



INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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One of the most mysterious elements of life with God is God's uncanny way of reaching us or reaching out to us when the trials and troubles of life assail us. I don't know what the mechanism is that enables such targeted ministry but I have been on the receiving end of God's focused attention too many times to believe anything other than that God is there for me – even in my darkest hour – especially in my darkest hour.

Many people find that their darkest times are those in which they come face to the face with the fact that they are not in control, not even the slightest bit. During these times, one needs a place in which one can find refuge, safety, and protection. It is often during these times that our hearts reach out to God with a ferocious longing – a deep ache – to find solace, compassion, and place in the arms of the divine.

We were made for God. That partnership is in our very design – so much so that the absence of God triggers all kinds of alarms and warnings within us on the deepest of levels. These warnings serve us much like the blinking warning lights on the dashboards of our automobiles serve to alert us to the fact that something has gone horribly wrong. We ignore these warning to our own peril.

Jesus didn't hesitate to respond to such a warning during his last hour of human life. Something quite unexpected had swept over him – something that defied the neatness of his well-ordered life. Profound loneliness gripped him with its icy cold fingers. “Father! Father! Why have you forsaken me?” The question itself, as it echoed again and again throughout the darkness, was not a question at all but an affirmation of the secret presence of God even when all human senses screamed their message of God's absence into his ears. He addresses the creator in the most intimate of terms, “Daddy, Daddy!”, indicating clearly that Jesus knew the heavenly Father was there to field the question – to receive his lament.

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Sometimes all we have left in us of God is the instinct to throw our loneliness, disappointment, confusion, and disillusionment back at him. It is a most profound act of faith to do so. It is not unlike the cry, "Lord, I believe. Help me in my unbelief!" It is both a statement of unbearable loss, and a testimony to our innate understanding that we, in spite of all evidence to the contrary, are resting in God's arms.

Paul shows insight into this truth in his letter to Philippians: " Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

This assures us that in the deepest and most profound times of suffering and trial, we are not without resources to connect with our God. Our hearts, like the stones that paved the way to the cross, will cry out themselves to God and find a way to peace in His everlasting arms.

- Stan

VISIONING PROCESS UPDATE

Friends, I would like to provide a brief update on our visioning process at North Valley. We began a process of congregational discernment and visioning in December of 2009 which had several objectives; to determine our priorities for ministry, to find out if we are still consistent with our Mission (adopted in 2004), and to discover what our calling as a congregation is. We hosted a number of events and conducted activities within business and administrative committee meetings which helped us gather information, share our concerns and joys and discern God's direction for our congregation. Since that time, we have developed and approved a budget for 2010, and identified several key themes to pursue and ideals which we want to work toward. In response to general themes and specific questions and concerns identified during this process, a number of specific activities are occurring. One specific response is the development of a financial committee which will work with the congregation on determining budgetary priorities, strengthening our financial position and offering educational and consultative opportunities regarding financial matters. Other specific responses include the work of the education committee in re-visioning of children's programming and adult educational offerings, as well as the elders working at re-conceptualizing our staffing model.

Committee clerks have been charged with the responsibility to examine their work in light of our mission and the key themes and ideals which have emerged from the visioning process. We are asking our committees to accept a primary role in determining how we, as a congregation will be able to work toward our ideals and make them our reality. As this process is proceeding, we want each of you that have a particular concern, idea, or willingness to work toward making our ideals a reality to get involved with the process by contacting committee clerks or the co-clerks of the meeting. Our next Monthly Meeting will be May 19th. 2010, at which time, committees will give brief reports regarding their work in support of this process. Please contact Scot Headley for further information or to express an idea or concern.

SUMMER SCHEDULE



Mark your calendar for the following Wacky Wednesday dates this summer:

June 23, July 21, August 18

Dinner will be served at 5:45 pm with activities for all ages following at 6:45 pm.



The office hours will change beginning the week of June 14th.

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



We need your help!

Our children's worship facilitators and teachers have been committed all year, and most of our teachers have been teaching for many years in a row. We, as a meeting, need to release them for the summer to allow for rest and family time. Please join the community in supporting our children's ministers.

We are looking for folks to...

