



# INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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## FOR THE LOVE OF JESUS

The disciples loved Jesus. OK, that fact goes without saying. It's an assumption on which we found our understanding of life among Christians after Jesus' transformations i.e. from Rabbi to dead guy; from dead guy to resurrected Lord. The disciples loved Jesus. We should take pause to reflect upon that fact before rushing on to the Easter celebration. Jesus, who founded no movement, nor named a successor, was able to continue to lead his followers in the movement even after his death. The love of his followers made that leadership possible.

The disciples continued to experience the power of Jesus' presence even after they had seen him murdered before their very eyes. The early Christians felt like they continued to experience his leadership, guidance, and inspiration despite his death. Those close to him believed without a doubt that they had actually seen Jesus after his death and that he had served as their teacher and beloved Rabbi in the same manner as he had served before. Those who had actually been confronted with the surprise of an empty tomb on Easter morning believed and testified that Jesus had been resurrected. Instead of waning, their devotion to Jesus and his teaching, grew in passion and intensity in response to their absolute certainty of the Easter miracle. It's about time, eh?

After all, Peter, James, and John were the guys that almost slept through the transfiguration. Luke 9:32 tells us that Peter, James and John "were weighed down with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who were with him" That would be Moses and Elijah – not an everyday sighting to be sure. Peter, James, and John were also the three men that we criticize for sleeping through Jesus' greatest hour of need on the Mt. of Olives. They missed the angel's appearance and, worst of all, they missed being there for Jesus at the one time he said he really needed them. "Sit here while I pray. I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here and keep awake." (Mark 14:32ff)

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## FOR THE LOVE OF JESUS (CONT.)

It's true; we're a bit like them. We let busyness, work stress, financial pressure, and/or cultural cynicism lull us to a kind of sleep or inattention. We sometimes "sleep" through opportunities to experience Christ's presence or witness his great power and love.

But...the disciples loved Jesus. He never ceased to be the very center of their lives. They thought it impossible that another could come along who was greater than Jesus. He was the fulfillment of all their hopes, the Messiah about whom the prophets had been speaking for hundreds of years, he was – to them – everything.

We understand that Jesus wants to be everything to us, too – a tall order in this age of reason, structure, and intellectual arrogance. To say that we experience Jesus in the present via our inheritance of His Spirit, puts us in direct conflict with modern methods, i.e. hypothesis, experiment, proof. We too often respond by trying to build some sort of rational structure (Christianity) that will keep us in the fray without embarrassment. Too often we waste our time trying to disprove other theories of the divine presence on earth (or lack of it) in order that ours may reign supreme.

Perhaps it would be good for us to forget all of that foam and froth and, for a season, simply love Jesus. Love Jesus for who Jesus is – present teacher and redeemer of the created order. Can we put aside our explanations and proofs for even a short time just to bask in Jesus' Spirit, to immerse ourselves in the wisdom of his teaching, to dream about what it would be like to experience life through the medium of his virtues, i.e. meekness, mercy, humility, temperateness, and joyfulness? Yes, joyfulness. Can we live in constant celebration of the fact that Jesus lives within us and is ready and willing to serve us as light, way, truth, bread, shepherd? Can we not see such joy in the lives of the early Christians - and in early Quakers – **despite** persecutions, hardships, and suffering? Is anything really holding us back from shouting and dancing and singing out of joy on the day we celebrate Jesus' (and our) escape from the fear of death? Can we with unbridled joy declare, "He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!

If we can perhaps people will remark about us...“Those North Valley People...they loved Jesus.”

*- Stan*

# EASTER SUNDAY

## SUNDAY, APRIL 4



**8:30 am - 10:00 am** Easter Breakfast (*Fellowship Hall*)

**9:00 am** Intergenerational Activity (*Gym*)

*No Sunday School*

**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.*

If you signed up to bring a food item for the breakfast, please deliver it to the church by Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY

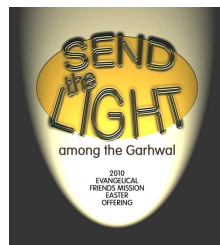
On Easter morning at 9:00 am in the gym, there will be a group from North Valley who will be assembling 100 sack lunches for the homeless in our surrounding communities. This is something that we have done for a couple of years as an opportunity to provide for those in need. The supplies for each sack lunch cost about \$5. The process of assembling these lunches is a great way to join together to serve the hungry in our midst. Please join us on Easter morning if you would like to participate in this event.

