



# INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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## LONGING FOR A LOVING GOD

Lurking deep in the heart of just about every Christian is a sense that there is more to the Spiritual Life than he or she is experiencing. It is a secret longing that seldom rises to the level of conscious thought for a variety of reasons varying from fear of looking foolish to an equal fear of becoming elitist and considering oneself a cut above fellow believers.

Christians go from conference to conference, filling notebook after notebook with new "programs" or new teaching that they hope will somehow satisfy their hunger to connect with God on a deeper level - one that feels like passionate love, one that truly brings one to one's knees in genuine awe and wonder in God's presence. That sense of being "in" with God continues to elude them, however, increasing their sense of longing and disappointment.

Christian publishing houses rake in millions of dollars each year by offering books promising to bring one into a whole new dimension of Christian experience. Often these books promote some new insight into a single verse, or some new and easy way to get God to do one's bidding with minimum time commitment and/or effort. Not to fault the publishers; they're obligated to their boards to publish what sells, and this stuff sells like hotcakes. We should acknowledge also that along with this "fluff" literature there are scores of serious authors that take a more realistic view of spiritual growth.

For some reason many Christians feel a bit guilty for their feelings of longing and disappointment. Somehow, it seems that it is their fault that their walk is not as deep or as rich as they had hoped. In some faith communities, people are indeed blamed for not living a more "victorious Christian Life," in others there is a general assumption that everyone in the community lives in deep communion with God even though the evidence of transformation is lacking. In such a community, admitting a spiritual need calls one's spiritual standing into question, and to name such a need as being universal among the community is as dangerous as pointing out that the king has no clothes while the king is leading a parade through town. So these longings become the "elephant in the room" that no one feels safe to name and the community continues forward, appearing to be vital and healthy but in reality suffering from spiritual anemia and profound powerlessness.

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## LONGING FOR A LOVING GOD (CONT.)

Here's the most loving counsel I can offer those who are aware of unmet spiritual expectations and a deep longing for authentic connection with the Divine:

1. It's not meant to be an individual struggle. Have the courage to share your sense of hope and longing with your brothers and sisters in this community. You'll find, almost certainly, that a host of others will come forward with similar longings and hope. You will discover others ready to journey with you into deeper waters.
2. Leave the ball in God's court. God is the source of your longings and it is God's passion for relationship that has captured your imagination. Allow God to continue the process according to God's sense of timing for your advancement to intimacy. Once you have given God such permission, you have succeeded. God will take it from there. (See Philippians 2:12-13)
3. Avoid bondage to some external idea of discipline and/or devotion. God will call you clearly and unmistakably as each step deeper seems good to God. The same longing that drew you to a life of devotion will draw you to increasingly deep and regular times alone with God. The classic mystics and men and women of prayer wrote of their experiences after years of faithful contemplation and fruitful meditation. Avoid feeling rushed to achieve some imagined level of prayer or meditation. (See Galatians 3:2-4)
4. Remember that the fact that God is thus leading you, doesn't make you special. And, just as surely, God didn't choose to be in relation with you because you are special. God's offer for a life of deep communion is available to all, even the ones we think most undeserving. (See Acts 10:34)
5. Keep in mind that the point of this life is the journey, not the destination. Take joy in Jesus' offer of a gentle yoke and in God's presence as you practice your meditation, prayer, and discernment in your daily lives. Take time to notice the nuances of God's activity in the background of your life of obedience. Allow God to open your eyes to God's presence and work as you encounter the wounded and broken people who journey through your lives. Have the time of your life, be playful with prayer and intercession, and learn to laugh at your mistakes and false readings of God's voice. Let humility saturate every relationship in which you invest your time and love.
6. Be always and ever a student, learning from all who God's puts in your path.
7. Consider your new knowledge and insights as sacred truths. Don't cast them before those who, like the swine in Jesus analogy, will just trample them and then turn their fear and jealousy on you. Instead speak of them only when led, and always with temperateness and humility. The exception is that you must share your experiences with your group of co-travelers. Submit all those new thoughts to this group for interpretation, noticing, encouragement, and counsel. (See Matthew 7:6)

May God bless and prosper your desires and longings for a true love relationship with God; may God draw you into a walk of perfect joy and deep communion.

