



INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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COMPANIONS ON THE LENTEN JOURNEY

We're heading to Jerusalem. We do it every year. You'd think we would learn. We know what awaits us, i.e. betrayal and crucifixion, death and darkness, suffering of all kinds. Even so, we choose this journey with joy and passion, with deep gratitude and awe, with a profound sense of mystery that surpasses our ability to understand, and an awareness of that great sacrifice – that firestorm of unimaginable love - that works our redemption and brings us face to face with the terrible holiness of the divine.

Easter morning we rush to the grave and again and again stare in wonder at the empty tomb. We stand, mouths agape at this feat of supernatural strength, fueled by unconditional love, accomplishing what all the sacrifices, piety, prayers, and incense could not even broach. Our heads want to burst as we try to piece it together into some coherent message. Our hearts in turn want to burst as we try to entertain even the smallest notion of the love we have just encountered. We stand helpless before it, we are unwitting victims of it, we can neither direct it nor control it though we try every theological parlor trick available to do so. Exhausted, we finally just let it go and allow it to be what it is..."For God so loved THE WORLD..."

"Oh God!" "Thank you for this awful and wonderful self-revelation."

We are not alone on this journey. We are accompanied by hundreds of thousands of believers from every corner of the globe. We are not just sojourners we are brothers and sisters joined in solidarity for this great celebration. There is no distinction. There is no room for labels, for doctrinal snobbery, for claims of exclusivity. There is only room for gratitude for one another and joy at being part of such a great throng. We are marching to the Holy Mountain where God resides and Christ reigns. Our hearts long for justice, for peace, for healing, for a glimpse of God's unconditional love lived out among us.

Is this the vision of which Isaiah wrote?

"In the last days
the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established
as chief among the mountains;
it will be raised above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

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COMPANIONS ON THE LENTEN JOURNEY (CONT.)

Many peoples will come and say,
 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob.
 He will teach us his ways,
 so that we may walk in his paths."
 The law will go out from Zion,
 the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations
 and will settle disputes for many peoples.
 They will beat their swords into plowshares
 and their spears into pruning hooks.
 Nation will not take up sword against nation,
 nor will they train for war anymore."

Our hands reach out to you...to everyone. "Come, join us on this journey!" "We will weather the betrayal, suffering, and sacrifice together." "Join the throngs across our globe on this wonderful, terrible, trek." "We will stand stunned into silence before the tomb." "We will go crazy with celebration when death's door makes way for resurrection power."

We will be forever changed.

- Stan

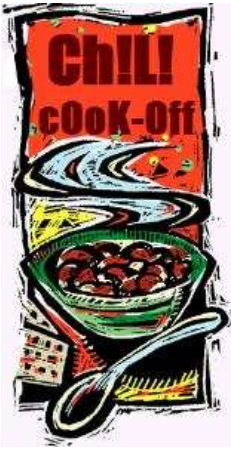
Our Roadmap for the Journey

Luke 9: 51-62	The Trek to Jerusalem Begins
Luke 11: 37-54	Jesus Confronts the Lawyers and Pharisees
Luke 12: 1-2	Open and Fearless Speech
Luke 12:49-59	Jesus speaks of discernment of the times
Luke 13:22-30	Not all will be saved
Luke 17:1-5	Warning against inciting others to sin
Luke 17:20-25	The coming of the Kingdom
Mark 10:32-34	Jesus speaks of his death
Luke 11:1-44	Raising of Lazarus
Luke 11:45-54	A plot is devised to Kill Jesus
Mark 14:3-9	Jesus anointed for his "Burial"
Matthew 22: 23-33	Jesus talks of the resurrection
Matthew 23:1-12	Jesus condemns the Scribes and Pharisees
Luke 21:20-28	The great tribulation and Jesus' return

Matthew 24:1-5	The conspiracy against Jesus
Matthew 26: 1-4,14-16	Judas betrays Jesus
John 15: 18-27	The World's hatred of Jesus
John 16:1-15	The work of the Holy Spirit
John 18:1-13	In the Garden of Gethsemane
John 18: 15-18,25-26	Peter's Three denials
Luke 23:1-25	Jesus' treatment in the "Justice system"
Matthew 27:32-38	The Crucifixion
Luke 23:35-37	Jesus is mocked
Mark 15: 33-44	The Death of Jesus
John 19: 38-42	The Burial of Jesus
John 20:1-18	The empty tomb
Mark 16:1-8	The empty tomb
Luke 24:1-12	The empty tomb
Matthew 28: 1-10	The empty tomb

Enjoy!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dig out your best Chili recipe,
or start searching for a new one
to enter in this year's
CHILI COOK-OFF!
March 7 - after worship

**Categories: Three-Alarm, Vegetarian,
Traditionally Classic, Most Original**

If you are able to make chili, please sign up in the church foyer or contact Jessica Baker or the church office. For those who do not wish to make chili - we still need your participation to help judge; so bring some cornbread, salad, or a dessert and join the fun!