### 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.

Sunday School will NOT meet.



### EASTER OFFERING

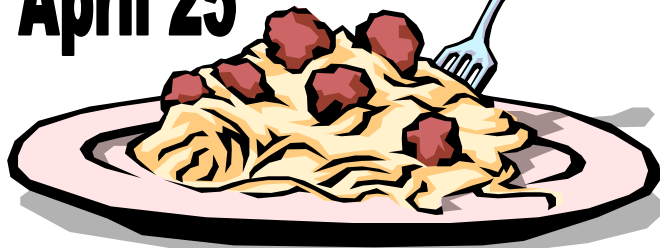
Friends began ministering to the Garhwali people in 1993. The Garhwali were one of the unreached people groups in this isolated region. Now about **1,200 people** gather for worship every Sunday.

A **discipleship center** is needed to accommodate the growing number of evangelist and teachers being trained. The planned discipleship center has received more than \$64,000 and an additional \$40,000 is needed.

**Your generous response to the 2010 Evangelical Friends Mission Easter offering will make it possible to complete this project.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Spaghetti Feed April 25



Plan to join us after worship on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for a Spaghetti Feed! This will be the first of two fundraisers to raise money for the George Fox scholarships. This year we will need to raise \$1600.

Plan to join in the fellowship and **FUN**draising!

## SENIORS' BREAKFAST

Newberg Friends Church would like to invite North Valley Seniors (55+) to join them at their JOY (Just Older Youth) Breakfast. They meet on the first Monday of every month at 8:00 am at J's Restaurant. The next breakfast is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Overflowing Hope

*Friends Women*

*Spring Rally 2010*

**Speaker:** Africa Team from West Chehalem

**Where:** West Chehalem Friends Church

**When:** Saturday, April 10 (11 am-1 pm)

**What to bring:** Salad potluck - Drinks, rolls and cookies provided

Offering will go to support the Maurer's work in Russia

### SAVE THE DATE!

Community Connect

April 14, 2010

2:00-8:00 pm

New Horizons Church

2705 NE Destiny Drive

McMinnville, OR 97128

Services Available:

Dental Van

Pet Grooming

Haircuts

Bike Repair

Resume Assistance

Financial Counseling

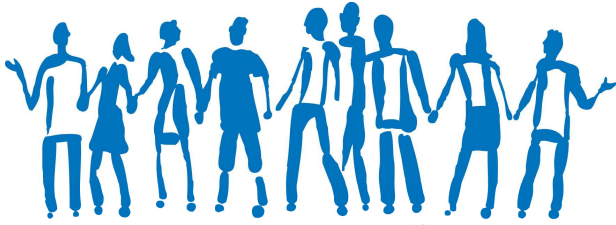
**And Much More...**

**For more information contact**

**Amy Burton, YCAP**

**503-472-0457 x149**

## YOUTH NEWS



# YOUTH GROUP

★ *News* ★

## Middle School Service Trip

**May 14-15**

6:30 pm Friday-9:00 pm Saturday

Cost: \$35

Middle Schoolers—It's time to retreat! Friday night we will go to Bullwinkles, and Saturday we will serve various local folks with house cleaning, yard work and other tasks. We will wrap up our Saturday evening with swimming at the pool.

Contact Leslie for permission slips.

## NIGHTSTRIKE

On **April 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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

Please bring your donations to the church office, or give them to Leslie.

Thank you!