*- Stan*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Peace project team is making great progress and we can look forward to seeing the peace elements around the walking path soon. Thanks in part to a generous contribution from the Center for Peace and Justice at George Fox University, all of the funds have

been raised for this portion of the project!!! We look forward to working with the Center for Peace and Justice towards our mutual desire for the establishment of resources and a Quaker witness for peace and justice in Newberg.

A peace project page has been added to the North Valley website (<http://northvalleyfriends.org/aboutus/peacetrail.html>). Please feel free to share this link with others as it's a great way to share about what is happening with the Peace Project.

A couple workdays have been scheduled to begin the work on the trail. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll be digging/cementing the 4x4 posts from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. (Bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, level, and gloves if you've got them.) The next scheduled day to work together will be July 24<sup>th</sup>. Please consider lending a hand on these days to help fulfill our vision for this gift to our community.



Mark your calendar for the next Wednesday with Friends dates:

**July 21**  
**August 18**

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

## Newberg *Tour de Coop* a tour of Newberg coops and their gardens

### *What*

A FREE self-guided tour of Newberg chicken coops and their gardens

### *When*

July 25, 2010  
2:00 pm-5:30 pm

### *Where*

Stop by the Prudential Northwest Properties office, 2318 Portland Rd, Newberg, 503-538-2101 to register for FREE and pick up a packet with a map of the coops and their gardens, a bio on each coop owner, as well as the raffle prizes and events at each coop.

**Registration opens June 24<sup>th</sup>  
until the day before the tour.**

### *Why*

- To support your local 4-H!
- Have fun meeting new chicks!
- Enter to win some great raffle prizes including your own coop!
  - Enjoy local tastings!

### *Presented By*

**The Barnstormers 4-H Club  
and Joel Sandoz**

real estate broker and consultant with  
Prudential NW Properties

*\*All proceeds go to the Barnstormers 4-H  
Club and Yamhill County 4-H.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# EYES FIXED



# RUNNING FREE

### YEARLY MEETING 2010

Join us for a “family reunion” of Friends from around the Northwest!

All ages will gather Sunday, July 25, through Thursday, July 29, on the George Fox University campus in Newberg. Whether you come for just a banquet, an evening service, the closing celebration or the whole week, plan now to make Friends and Yearly Meeting 2010 part of your summer activities!

View details and register online at [www.nwfriends.org/ym-sessions](http://www.nwfriends.org/ym-sessions)



### 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!

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

Questions? Call 503-355-2284, email [friendscamp@twinrocks.org](mailto:friendscamp@twinrocks.org), or visit [twinrocks.org](http://twinrocks.org)

## COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



*A partnership between George Fox Evangelical Seminary and the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies allows for introduction of master's degree in intercultural studies program.*

*A partnership finalized in June between George Fox Evangelical Seminary in Oregon and the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies will result in a new theological education program designed for Native North Americans.*

*The first offering will be a master of arts in intercultural studies program, tentatively scheduled to begin in January of 2011.*

To read the full News Release, visit <http://blogs.georgefox.edu/newsreleases/?p=5269>.

### **HOST FAMILIES NEEDED:**

Needed: families to host a Chinese exchange student this summer for 2 1/2 weeks in Newberg. Students are coming with Northwest International Student Exchange of Portland, and will be in Newberg from July 13 to August 2. They are high school age boys and girls from Chengdu, China. The students will be in English/culture classes Monday thru Fridays from about 8:30 to 4:30 at North Valley Friends Church on N. College Street. They come with their own spending money and medical insurance. We are looking for families to include the student as a part of their family, doing with them what they would normally do as a family. The kids will go on 3 all day and 2 half day trips during class time and the host families are welcome to go along. This is a great way for families to learn firsthand about another culture, and make friends with someone from another country. We also are looking for a home for our 2 teachers, 1 each male and female so need 2 bedrooms in one home (or someone who speaks some Chinese). Northwest International Student Exchange (NISE) is a non profit organization in Portland. Visit our website at [www.nwise.org](http://www.nwise.org) Call Mary Post, for more info. at 503-916-9877 or email at [marypost2@msn.com](mailto:marypost2@msn.com)