Friends Women Meeting

Friends Women will meet Tuesday, March 9th at 1:00 pm in the Friendsview classroom. Betty Lou Sargent, our Friends Women president, will be the speaker. Questions? Contact Verna Munn at 503-538-5292.



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 13th!



Mark your calendar for our Business Meetings on **March 10th** & **March 17th** at 6:45 pm. Dinner will be served before both of these meetings at 5:45 pm.

INVITATION TO EVERYONE "OF A CERTAIN AGE"

If you are "OF A CERTAIN AGE" you are invited to join a group for lunch after worship on the third Sunday of each month. You decide if you are "OF A CERTAIN AGE" but it's likely that single or married adults whose children are grown (or close) will enjoy this event. We will have a time of fellowship and food on the third Sunday of each month (unless the group decides to make a change). Please RSVP to Bill or Myrlene Rourke at 503-538-5567 or mybill-rourke@hotmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUNDAY, APRIL 4

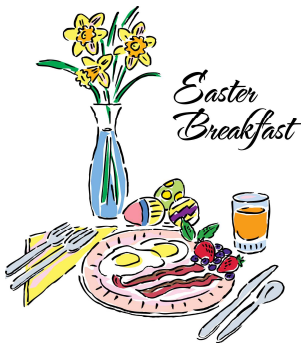
8:30 am - 10:00 am

Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Unprogrammed Worship (Library)

10:30 am Easter Service Begins



EASTER BREAKFAST

The men of North Valley invite you to breakfast on Easter Morning! Breakfast will be served from 8:30-10:00 am.

You can lend a hand by signing up to bring a food item. Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer in the next couple of weeks. Food needs to be delivered to the church by Friday, April 2.

Questions? See Don Parrish or Daryl Burton.

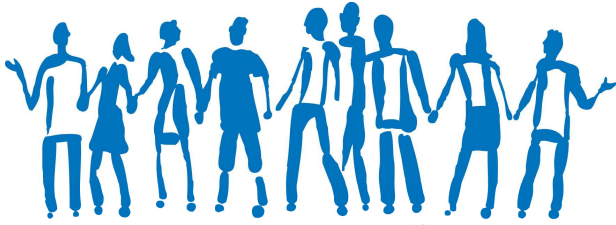
SERVICE TIME

Please note that on Easter Sunday, April 4, service will begin at **10:30 am**.

Unprogrammed Worship will meet in the Library from 9:30-10:30 am.



YOUTH NEWS

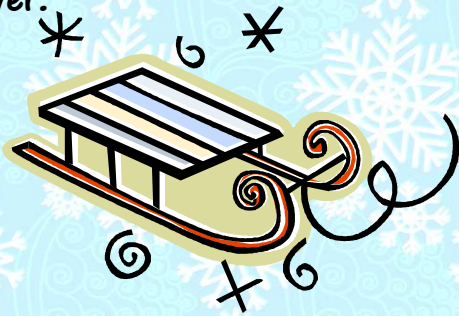


YOUTH GROUP

★ News ★

Middle SCHOOL SNOW Day!

Middle schoolers - we're celebrating a no school day by going sledding on Mt. Hood on March 12th. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$20. This is a great event to bring friends along! Please see Leslie or the office for a flyer.



NIGHTSTRIKE

On March 11th, the high schoolers are going to serve at Nightstrike, a ministry through Bridgetown Ministries that helps folks without homes. Please contact Leslie if you would like to join us.

Nightstrike is in need of many items to continue their ministry. Take a look over the following list and pick up one or two items the next time you are at the store - it is a great way for the North Valley Community to support the high school youth group and Bridgetown Ministries.

