



INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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These are extraordinary times. In many ways unprecedented in world history. It is so exciting to be alive and part of God's arsenal of folks committed to living out God's love in the world as it continues to be swept up in the tides of change. What will God have us do? Who will God have us be? How will we draw on the incredible power of God's Spirit in our lives of obedience and discipleship. How will we get over the walls (physical, emotional, and theological walls) of our spiritual gathering place and bring the richness and depth of God's love and wisdom to apply as soothing salve to the anxiety and fears of our culture? How indeed!

Peter the apostle's words to first century Christians give us an organizing principle and a self-identity through which to view and engage the world. He tells his contemporaries that they are living stones being built into a spiritual house, a royal priesthood. We unpacked his words this past Sunday in worship and were left with the truth that, to us – some twenty centuries later- Peter's observation, when seen in light of Hebrews 5:1 tell us that the principle around which to organize our ministry together is to view it as a high priest of Peter's century would view his role to his people: we are to represent the people of our parish (neighborhood) to God and offer “gifts and sacrifices” for their destructive ways. Wow! A daunting assignment for us, eh?

The fall mechanisms around us are winding up again after a restful and quiet summer. Our whole society is gearing up for what appears to be another hectic and somewhat chaotic “school year.” Not all of us are directly involved in school but the rhythm of all of our lives are effected by school and its accompanying stresses and schedule. The side-dishes being served with this years cultural “menu” include the crumbling economy, a mean-spirited political environment, and an abandonment of religion as the chief provider of moral vision and ethical choice.

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STAN'S ARTICLE (CONT.)

So, we have our work cut out for us. There is a tremendously rewarding and spiritually urgent role given us even as we ourselves try to negotiate the rapid changes and somewhat chaotic progress of post-modern thought and its effect on how we “do church.” We would be overwhelmed were it not for our unique spirituality (way of experiencing God) and our time-tested and battle-tempered sense of call and mission (there is that of God in everyone to which we may speak in all every circumstance).

In the power of God's Spirit and with absolute confidence in God's unconditional love for those in our parish (sphere of influence) we eagerly go out from our center (community worship) to engage our friends and neighbors with the tools that God has given us i.e. unselfish compassion, open hearts and ears, and transformed or “being transformed” lives. As easy as these ideas are to articulate, they call for costly and life altering ways of living and being to the extent we are willing to flesh them out. These acts of obedience are the gifts and sacrifices to which Peter refers.

We must not only be God's compassion for the poor, oppressed, marginalized, and wounded, we must be God's song of invitation and love to those caught hopelessly in the mad scramble to “win” at the game of life as it is presented by our culture. To join God in this wonderful and exciting life direction we must:

- Be transformed so that we see the world as only God can see it.
- Embody the open-armed sacrificial love of Jesus.
- Be living examples of a people who live and prosper by God's laws
- Demonstrate a life of moral vision.
- Provide a credible example of heroic faith and the value of living counter to the values of consumerism and materialism.
- Recognize that the church is now outside the walls of our traditional idea of “church.”
- Demonstrate the wisdom of living in powerful and close community as we live, worship, and play together as a community of faith.

Exciting eh? Yes it is, and challenging as well. We can start today by looking through the church directory and praying for our friends. We can start today by reaching out to one another, especially those of us whose lives are falling apart in some way. We can start today by choosing to share with just one person in our faith community just what the struggles and challenges are in our faith journeys. What other things can be begin to do today to live into the call upon us. Let's keep the conversation going as we strategize and plan to be faithful “priests” to our parish.

- Stan

WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS

Wednesday with Friends begins **September 15!** Dinner will be served at 5:45 pm with activities for all ages following at 6:45 pm. There will be nursery care, Kids Alive for school-age children, Middle School Youth Group, High School Movie Group, and Adult Small Groups.

SMALL GROUP DESCRIPTIONS:

SOUL MAKING: AN EXPERIENCE IN SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION (Facilitator: Stan Thornburg)

Christians have been trying for centuries to experience the kind of transformation Paul describes in Romans 12:1-2 as the lot of those who are "in Christ."