Looking for a caring host family in the Yamhill Carlton school district for our Year long exchange program with Education Travel and Culture (ETC) of Portland. We have students from Brazil, China and Germany who still need host families for the fall. The student will be in class at YC from Sept. thru June, arriving about one week prior to the start of school, and leaving about one week after classes are out. Host families do not need to have high school age children of their own, as host siblings can be younger. If you would like to have more information about hosting a school year long student, call Mary Post at 503-916-9877 or email at [marypost2@msn.com](mailto:marypost2@msn.com). You can check out our website at [www.edutrav.org](http://www.edutrav.org). Edutrav is a non-profit organization based in Portland.

Every year Newberg School District invites a teacher from Mexico to teach in their Summer School program. Generally, another Summer School staff member hosts the exchange teacher during their stay, but for this summer a host family has not yet been found. It is a wonderful cultural experience for this visitor to stay with a local family, as well as good practice for their English conversation skills (the exchange teacher is not always proficient in English). This year's participant is Wendy Camacho, a 26 year old woman from Nayarit, Mexico.

Host family responsibilities include transportation to Edwards Elementary by 8 am, M-F (there is a possibility that she may be allowed to take the bus with students); provide dinner daily and weekend meals (breakfast and lunch are provided at the school, but this is your option); provide some cultural experiences of the United States (visit a mall, go hiking along the Columbia Gorge, take her to church, ride a bus downtown, go to the zoo, or etc.); explore tourist sites occasionally/as you are able. There is a \$75 per week stipend to help with food costs and/or other expenses.

If your family has a guest bedroom and is willing to host this young woman from July 9th-August 13th, please contact Jonathan Fost at the Welcome Center, 503.554.5037 or [fostj@newberg.k12.or.us](mailto:fostj@newberg.k12.or.us).

## EAGLES WINGS MINISTRY UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Happy days are here again! I am so very excited to say that last Saturday, May 22 Randy graduated with his Ph.D. from Asbury Theological Seminary, E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission. I am so proud of him. He was not able to “walk” because of a lack of finances to travel back to Kentucky, but his name was called, nonetheless.

This has been a long journey for him and our family. There were times when I thought he was just going to say “forget it” because he had, “more important things to do,” like his family, the farm, and the ministry...but also, at one point his health. He gave us a scare for a bit with his heart A-fib problems and the blood clot on his heart. Then to top everything off, the racism we experienced and having to sell our 50 acre farm almost took our spirit. Oh, then there was the move to Oregon...However, I knew deep down that Randy would finish what he started...and he did! We didn't do it alone...we know it was because of all the prayers and good thoughts you sent our way, so thank you!

With all the stress some of you noticed that Randy especially, but me as well, had put on extra pounds. His was to the point of hindering his health. On the train ride back from defending his dissertation he made a list of things he wanted to attend to now that those 6 plus years are behind him, included in that is his health. More good news!

Randy's sister Kathy gave him a graduation present of joining a year-long weight loss program call “the skinny switch secret.” Basically, you shop for your own food and they manage the intake by telling you when how much to eat and when. It also gets your blood sugar in line-another personal concern we had. Since that time, five weeks ago, Randy has lost 21 lbs. And I've lost some as well. He is a size and a half smaller than he was at 316 lbs. What a life! Now that all this is behind him, he can actually do a few “fun things” he enjoys like writing his books, going fishing and camping with his boys on the weekends and gardening.

We had an indigenous men's retreat last weekend with Hawaiians, Native Americans and guys from the Caribbean. You can go to either of our facebook pages and see pictures. He is also continuing to teach part-time and we plan on spending a lot of time at the Pow Wows this summer. This coming June 10-12 is our annual NAIITS meeting and it will be held here at George Fox University. Randy is leading off as the keynote speaker (see naiits.com).

Our sons, Young (15) and Redbird (11) are now in Martial Arts three times a week. They enjoy learning new moves and sparring together. Skye is out looking for a job so she can save for college in the fall. Skye will be attending Northwest Indian College in Bellingham, Washington. We will miss her but she is still within driving distance, about 6 hours away. Leanna is still in the LA area working on her acting, writing and now completing a teaching certificate.