Foot-washing Station:

- * New white socks (our greatest need)
- * Antibacterial soap
- * Antifungal foot powder
- * Lotion

We also use:

- * Creamy peanut butter, jelly (must be store bought)
- * Coffee (large cans)
- * Powdered juice mix (must be large canisters, not individual servings)
- * Hot chocolate mix (must be large canisters, not individual servings)
- * Paper, not styrofoam, cups (12oz) and bowls
- * Deodorant
- * Lip balm
- * Razors, small cans of shaving cream
- * Individually wrapped toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste



Middle School Youth Group: Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:15 pm (*Newberg Friends Center, van leaves North Valley at 6:15 and returns at 8:15 pm*)

High School Movie Group: Wednesday nights from 6:45-8:15 pm (*NVFC library*)

High School Homework & Dinner: Sundays from 4:00-6:00 pm (*Leslie's house*)

High School Youth Group: Sundays from 6:00 pm (*Leslie's house*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Administrative Committee and All-Church Retreat Committee have decided to try something new for the 2011 All-Church Retreat. We'll plan to have the retreat locally with the hope that more people will be able to participate. One theme that the retreat planning committee heard from those who attended this year's retreat is that they would have liked to see more of the congregation at the retreat. So, having the retreat locally will significantly cut down on the cost, and will allow folks to attend even part of the retreat if they have other things going on during the weekend.

The plan is to then have the retreat at Twin Rocks in 2012. If this seems to work well, it will be likely that we'll have a local retreat every other year, with the off year being at Twin Rocks.

We'll, of course, have more information as the retreat date comes back around...we just wanted to let folks know what was going on. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the retreat planning committee or a church staff member.

(Retreat planning committee: Leslie Murray, Jonah & Jennie Harkema, Ben & Angela Kantz)



Relational Ministry


While most of us have some idea of what the next day may bring, many people face the next day with fear and uncertainty. Over the past five and a half years Newberg area churches through Love INC have ministered together, quickly helping many individuals and families in our community relieve some of their fears by getting their basic needs met.

Our joint ministry does not have to stop there. The next level of the Love INC model, Relational Ministry, seeks to address the deeper issues fueling the crisis of people in need. Love INC Relational Ministry trains Christian volunteers from many different churches to walk alongside people in need for an extended period (one year or more) in order to help them move toward self-sufficiency. Skills training, mentoring, goal-setting, church and community resources, and spiritual and emotional support are brought around individuals and families to provide a holistic approach to meeting their needs.

Please stop by the table in the church foyer for more information on Relational Ministries as well as information on how you can participate.

Contact Love INC for more information at 503-537-3999 or polly@loveincnewberg.org

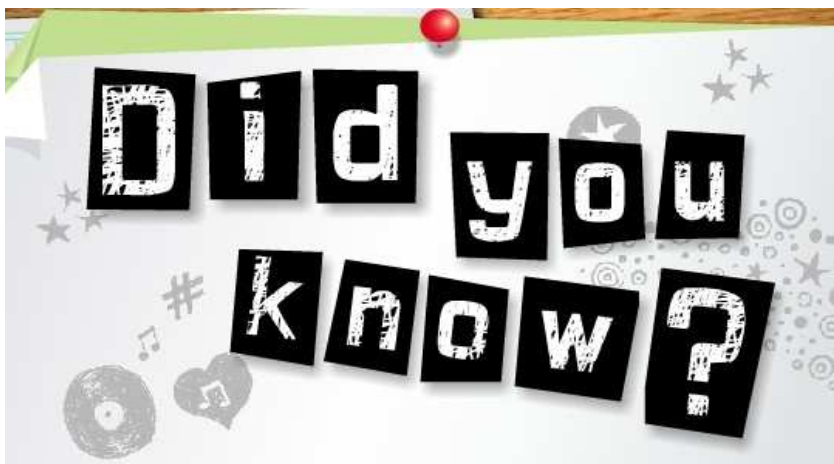
MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7 pm Missions Committee Mtg. 7 pm Admin./ Stewards Mtg.	3 Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group HS Movie Group Land Use Discussion	4	5	6
7 Noon Chili Cook-Off 4 pm HS Homework & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	8	9 7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg.	10 Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group HS Movie Group Business Meeting	11 HS youth to Night-strike	12 MS Snow Day	13  <i>Turn your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed.</i>
14 4 pm HS Homework & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	15	16	17 Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group HS Movie Group Business Meeting	18	19	20 8 am Men's Breakfast
21 4 pm HS Homework & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	22	23	24	25 7 pm Social Concerns Committee Mtg.	26	27
Newberg Public Schools Spring Break						
28 4 pm HS Homework & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	29	30	31 Wed. w/ Friends Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group HS Movie Group Small Groups			