- Sign up for one, two, or three Sundays to help our summer interns facilitate worship. No direct teaching or preparation required. Just show up and help!
- Sign up to relieve the nursery and preschool teachers once during the summer.
- Invite the summer interns over to your home for a meal. Include them and make them feel welcome and honored. Talk to Kim Boyd or Lynn Holt if you want help connecting with them.
- Help with woodworking. Some of our worship material are in need of repair. Most of the work is small, but important to prepare these materials for use in worship beginning in the fall.
- Help with organizing. Our classrooms are in need of deep cleaning and organizing. Would you be willing to sponsor a room and help ready it for the summer?
- Be a stand-by volunteer for the nursery during the Sunday School hour.

Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer soon! Please stop by to sign-up or talk to Kim Boyd.

SUMMER CAMPS



Registration Deadline

To ensure adequate staffing, registrations for Boys Camp, Girls Camp, Tween Camp and Surfside will not be accepted after Monday, six days prior to the first day of camp.

Please note registrations for Surfside will not be accepted once capacity is reached. Last year capacity for Surfside was reached before the registration deadline. Be sure to register early!

- Girls Camp** July 4-9 (for girls entering 4th-6th grades next fall)
\$276 (\$246 if pre-registration postmarked by June 18)
- Boys Camp** July 18-23 (for boys entering 4th-6th grades next fall)
\$276 (\$246 if pre-registration postmarked by July 12)
- Tween Camp** July 11-17 (for youth entering 7th-9th grades next fall)
\$297 (\$267 if pre-registration postmarked by June 25)
- Surfside Camp** August 8-14 (for youth completing 8th-12th grades)
\$297 (\$267 if pre-registration postmarked by July 23)

Questions? Call 503-355-2284, email friendscamp@twinrocks.org, or visit twinrocks.org



Tilikum Day Camp runs Monday through Friday, **July 26-30**, from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Children will enjoy many outdoor activities including swimming, hiking, and the big swing, songs, skits, and Bible lessons. Parents will need to provide sack lunches/beverages each day. Buses load at the west side of Bauman Auditorium and will return to Wheeler Sports Center at 4:15 pm. Children may be picked up at 4:15 pm or they are welcome to stay until 5:00 pm. Snacks and a restful group time will be provided on campus for all children between 4:15 pm and 5:00 pm.

COST:

- \$145/child - parents not registered for YM
 - \$119/child - parents registered for YM, but did not purchase lodging package
 - \$98/child - parents registered for YM, did purchase lodging package
- A multiple-child discount will be available.

Registration will soon be available online at www.nwfriends.org, and will close on May 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middle School Service Trip

May 14-15

6:30 pm Friday-9:00 pm Saturday

Cost: \$35

Middle Schoolers—It's time to re-treat! 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.



Luau Potluck

May 23

Join us after worship on May 23 for a Luau Potluck. Bring your favorite Luau-themed dish to share (or your favorite "regular" dish) and enjoy the fellowship.



**Wednesday,
May 19
6:30 pm**

Plan to attend the business meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served beforehand at 5:45 pm. Hope to see you there!



Jenny Crackenberg is graduating from George Fox University with a Masters degree in Counseling.

Ellie Saxton is graduating from the University of Oregon with a Bachelors degree in Business/Marketing.

Randy Woodley received his PhD in Intercultural Studies from Asbury Seminary.

Sarah Klatt is graduating from George Fox University with a Bachelors degree in Cinema and Media Communications, and a minor in Theatre.

Angela Kantz graduated from George Fox University with a Bachelors degree in Management and Organizational Leadership.

Hanna (Saxton) Thomas is graduating from George Fox University with a Bachelors degree in Nursing.