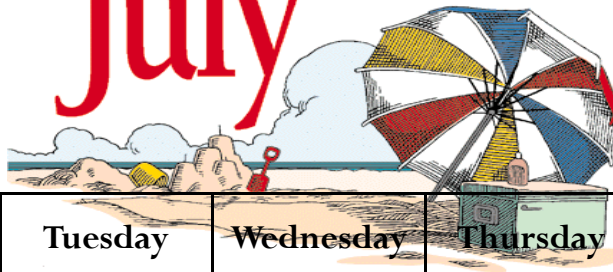
Summer is on its way here in Oregon. We still have a few animals including four female goats, and each produced twins this spring, and now our Great Pyrenees female, Panda, is about to have puppies any day now. Here are a few things that you can remember in prayer:

1. My mother, Billie Engavo on the Wind River Reservation. Her health is getting worse and we really think it is time for her to come live with us.
2. We will need to move to a bigger home than the one we are renting. Please pray God opens up just the right property that will also allow us to go back to having our schools.
3. Our finances are going to be tough this summer-just getting by until the fall when Randy goes 3/4 time at George Fox as *Distinguished Associate Professor of Faith and Culture and Director of Intercultural and Indigenous Studies*. (A handle like that ought to pay better) but we are happy just to have any income at this time in our lives. (We still owe the school and the government on his Ph.D. It will be nice for him to see the proof of the degree he earned when his bill is paid).
4. Finally, pray for our friends the Yoders. Jesse has pretty serious cancer. He and his wife Juanita Jo, teenage sons Ryan and Tod and daughter Joell were good friends and great volunteers at Eloheh Village in KY. If you attended one of our schools you probably remember Jesse. Our hearts break for their struggles and it sure puts our problems in proper perspective...

We have been shown over the years, despite the situation, which are almost always beyond what we can see, our Creator is faithful, even when we don't understand it. Thank God for the time we have together...Again, thank you for all your prayers...Edith.

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

# July



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10 am MS Girls Group	2	3 9 am Peace Project work day
4 1 pm van leaves to Girls Camp  7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	5 8 am Education Committee Mtg.	6	7 10 am HS Girls Group	8 10 am MS Girls Group	9	10
<b>← Girls Camp @ Twin Rocks →</b>						
11 1 pm van leaves to Tween Camp  7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	12 6:30 pm Admin. Meeting	13 6:30 pm Land Use Committee Mtg. 7 pm Stewards Mtg 7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg. 7 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	14	15	16	17 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Hospital
<b>← Tween Camp @ Twin Rocks →</b>						
18 1 pm van leaves to Boys Camp Kantz Adoption Fundraiser 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	19	20	21 10 am HS Girls Group  Wacky Wednesday! 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Activities	22 10 am MS Girls Group	23	24 Peace Project work day
<b>← Boys Camp @ Twin Rocks →</b>						
25 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>← Yearly Meeting Sessions →</b>						
<b>← Tilikum Day Camp →</b>						