With the sense of openness to mystery and spiritual experience, Christians all over the world have begun to seek "authentic" transformation through the tools of Christian experience avail to them.

This workshop will be a 'hands on' experience during which we will practice some of these tools (meditation, a variety of approaches to prayer) while at the same time, using the best of our minds to form a vision of the transformed Christian we long to become. We'll help each other, laugh together, perhaps shed some tears together as we experience the presence of God on a deeper plane.

Anyone can come. Those who just aren't "wired" for listening will find ways of hearing God in their experiences. By the time the sessions are over, we hope that all of us will have a renewed vision for living "in Christ," and a deeper sense of intimacy with God. *Please bring a notebook or journal.*

JESUS THE ONE AND ONLY is a Bible study of the life of Jesus based on the book of Luke. The study is conducted by Beth Moore* via 11 video sessions taped on location in Jerusalem and throughout Israel. This class will alternate between watching the video session one week and sharing from weekly personal assignments the following week. **Heidi Pender and Miriam Bock are the class facilitators and anticipate this study will span the Fall and Winter sessions.** A workbook accompanies this class and will be available on the first night of class. Men and women are invited to attend.

**Beth Moore is known for presenting Scripture in living color. Christian speaker, Bible study author, and ministry leader, Beth Moore enjoys getting to serve people of every age and denomination, and she is passionate about people knowing and loving the Word of God.*

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP (FACILITATOR: SCOT HEADLEY)

THIS GROUP WILL CONSIDER THE SERMON PRESENTED THE PREVIOUS SUNDAY, ALONG WITH THE SCRIPTURAL TEXT, AND ASK QUESTIONS SUCH AS, "HOW IS GOD SPEAKING TO ME PERSONALLY ON THIS ISSUE? HOW IS GOD SPEAKING TO US AS A CONGREGATION? ARE THERE CHANGES WE NEED TO MAKE? ACTIONS WE NEED TO TAKE? ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS THAT THIS ISSUE RAISES?"

The **HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP** (led by Darleen Ortega) will resume in stages this fall. They'll meet on **September 15** for a screening of "No Crossover: The Trial of Allen Iverson." Then on **October 6**, we'll begin viewing the underground TV series "Wonderfalls." (See page 4 for more details.)

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group for Middle Schoolers will begin on September 15th. They will meet at Newberg Friends Church from 6:30-8:00 pm on Wednesdays. Leslie will transport youth each week from North Valley to Newberg Friends. The van will leave from NVFC at 6:20 pm and return at 8:15 pm.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group for High Schoolers will begin on September 12th. They will meet at the Newberg Youth House from 6-7:30 pm on Sunday evenings. Leslie will pick up any high schooler that wishes transportation for the first two months of youth group. We will merge with Newberg Friends experimentally until January, at which time we will re-evaluate the high school youth group program.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP

High Schoolers: Our "indie" movie discussion group resumes in stages this fall. We'll meet on **September 15** for a screening of "**No Crossover: The Trial of Allen Iverson.**" It's a documentary about an African American high school basketball player who was destined for stardom until a racially charged bowling alley brawl nearly derailed his future. The film reveals how the fight split the town of Hampton, Virginia, along racial lines and would haunt Iverson even after his eventual absolution. Felony charges were filed against only the black participants (including Iverson), on the theory that the white participants were the most seriously injured. The resulting trial and sentencing sparked anger, grief, and protest in the black community and heightened racial tensions that, it turned out, had been simmering just below the surface. I can't think of a film that does a better job of examining the questions this type of incident raises. We'll meet at 6:45 p.m. and be done by 8:30 p.m.