MARCH WORSHIP CALENDAR

March	7	14	21	28
Greeters	Earl Tycksen	Vonnie Burton	Rob Felton	Janine Saxton
	Annie Tycksen			
Ushers	Bill Rourke	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish	Daryl Burton
	Jim Allison	Jess Howell	Michael Pender	George Piper
	John Frost	Mike McBride	Jared Jones	Anna Baker
	Lukas McKennon	Terrel Smith	Alan Parry	John Frost
Music	Janine Saxton	Darleen Ortega	Joel Bock	Bryan Boyd
	Aletha McKennon	Dave Kinnunen		Jared Jones
	Steve McKennon	Wes Cropper		Colby Spell
	Michael LeClair	Jon Holt		
	Linda LeClair	Michael LeClair		
		Linda LeClair		
Sound	Mike McConaughey	Steve McKennon	Rawlen Smith	Mike McConaughey
Power Point	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout	Jennie Harkema	Nathan Murray
Media	Aletha McKennon	Darleen Ortega	Joel Bock	Bryan Boyd
Preach/Facilitate	Stan Thornburg	Hal & Nancy Thomas		
Monthly Focus	Peace Prayer	Missions Moment		
10:45 Nursery	Jenny Fisher	Janelle Olivarez	Heidi Pender	Valerie Lapham
	Scott Conant	Joseph Olivarez	Della Anderson	Troy Lapham
		Brenna Baker	Amanda McConaughey	
2's & 3's	Ruth Headley	Tabatha Weaver	Beth Woolsey	Miriam Bock
	Jered McConaughey	Brent Weaver	Greg Woolsey	Angela Kantz
	Adria McKennon	Erinn Baker	Abby Woolsey	Olivia Pugsley
	Betsy LeClair	Jenna Allison	Elsie McConaughey	Becky Headley
Blue Room	Kathleen Gathercoal	Kristi Longstroth	Lydia Cathers	Lynn Holt
girls	Kimberly Felton	Gennie Harris	Shirley Kyte	Katrina McConaughey
Yellow Room	Jody Jones	Mindy Allison	Kim Boyd	Priscilla Lowery
boys	Jonah Harkema	Jim Allison	Bryan Boyd	Ben Kantz
4th - 5th Grade	Joel Sandoz	Leslie Murray	Amy Lutz	Leslie Murray

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE



...Lynn Holt is the Evangelical Friends Representative to the Wesleyan Holiness Women's Clergy Board? She is the convener for the *Come to the Water* Women's Conference. She will be doing conference planning in St. Louis March 14-22.

...Randy Woodley will be heading to Kentucky in mid-April to Asbury Seminary to defend his PhD thesis in Intercultural Studies?

...the McKennon family is involved in the play *Hadasah!* There is a poster in the church foyer with performance locations and times.

...SCOT HEADLEY WILL BE IN AFRICA MARCH 6-18?

...Adria McKennon (and teammate Sasha Wolf) placed 8th out of 18 teams at a recent Scrabble Tournament?

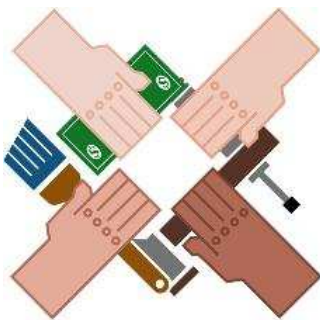


BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ryan Libby
Adria McKennon
- 2 Diane Corbin
- 3 Hans Schneiter
- 7 Kiah Harkema
- 8 Justice Sanders
- 9 Bren Schneiter
- 11 Lydia Cathers
- 12 Brent Weaver
- 14 Anna Baker
Elena Hotaling
- 16 Susan Parrish
- 17 Bryan Boyd
- 19 Sydnie Lowe
- 20 Jim Fisher
- 21 Jenna Allison
Mike McConaughy
Joseph Olivarez
- 26 Janine Saxton
- 28 Mykel Boyd
- 29 Kylie Libby
Aidan Lowery

ANNIVERSARY

- 14 Keith & Anna Baker



NEW ORLEANS SERVICE TRIP

Let's be in prayer for the following folks who will be working with Habitat in New Orleans over Spring Break (March 22-29):

- Alan Kanne
- Don Parrish
- Keith Baker
- Bill Rourke
- Ruth Headley
- Debbie Headley
- Michael Iaquina (*co-worker of Alan*)

The group will be constructing houses in an area that has either been given or bought by Habitat-NOLA.

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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