# JULY WORSHIP CALENDAR

July	4	11	18	25
<b>Greeters</b>	Earl Tycksen	Vonnie Burton	Rob Felton	Janine Saxton
	Annie Tycksen			
<b>Ushers</b>	John Frost	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish	Daryl Burton
	Jim Allison	Jess Howell	Michael Pender	George Piper
	Don Parrish	Alan Parry	Jared Jones	Anna Baker
	Jessica Trout	Jennie Harkema	Mike McBride	John Frost
<b>Music</b>	Joel Bock	Aletha McKennon	Sandi Thornton	Darleen Ortega
		Steve McKennon	Amy Saxton	Dave Kinnunen
		Michael LeClair	Peter McKennon	Wes Cropper
		Linda LeClair	Steve McKennon	Jon Holt
		Mike McBride		Michael LeClair
				Linda LeClair
<b>Sound</b>	Steve McKennon	Rawlen Smith	Mike McConaughey	Steve McKennon
<b>Power Point</b>	Nathan Murray	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout	Jennie Harkema
<b>Media</b>	Joel Bock	Aletha McKennon	Sandi Thornton	Darleen Ortega
<b>Preach/Facilitate</b>	Lynn Holt	Paul Bock	Lynn Holt	Stan Thornburg
<b>Monthly Focus</b>				
<b>10:45 Nursery</b>	Scott Conant	Janelle Olivarez	Heidi Pender	Valerie Lapham
	Brenna Baker	Joseph Olivarez	Amanda McConaughey	Troy Lapham
	Becky Headley			
<b>2's &amp; 3's</b>	Miriam Bock	Tabatha Weaver	Beth Woolsey	Ruth Headley
	Angela Kantz	Brent Weaver	Greg Woolsey	
	Erinn Baker	Olivia Pugsley	Abby Woolsey	Adria McKennon
	Jenna Allison		Elsie McConaughey	Betsy LeClair
SUMMER PROGRAMMING (4's-4 <sup>th</sup> grade)				
<b>Summer Children's Programming 4's-4<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	<b>Claire</b>	<b>Claire</b>	<b>Claire</b>	<b>Claire</b>
	<b>Austin</b>	<b>Austin</b>	<b>Austin</b>	<b>Austin</b>
	<i>Earl Tycksen</i>	<i>Nancy Thomas</i>	<i>Bug Reardon</i>	<i>Jessica Trout</i>
		<i>Hal Thomas</i>	<i>Cathy Thornburg</i>	<i>Debbie Headley</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> graders stay in worship service</i>				

# ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

## SILENT AUCTION & DINNER JULY 18



Ben and Angela Kantz are in the process of adoption! As a way to help them with the cost of their adoption, we're having a silent auction and meal after worship on July 18. Please plan on attending to help support Ben & Angela in this process.

Please RSVP to Leslie Murray ([leshodg@gmail.com](mailto:leshodg@gmail.com)) or Jennie Harkema ([office@northvalleyfriends.org](mailto:office@northvalleyfriends.org)).

Also, we're collecting donations for the silent auction. For example, one of the items will be "9 frozen meals." Other items already gathered: a handmade quilt, an item knitted by Anna to your specification, a photo session with Joel Bock, 2 nights at Captain's Cabin, gift certificates to ABBA day spa, Lovely Nails. If you have chickens, maybe you could donate a dozen farm fresh eggs? If you have an item to donate, please e-mail Leslie at [leshodg@gmail.com](mailto:leshodg@gmail.com).



### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jessica Trout
- 2 Cathy Thornburg
- 3 Karin Majdecki
- 7 Darleen Ortega
- 12 Kyle Smith
- 14 Carla Anderson
- Betsy LeClair
- 17 Henry Murray
- 18 Debbie Headley
- Joel Sandoz
- 19 Roy Gathercoal
- 21 Vonnie Burton
- Ethan Jones
- Bryna Parry
- 22 Janae McDonough
- 23 Truman Connelly
- 25 Amy Saxton
- 26 Abby Woolsey
- 27 Michael Pender
- 31 Paul Bock

Planning a trip to the beach?



Want to go swimming?



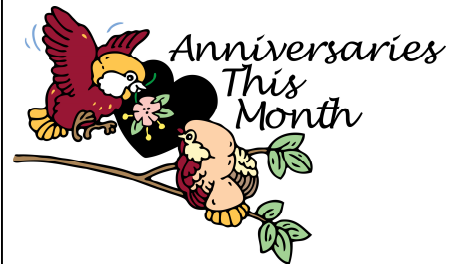
How about a bike ride?



Hiking anyone?



If you are planning an activity this summer and you think it would be fun to have others from the North Valley Community join you, please let the office know. We can send out an all-church email with details of the activity.



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Brent & Tabatha Weaver
- 5 Terrel & Jane Smith
- 8 Rob & Kim Felton
- 11 Doug & Karen Pugsley
- 28 Jeremy & Jessica Baker

## 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      CLOSED

**Phone:** 503-538-5340

**E-Mail:** office@northvalleyfriends.org

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday:

9:30 am      Sunday School for 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)

*This newsletter is available online at [www.northvalleyfriends.org](http://www.northvalleyfriends.org)*

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