Then on **October 6**, we'll begin viewing the underground TV series "**Wonderfalls.**" College graduate Jaye Tyler has no aspirations aside from working as a clerk in a small gift shop adjacent to Niagara Falls until unexplainable events -- such as God speaking to her in secret through lifeless objects -- push her into heroic acts of offbeat greatness. Taking her cues from inexplicable sources, Tyler uses her Ivy League intelligence to come to the aid of perfect strangers who need her help. This offbeat comedy provides lots of quirky humor and occasions to reflect on how we actually might receive guidance from beyond ourselves.

Hope to see you on September 15 at 6:45 p.m. in the library!

Darleen Ortega (503-310-7789)

KIDS ALIVE

Kids Alive!

It is time once again for Kids Alive! We have an exciting program in store for the kids this year. Aletha and Steve McKennon will provide an opening time of singing when the children gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. Completing the evening will be games, crafts and a structured lesson in age-appropriate groups. We are fortunate to have some returning George Fox interns from last year who will be giving leadership to these areas.

Parents, it would be very helpful if you would indicate on the sign-up sheets in the foyer if your children plan to participate in Kids Alive so we can determine how many interns we need and how to group the children. Please feel free to invite neighborhood children!

EAGLE'S WING MINISTRY UPDATE

Friends,

August 24, 2010

It has been a while since we have communicated with you unless you have been in contact with us though other means on the Internet. I would encourage you to become friends with both Edith and I (Randy) on Facebook and to visit my blog often (Ethnic Space and Faith) <http://ethnicspace.wordpress.com/> We have now entered a whole new era for communications. Because of the high costs involved in printing and mailing, and because it is so labor intensive, we won't be publishing an actual paper newsletter anymore. Edith and hope you will stay connected. Our FB pages will always have periodic updates and photos so you can keep up with us. So here is what we have been up to lately:

NAIITS AND FOX MENTORING NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS

I just returned from Faculty Retreat for George Fox University and Seminary. I will be teaching at both this year as *Distinguished Associate Professor of Faith and Culture*. I will also be helping to create the program between George Fox and NAIITS (North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies). In my other role as *Director of Intercultural and Indigenous Studies* I will be the liaison between our new Native American students, faculty and administration and George Fox. I will also be in charge of eventually migrating those students in our current program (beginning January 2011) into the program we are creating—a *Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies*. We all felt this would be the most valuable degree for our Native American students. To read more about the historic agreement go to: <http://www.naiits.com/>

LOCAL INDIAN NEWS

We are still attending Native gatherings in the area trying to get to know the local people. Did you know the Portland Metro area is the 9th largest Native American Community in the United States? We spent the whole of last weekend at the Grand Ronde Tribe's Pow Wow and it was a big one. Black Lodge was one of the host drums. We are starting to get to know people at the Pow Wows that we see at different gatherings and at the Indian clinic, etc. A couple of things have helped in this regard.

At the Wiconi Pow Wow in late July I was honored with an Ojibway Eagle Feather Bonnet. Dave and Judy Soney (and Dave's daughter Shirley) came all the way from Michigan so Dave could perform the ceremony. It was a very sacred and humbling time in my life and made the Ph. D. seem somewhat minor in comparison. It was really good to have so many close friends and relatives there in support. Also, our oldest son Young placed in last weeks' Pow Wow in the Grass Dance competition. In addition, Edith spoke last week at a local retreat.

Our Native American Fellowship meetings will begin again soon. Last year we held a monthly talking circle at our home. We believe that this year the Creator is leading us to host a monthly Sweat Lodge at our home. These will begin in September. Please pray for more Native people to visit the "Jesus Sweat." Many will never go to church but they feel quite at home in the Sweat Lodge. Also, we are in need of a great supply of wood and a few more tarps for this important ministry. Pray God supplies.

IN CONCLUSION

It has been a very tough two years. The position at Fox is starting just in time. As you can tell by the NAIITS agreement, there really seems to be a divine purpose for us here in Oregon. Jesus turns bad to good in his timing....God always provides. Speaking of which, tonight we had our first whole meal harvested completely from our garden-it was delicious! We are very grateful for Creator's provision for the beans, potatoes, corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions and squash.