## EAGLE'S WINGS MINISTRY NEWS



Dear Friends,

Lots of good things have been happening with us. Here are just a few:

- Randy's classes are going well. He not only is having a great impact on his students by exposing them to Jesus in more ways but also within the University institution itself. More on that as it develops...
- Our family continues to make an impact for Jesus in the Church where we are in partnership.
- Randy continues to do ministry in the area as called upon.
- Our Native American Fellowship has been a good encouragement for several Native families in the area.
- Leanna is completing her teaching certificate at Antioch University in southern California.
- Skye has made a decision to attend Northwest Indian College in Bellingham Washington this Fall.
- Young and Redbird have begun Martial Arts classes.
- Edith continues to take care of us all!

### **URGENT REQUESTS AND FINANCIAL HELP NEEDED:**

Randy's Ph.D. dissertation defense is soon. Randy will **defend his doctoral dissertation** on April 12. We don't have the \$1,100 for him to make the trip. His Ph.D. has already opened up many doors for other Natives to be "invited to the table." This was the main purpose behind his reluctant acceptance into the program and it is paying off in terms of raising new possibilities for other Native Americans.

Among the places we will be ministering this year is the *Sing to the Mountains Festival* organized by Jonathon Maracle in Lawton Oklahoma, June 25-27 (<http://singtothemountainmusicfestival.blogspot.com/>). Randy has been asked to minister by doing Sunrise Ceremonies each day. We will need to raise about \$2,500 for our family to make this trip but...we need your help through donations or ministry opportunities. If you know somewhere "on route" where we can minister to help us pay for this trip-please let us know soon. It will be good to return to Oklahoma.

Pray for our relationship and programs with *George Fox University and Seminary* to progress. Please join us in our efforts to prepare a new generation of Native Americans and others, to expose our Indian people to the true Jesus, who not only loves them—but also likes them—as they were created...as Native Americans!

Finally, to be very clear, we really need your financial help at this time...like everyone else, we have suffered great financial loss this year. Since our move to Oregon we are receiving only about 20% of the donations that we were while in Kentucky. Please consider making a special donation now at our web site or through the mail soon and please consider becoming a regular giver to this ministry. Thank you!

Do-hi' (Peace)

*Randy & Edith Woodley Family*

Online donations can be made at:

<http://www.eagleswingsministry.com/contact/donation.htm>

# APRIL 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 8:30 am Easter Breakfast 9 am Prepare Lunch Kits 10:30 am Service Begins 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	5	6 7 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	7 <b>Wed. w/ Friends</b> Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group HS Movie Group Small Groups	8 High School Youth to Nightstike	9	10 11 am Friends Women Spring Rally @ West Che- halem Friends
11 4 pm HS Home- work & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	12 6:30 pm Adminis- trative Committee Meeting	13 7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg. 7 pm Stewards Mtg.	14 <b>Wed. w/ Friends</b> Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group HS Movie Group Small Groups	15	16	17 8 am Men's Break- fast @ Hospital
18 4 pm HS Home- work & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	19	20	21 <b>Wed. w/ Friends</b> Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group HS Movie Group Small Groups	22	23	24
	-----Pastors Conference-----					
25 Noon Spaghetti Feed 4 pm HS Home- work & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	26	27	28	29	30	

