 6:00 pm HS Youth Group 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	2	3 7:00 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	4 Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group Small Groups	5	6	7
8 6:00 pm HS Youth Group 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	9	10 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg.	11 Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group Small Groups	12	13 7:00 pm All-Church Harvest Dance	14 7:00 pm Baby Shower for Elise Jones (at Heidi Pender's house)
15 7:30 am Stewards 6:00 pm HS Youth Group 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	16	17	18 Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting	19	20	21 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
22 6:00 pm HS Youth Group 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	23	24	25	26  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	27	28
29 6:00 pm HS Youth Group 6:30 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	30					

NOVEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

	1	8	15	22	29
Greeters	Earl Tycksen	Vonnie Burton	Janine Saxton	Rob Felton	Verna Munn
	Annie Tycksen				
Ushers	Bill Rourke	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish	Alan Parry	Don Parrish
	Jim Allison	Jess Howell	Michael Pender	George Piper	John Frost
	John Frost	Ryan Libby	Mike McBride	Anna Baker	Mike McBride
	Sam Conant	Terrel Smith	Jared Jones	Lukas McKennon	Jesse Lowe
Music	Janine Saxton	Sandi Thornton	Darleen Ortega	Bryan Boyd	TBA
	Aletha McKennon	Lukas McKennon	Dave Kinnunen	Jared Jones	
	Steve McKennon	Peter McKennon	Wes Cropper	Colby Spell	
	Michael LeClair	Emily Cropper	Jon Holt		
	Linda LeClair	Amy Saxton	Michael LeClair		
		Steve McKennon	Linda LeClair		
Sound	Rawlen Smith	Mike McConaughey	Rawlen Smith	Steve McKennon	Mike McConaughey
Power Point	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout	Nathan Murray	Ben Kantz	Jessica Trout
Media	Aletha McKennon	Sandi Thornton	Darleen Ortega	Bryan Boyd	TBA
Preach/Facilitate	Stan Thornburg	Stan Thornburg	Stan Thornburg	Lynn Holt	ADVENT
Monthly Focus	Peace Prayer	TBA	Partner Ministry	Missions	
10:45 Nursery	Jennie Harkema	Janelle Olivarez	Jenny Fisher	Valerie Lapham	Debbie Headley
	Scott Conant	Joseph Olivarez	Heidi Pender	Troy Lapham	Elsie McConaughey
					Becky Headley
2's & 3's	Miriam Bock	Tabatha Weaver	Beth Woolsey	Ruth Headley	
	Jonah Harkema	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 Longstoth	Pricilla Lowery
	Katrina McConaughey	Kristen Sandoz	Shirley Kyte	Angela Kantz	Katrina McConaughey
1st - 3rd Grade	Kim Boyd	Lynn Holt	Kim Boyd	Mindy Allison	Kim Boyd
	Gennie Harris	Kim Felton		Jim Allison	
4th - 5th Grade	Leslie Murray	Joel Sandoz	Amy Lutz	Leslie Murray	Leslie Murray

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE



BABY SHOWER FOR JONES FAMILY

You are invited to a baby shower for the Jones Family. We will be gathering at Heidi Pender's house (708 E Sheridan) on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00 pm to celebrate Elise's adoption into the Jones family. Please join us in welcoming Elise and showering Jody with love.

Please RSVP to Heidi at 503-550-1087.

Gift ideas from Jody:

"Our gift "wish lists" are on Amazon.com (search for name "Jones 5 wish list") and Target.com (under "Jared and Jody Jones" in baby registry). I only have put a couple things on these lists, but when I think of stuff I'm adding to them. AND, any second-hand versions of any item are very welcome! The lists don't mean we need all this stuff new! Just to give ideas.

Also, just in case anyone asks, we have probably enough clothes through size 24 mo. Bigger stuff would be helpful."



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who celebrated with Joy Howell on her 80th birthday! You helped make her day EXTRA special!!



- 2 Emerson Harris
- Karen Pugsley
- 9 Dawn Lowe
- 11 Mikell Benham
- Ron Fieldhouse
- Mary Weaver
- 12 Ethan Harris
- 15 Peter Crackenberg
- 19 Asher Connelly
- 21 Priscilla Lowery
- Bev Tharp
- 22 Landon Townsend
- Ian Woolsey
- 27 Colin Saxton
- 30 Keith Baker



- 7 Arthur & Fern Roberts
- 11 Ron & Meredith Fieldhouse
- 15 Vince & Diane Corbin
- 26 Nathan & Leslie Murray
- 29 Joel & Kristen Sandoz

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

Phone: 503-538-5340

E-Mail: office@northvalleyfriends.org

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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