I will begin teaching my courses next week, the kids begin school in a few weeks and Skye goes off to college in less than a month. Please pray for all these things and do keep in contact with us as we "try to do what is pleasing to the Lord."

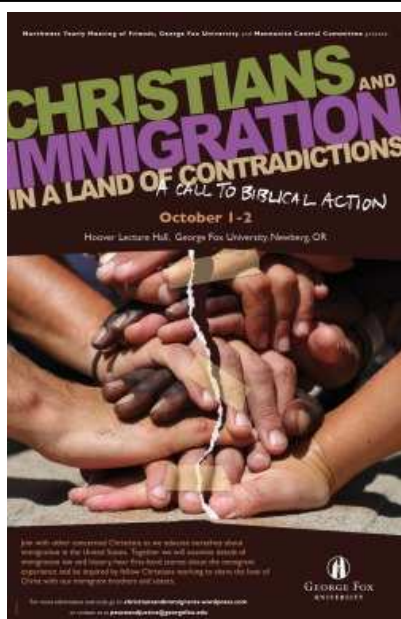
P.S. Now that we will have some stable income, we are trying to buy a home just outside of town with lots of room and a creek where we can put up the Sweat Lodge. It also has a pole barn that can be converted to a place to hold our classes once again for those who do want to grow in Christ but don't want a degree. Right now the home is just out of our range and our offers fell short. Things can change though, with prayers of faith...We need your prayers.

Do-hi' (Peace)

Randy & Edith Woodley

To make an online donation please go to: <http://eagleswingsministry.com/contact/donation.htm>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, The Center for Peace and Justice at George Fox University and Mennonite Central Committee present:

CHRISTIANS AND IMMIGRATION IN A LAND OF CONTRADICTIONS

A Call to Biblical Action

October 1-2, Hoover Lecture Hall, George Fox University

Join with other concerned Christians as we educate ourselves about immigration in the United States. Together we will examine details of immigration law and history, hear first-hand stories about the immigrant experience and be inspired by fellow Christians working to share the love of Christ with our immigrant brothers and sisters.

For information on costs and to join the conversation go to christiansandimmigrants.wordpress.com or contact us at peaceandjustice@georgefox.edu.

A poster for "SERVE AND CELEBRATE NEWBERG CARNIVAL". The background is a warm, golden sunburst pattern with a Ferris wheel on the right side. The text reads: "SERVE AND CELEBRATE NEWBERG CARNIVAL", "newberg churches coming together to serve and celebrate our community", "Saturday, September 18th, 2010", "Edwards school field 10am to 4pm", "FREE Bike Repair, FREE Handyman Repair", "FREE Haircuts, FREE Yardwork and More!", "FUN FOOD ACTIVITIES", "Carnival 2010 is sponsored by the churches and community organizations of Newberg", and "For more information. www.serveandcelebrate.org".

A poster for "Friends Women's Fall Retreat". The background is a light blue sky with a border of colorful autumn leaves (red, orange, yellow, green). The text reads: "Friends Women's Fall Retreat", "Twin Rocks", "September 24-26, 2010", "Registration forms available in the church foyer.", and "For any questions, contact Bev Chapman (208) 634-2083".

PEACE PROJECT UPDATE

Since the approval of the Peace Project in May there has been a great response.

Fund raising for the project has been very encouraging, with funds coming in from a variety of sources showing broad support for the project. Money has come from individuals and organizations, including from the Newberg Friends Church Peace Team. There was a large donation from the Center for Peace and Justice at George Fox University along with a desire to partner with us to provide resources and events. Most recently we received grant money from the Northwest Yearly Meeting Board of Local Outreach. In early August we held a peace concert benefiting the Project; this was well attended and very successful. As of mid August we have raised close to \$11,000.