# APRIL WORSHIP CALENDAR

April	4	11	18	25
<b>Greeters</b>	Earl Tycksen	Janine Saxton	Rob Felton	Verna Munn
	Annie Tycksen			
<b>Ushers</b>	John Frost	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish	Daryl Burton
	Jim Allison	Jess Howell	Michael Pender	George Piper
	Anna Baker	Mike McBride	Jared Jones	Anna Baker
	Lukas McKennon	Terrel Smith	Alan Parry	Jess Howell
<b>Music</b>	Janine Saxton	Joel Bock	Sandi Thornton	Darleen Ortega
	Aletha McKennon		Lukas McKennon	Dave Kinnunen
	Steve McKennon		Peter McKennon	Wes Cropper
	Michael LeClair		Emily Cropper	Jon Holt
	Linda LeClair		Amy Saxton	Michael LeClair
			Steve McKennon	Linda LeClair
<b>Sound</b>	Rawlen Smith	Steve McKennon	Mike McConaughy	Steve McKennon
<b>Power Point</b>	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout	Jennie Harkema	Nathan Murray
<b>Media</b>	Aletha McKennon	Joel Bock	Sandi Thornton	Darleen Ortega
<b>Preach/Facilitate</b>				
<b>Monthly Focus</b>	Easter	Peace Prayer		Missions Moment
<b>10:45 Nursery</b>	Jenny Fisher	Janelle Olivarez	Valerie Lapham	Heidi Pender
	Scott Conant	Joseph Olivarez	Troy Lapham	Della Anderson
	Brenna Baker	Amanda McConaughy		
<b>2's &amp; 3's</b>	Ruth Headley	Tabatha Weaver	Beth Woolsey	Miriam Bock
	Jered McConaughy	Brent Weaver	Greg Woolsey	Angela Kantz
	Erinn Baker	Abby Woolsey	Adria McKennon	Olivia Pugsley
	Jenna Allison	Elsie McConaughy	Betsy LeClair	Becky Headley
<b>Blue Room</b>	Kathleen Gathercoal	Kristi Longstroth	Lydia Cathers	Lynn Holt
girls	Kimberly Felton		Shirley Kyte	Katrina McConaughy
<b>Yellow Room</b>	Jody Jones	Mindy Allison	Kim Boyd	Priscilla Lowery
boys	Jonah Harkema	Jim Allison	Gennie Harris	Ben Kantz
<b>4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Joel Sandoz	Leslie Murray	Amy Lutz	Leslie Murray

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE



# Did You Know?

...Jake Jolliff's band, Joy Kills Sorrow, has recently released their first CD entitled *Darkness Sure Becomes This City*. Check out the band's website at [www.joykillssorrow.com](http://www.joykillssorrow.com).

...*Olivia Pugsley has been accepted in to The School of Oregon Ballet Theatre's summer intensive program. Congratulations, Olivia!*

...Bruce Bishop and Jim Fisher are heading to Morocco April 19<sup>th</sup> for two weeks. They're primarily looking at possible sites for work teams to return and invest in the local villages. They'll be traveling with Paul and Meredith Morse (Tigard Friends) who spent 4 years in Tangier, Morocco, under the NWYM Global Outreach Board. Linda Grimms (Silverton Friends), member of Global Outreach, will also be going with them. Bruce is looking forward to seeing several of his Moroccan friends that he's not seen for two years, and it will be fun to introduce Jim to a new culture!

...Sarah Klatt (2010 GFU grad) will be working at the Yearly Meeting office this summer as a video contractor. She'll be taping and editing segments of life and ministry around NWYM for use on the YM website.



### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Graeme Dobbeck  
George Piper
- 3 Justin Murray  
Claire Spell
- 6 Sierra Lowe
- 7 Jennie Harkema
- 13 Brevyn Peffers
- 14 Dwight Burton  
Elaine Cropper
- 15 Myrlene Rourke
- 16 Kendall Townsend
- 21 JP Lowery
- 22 Sam Saxton
- 24 Colleen Simon
- 25 Heidi Pender
- 30 Joel Libby  
Kim McDonough  
Larissa McKennon

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Ian & Sandy  
McDonough
- 8 Colby Spell & Valerie  
Whitmore



**Fundraiser Dance**

The Boomer Band (Michael & Linda LeClair) is doing a fundraiser dance on April 24 in Carlton at the American Legion from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. It should be a lot of fun either for a family or date night. Admission is only \$5, or \$20 per family.

All the proceeds will go toward sending Betsy LeClair's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class to Outdoor School. The Yamhill-Carlton school board cut Outdoor School out of their budget, so they are in the process of raising funds so the 6<sup>th</sup> graders can enjoy this great opportunity!

## 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.*

### VISIT US ONLINE:

**NVFC:** [www.northvalleyfriends.org](http://www.northvalleyfriends.org)

**NWYM:** [www.nwfriends.org](http://www.nwfriends.org)

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