THE PEACE PROJECT AROUND THE WALKING TRAIL

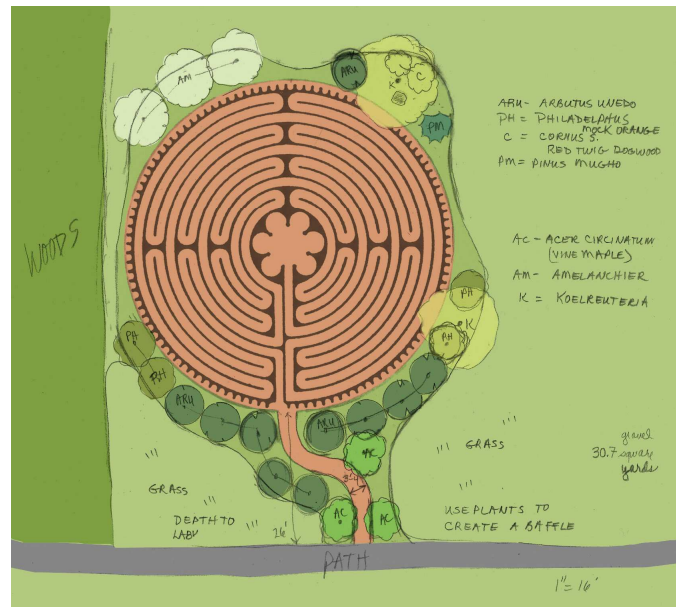
The walking trail around North Valley Friends Church has been widely used by both attendees of North Valley Friends Church and the surrounding community. As part of our mission statement we have expressed a desire to encourage active, Christ-centered justice, peacemaking and reconciliation both locally and globally. In order to help build such a culture of peace in our church and our community we will be adding a variety of peace elements and stations to the trail. These additions would be a way of sharing who we are as a Quaker church and the value we place in our testimony of peace. The stations or stops along the path would provide opportunities for learning more about peace and reconciliation, encouragement to explore how each individual can foster and contribute positively to the world around them, and to provide a place for further prayer and solitude. It would be our hope that this would be a gift to our community by offering a sense of welcome and a space for reflection.

The stations will include:

Twelve Peace Poles- These will be 4-sided posts with the phrase “May Peace Prevail On The Earth” in several different languages. At various times there will be pamphlets available on the trail. The peace poles would be stopping points to read about various topics regarding peace (topics might include peace quotes, steps for reconciliation, biographies of famous peacemakers, how to pray for current issues, and other topics.)

Five Benches- These will be placed at locations on the trail where one might be engaging in one of the elements along the path or at locations that lend themselves as a site for prayer and reflection.

A Prayer Labyrinth- Labyrinths are being used for reflection, meditation, prayer and comfort. Ours will be painted concrete designed after the labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral in France. It will have landscaping around it to provide beauty and a sense of solitude.



We hope to start these projects in late spring or early summer. But your participation is needed. The estimated budget for this project is just under \$13,500. Would you consider a donation to the project? \$200 covers the cost of a peace pole. \$475 would buy a bench. It would also be wonderful to have all of us sharing the project vision with others who might be interested in participating in the project.

Brochures are available in the church foyer and the project description and brochures will soon be available online.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact Debbie Headley at 503-547-7993.

MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 4 pm HS Home-work & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	3	4 7 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	5 6:30 pm MS Youth Group 6:45 pm HS Small Group	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day!</i> 4 pm HS Home-work & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	10	11 7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg. 7 pm Stewards Mtg.	12 6:30 pm MS Youth Group 6:45 pm HS Small Group	13	14 ----- MS Service Retreat -----	15 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Hospital
16 4 pm HS Home-work & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	17	18	19 6:30 pm Business Meeting 6:30 pm MS Youth Group 6:45 pm HS Small Group	20	21	22
23 Noon Luau Potluck 4 pm HS Home-work & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	24	25	26 6:30 pm MS Youth Group 6:45 pm HS Small Group	27	28	29
30 4 pm HS Home-work & Dinner 6 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	31					