Along with our fundraising there have been many exciting suggestions for using the Peace Project. Partnering with the Center for Peace and Justice at GFU opens up a number of possibilities. Students and classes could design a variety of events and activities using the path and labyrinth. We could host poetry days or artist's days, which would offer an opportunity to folks to focus their talents on peace topics. We could possibly sponsor a Children's Day with peace activities for the kids at each peace pole station. A GFU professor would like to use the path and labyrinth for a Religion Department retreat. Another suggestion involves holding a contest for High School students to write biographies about peacemakers. We could have the capability to allow folks to download a specific App for their cell phone to hear a current or past reading at each peace pole. The possibilities for the project are very exciting.

The work on the path is proceeding well. The posts are in for the peace poles. The translations for each post are finished. Quotes have been selected, translated into Spanish so that both languages will be offered, and the engraving has been ordered. Benches for the path are being built. The labyrinth site has been excavated and gravel laid. The concrete forms were built at the most recent workday. And plans have been made for the pouring of the concrete.

This is truly a NVFC community effort. You have participated in so many ways: monetary donations, offering of a variety of skills and talents, and participating in workdays. There will be several more workdays to finish these projects in the near future.

**The forms
are ready
to pour
concrete
for the
labyrinth!**



FALL PROGRAMMING



ADULT FRIEND CLASS

(Facilitators: Scott Conant & Earl Tycksen)

The Inescapable God: Discover the nature of God as the first person of the Trinity, by looking at Old Testament texts from the Exodus narrative and from the poetry of Psalms. Themes include: God Reveals, God Sustains and God Protects.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for Elementary aged children as well as Middle & High Schoolers will begin on **September 19th** from 9:30-1030 am.

- **Elementary** aged children will meet in the preschool wing.
- **Middle School** Youth will meet in the library. *We're still looking for a teacher for our Middle Schoolers.* Please contact Leslie if you're interested in helping out.
- **High School** Sunday School will be taught by Leslie Murray and will be held at Chapters every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 am. Leslie will transport high schoolers back to North Valley in time for programmed worship.

There is no nursery care available during the Sunday School hour at this time. If your family will need Sunday School nursery care, please contact Kim Boyd or the church office and we will make a plan.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

during the morning programmed service beginning Sept. 12

- **Nursery Care:** available Sunday mornings beginning at 10:30 am for little ones under age 3
- **Preschool:** meeting in the preschool wing for children ages 3 & 4
- **Grade School:** meeting in the blue & yellow classrooms behind the sanctuary for children in kindergarten-5th grade

Get Away Give Away

Every other year, North Valley joins other Friends churches in the Newberg area to go on a short term missions trip to San Luis, Mexico over Spring Break. If this sounds interesting to your youth or your family, please plan on attending our first information meeting regarding the trip on **September 19th** at North Valley Friends' fellowship hall from 3-5 pm. Note – we will be accepting early registrations at the following meeting, October 17th that will lock in your spot regardless of a cap. The probability is quite high this year that we will have a cap so coming to this meeting and hearing about all the ins and outs is important. Middle schoolers must have an adult willing to accept responsibility for them on the trip. High Schoolers are free to come without a sponsoring adult. And, of course, families are always welcome. Questions? Contact Leslie Murray (leshodg@gmail.com /503-554-5727).

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 am HS Girls Group	2 10 am MS Girls Group	3	4
5 1 pm bus leaves to Surfside 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	6	7 7 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	8	9 7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg.	10	11
12 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	13	14 7 pm Stewards Mtg.	15 Wednesday with Friends! 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Activities	16	17	18 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Hospital
19 Noon Kick-off Sunday BBQ! 3 pm GAGA Mtg. 1 pm "Of a Certain Age" lunch 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	20	21	22 Wednesday with Friends! 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Activities	23	24	25
26 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	27	28	29 Wednesday with Friends! 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Activities	30		

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

September	5	12	19	26
Greeters	Janine Saxton	Rob Felton	Earl Tycksen	Vonnie Burton
			Annie Tycksen	
Ushers	Don Parrish	Bill Rourke	Don Parrish	Daryl Burton
	Michael Pender	Ron Fieldhouse	Jared Jones	George Piper
	Anna Baker	Jim Allison	John Frost	Alan Parry
	Jessica Trout	Jeremy Baker	Eric Funk	Joesph Olivarez
Music	Jared Jones	Janine Saxton	TBA	Sandi Thornton
	Bryan Boyd	Aletha McKennon		Lukas McKennon
	Colby Spell	Steve McKennon		Emily-Grace Cropper
		Michael LeClair		Peter McKennon
		Linda LeClair		Adria McKennon
		Mike McBride		Steve McKennon
Sound	Mike McConaughey	Rawlen Smith	Steve McKennon	Mike McConaughey
Power Point	Nathan Murray	Peter McKennon	Jennie Harkema	Jessica Trout
Media	Jared Jones	Aletha McKennon		Sandi Thornton
Preach/Facilitate	TBA	TBA	Lynn Holt	TBA
Monthly Focus				
10:45 Nursery	Janelle Olivarez	Heidi Pender	TBA	TBA
under 3	Joseph Olivarez	Amanda McConaughey	Brenna Baker	
	Becky Headley			
Preschool	Beth Woolsey	Tabatha Weaver	Angela Kantz	Lydia Cathers
3's & 4's	Greg Woolsey	Brent Weaver	Jenna Allison	Jonah Harkema
	Abby Woolsey	Betsy LeClair	Erinn Baker	Olivia Pugsley
	Elsie McConaughey	Adria McKennon		
Blue Room	Summer Schedule	Priscilla Lowery	Mindy Allison	Kristi Longstroth
Kindergarten-2nd	Claire Lawrence	Ben Kantz	Jim Allison	Jered McConaughey
	Austin Huelsbeck		Kasey Allison	
Yellow Room		Jody Jones	Kathleen Gathercoal	Lynn Holt
3rd-5th		Katrina McConaughey		Amy Lutz

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Lemonade & Brownies!!!

It's that time of year! The Pender kids are hosting their 6th Annual Lemonade and Brownie Stand to benefit a cause in our second home country of Haiti. This year the proceeds will go toward the building of the Heartline Hospital in Port au Prince. We are also having a garage sale in our front yard on Saturday. Yes, all of this will be this coming Saturday (September 4) from 9 am - 4 pm at our house 708 E Sheridan ST here in Newberg. We've so appreciated your support of our kids' causes and look forward to seeing you again this year!



BIRTHDAYS

6	Kaden Fisher
7	Tony Longstroth
13	Luke Holt Ben Kantz
18	Darryl Brown Paul Weaver
21	Coen Schneider Barry Tharp
22	Kari Libby Rebekah Schneider
23	Cole Pender
28	Earl Tycksen
29	Nancy Thomas
30	Brendan Heath

ANNIVERSARIES

4	Jesse & Dawn Lowe
5	Nathan & Margaret Whittlesey
9	Jim & Kristin Sanders
26	Earl & Annie Tycksen

PEACE TRIAL DEDICATION

PEACE TRIAL DEDICATION – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Mark your calendars for our Peace Trail Dedication on Sunday, September 19th. We decided on this date because it is so close to the International Day of Peace Celebration on September 21, 2010. We want to join our desires with those around the world to influence ourselves and our community toward a culture of peace.

In worship on September 19th we will consider ways we are called to be people of peace in our personal relationships, in our local community, in the nation and in the world. Although the work on the trail will not be completed; included in the morning will be the dedication of the Peace Trail.

Following the morning service we will have our traditional Fall BBQ and invite George Fox students and others in the area to join us who are interested in exploring the trail. Plans are still in process but during the early afternoon we hope to have interactive activities and resources along the trail that will challenge, inform, and help us give concrete expression to peace and justice.



NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

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- Lynn Clouser Holt Education/Spiritual Formation
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- Kim Boyd Children's Ministry Facilitator
- Jennie Harkema Administrative Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE

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Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
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Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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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.

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