MAY WORSHIP CALENDAR

May	2	9	16	23	30
Greeters	Rob Felton	Vonnie Burton	Earl Tycksen	Janine Saxton	Verna Munn
			Annie Tycksen		
Ushers	Bill Rourke	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish	Daryl Burton	
	Jim Allison	Jess Howell	Michael Pender	George Piper	Jess Howell
	John Frost	Mike McBride	Jared Jones	Anna Baker	Alan Parry
	Lukas McKennon	Terrel Smith	Alan Parry	John Frost	Mike McBride
Music	McKennon Family	Janine Saxton	Darleen Ortega	Sandi Thornton	Joel Bock
		Aletha McKennon	Dave Kinnunen	Lukas McKennon	
		Steve McKennon	Wes Cropper	Peter McKennon	
		Michael LeClair	Jon Holt	Emily Cropper	
		Linda LeClair	Michael LeClair	Amy Saxton	
			Linda LeClair	Steve McKennon	
Sound		Rawlen Smith	Mike McConaughey	Rawlen Smith	Steve McKennon
Power Point	Jessica Trout	Peter McKennon	Jennie Harkema	Nathan Murray	Jennie Harkema
Media	Bryan Boyd	Aletha McKennon	Darleen Ortega	Sandi Thornton	Joel Bock
Preach/Facilitate	Paul Bock	Lynn Holt			
Monthly Focus	Peace Prayer	Mother's Day		Missions Moment	Memorial Day Weekend
10:45 Nursery	Jenny Fisher	Valerie Lapham	Heidi Pender	Janelle Olivarez	Debbie Headley
	Scott Conant	Troy Lapham	Della Anderson	Joseph Olivarez	Becky Headley
	Brenna Baker		Amanda McConaughey		Elsie McConaughey
2's & 3's	Ruth Headley	Tabatha Weaver	Beth Woolsey	Miriam Bock	Ruth Headley
	Jered McConaughey	Brent Weaver	Greg Woolsey	Angela Kantz	Jered McConaughey
	Erinn Baker	Adria McKennon	Abby Woolsey	Olivia Pugsley	Erinn Baker
	Jenna Allison	Betsy LeClair	Elsie McConaughey	Becky Headley	Jenna Allison
Blue Room	Kathleen Gathercoal	Kim	Lydia Cathers	Lynn Holt	Kathleen Gathercoal
girls	Kimberly Felton		Shirley Kyte	Katrina McConaughey	Kimberly Felton
Yellow Room	Kim Boyd	Mindy Allison	Lynn Holt	Priscilla Lowery	Jody Jones
boys	Jonah Harkema	Jim Allison	Gennie Harris	Ben Kantz	Jonah Harkema
4th - 5th Grade	Joel Sandoz	Leslie Murray	Amy Lutz	Leslie Murray	Leslie Murray

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

DID YOU KNOW...

...Emily Cropper and Lukas McKennon will be on summer staff at Twin Rocks?

...Della Anderson will be in France this summer?

...Kim & Andrew Stave are expecting their third child? Kim is due the middle of October.

...Paul Anderson is the Scholar in Residence at Reedwood Friends Church? There is more information and schedule on the bulletin board in the foyer.

...Mary Weaver and Jered McConaughy will be at Twin Rocks for the camp's *Servant Leadership Program (SLP)*? SLP is a five-week summer program for a select group of high school students, chosen for their strong commitment to serving Christ through serving others.

...Jon & Lynn Holt have purchased a condo in Spaulding Oaks? They will soon be moving into number 32.



Birthdays

1	Angela Kantz
2	Glen Gathercoal Tara Maddox
3	Bob Vogel
4	Meredith Fieldhouse Sarah Kinnunen
5	Amanda McConaughy
6	Jeremy Baker
8	Liam Lowery
9	Emma Boyd Sandy McDonough
16	Emma Libby
17	Paul Anderson
25	Sara Boyd
26	Kasey Allison Joey Heath
27	Emily Smith
29	Ian McDonough
30	Peter McKennon

Anniversaries

21	Jim & Mindy Allison
30	Don & Susan Parrish

Dear Church Family,

Ben and I are excited to share with you what is going on in our lives right now. Some people know that we have been trying to have a baby for 2 years now. We assumed like a lot of people, that when we decided to have kids it would just happen. Well 2 years later after fertility treatments we are still childless. Unfortunately in the past year we have experienced 2 miscarriages. Both times we felt the heartache of losing something that we have wanted so badly. Out of both of those sad experiences we have been able to grow closer together, and lean on God to see us through the valleys of grief to the high mountains of hope. What conclusions we have come to is that we don't feel that we have to have our children biologically to make our dreams of parenthood a reality. So that said we are happy to announce that we are in the adoption process! We have decided to adopt through the African American Infant program using Christian Family Adoptions as our agency. We are in the application process, and just turned in the last of the mountain of paperwork (for now at least!).

As most everyone knows adopting a baby is a lot of money! Can I get an Amen? It is hard to ask for money from anyone, but we realize that being a part of a community is asking for help when we need it. If you are interested in helping us financially there is a Kantz adoption fund set up through North Valley. We are also going to be doing some fundraising as well. If you are unable to help financially we would still covet your prayers as we journey through this exciting time.

We are blessed to be a part of North Valley and appreciate all of your support!

Ben & Angela Kantz

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

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Monday 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

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