



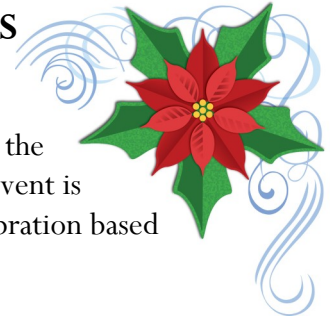
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BE ALERT! ADVENT IS DOING ITS WORK IN OUR LIVES

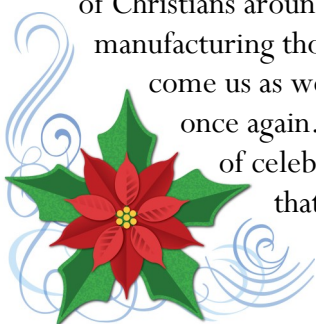
By now you will have been overtaken by Advent 2010 and all its accompanying activities and celebrations. I hope you have taken the opportunity to enter into the season rather than just stand outside and watch the season unfold. After all, Advent is not just a few weeks of celebrating a 2,000-year-old event, it's a season of celebration based on the present reality of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.



Most of us celebrate our birthdays every year in one way or another. It's not as though anyone says, "This is getting old; we've been celebrating this one event for thirty years." That's because every year is different than the one before and we have new reasons to acknowledge its passing along with its own unique events and tragedies.

It keeps Advent fresh to think of the season in the same way as we do our own birthdays. Every year our relationship with God grows deeper and matures via the experiences we encounter along the way. God has blessed us, reached out to us in our grief, given us new insights, strengthened our love for family and friends, or been with us through difficulties and trials. It makes sense to mark that with a season of celebration and thanks-giving.

This year we are going to use the traditional Advent themes being celebrated by hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world: *peace, love, joy, and hope*. The point is not to figure out ways of manufacturing those virtues in our own experiences, but to allow those virtues to literally overcome us as we open ourselves to the presence of the living Christ being born into our midst once again. Instead of plotting ways to emphasize those themes in our worship and times of celebration, we might find it more meaningful to watch for the "signs of the times" that show us that the present kingdom is bringing peace, love, hope, and joy into our lives and experiences.



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Each week of Advent, it might be fun to ask God (as individuals or as families) to reveal ways through which these themes are coming among us to work their transforming “magic” in our lives and relationships. As the *Prince of Peace* moves us into the season, perhaps we’ll notice the healing of a broken relationship, a waning of a spirit of bitterness or an inclination to forgive a significant betrayal or hurt.

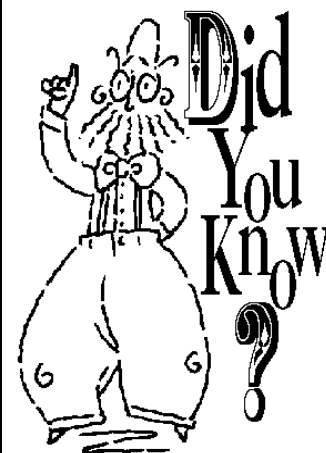
As *love incarnate* overwhelms us we may notice a new compassion for one toward whom we have been judgmental, or we may find a warming of our hearts toward our faith community or our co-worker. Or we may find new joy in our “daily grind” as a result of the *perfect joy* Christ brings to our attention when we reflect on the fact that our “daily grind” is in fact a sacred task through which the Kingdom can become visible. And as our *living hope* works its magic in our experiences of life, we may find our chins lifted off the ground and our eyes lifted to heaven as new reasons for hope break into our hearts and minds.

The meaning of Advent can most easily be found as we notice what the living Christ is doing in our midst right now. Then our grateful hearts can’t help but realize the accumulated blessings that have been granted to Jesus’ beloved world over the centuries. “Oh God, may we live to give reason for those who come after us to praise you for the incredible gift of your Son, Jesus, the Christ.” - Stan

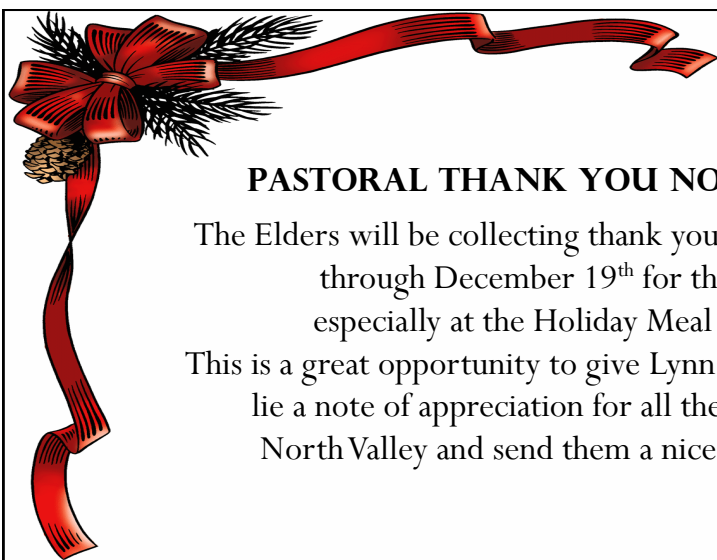


DECEMBER SCHEDULE CHANGES:

- No children’s Sunday school Dec. 26 & Jan. 2.
- No Wednesday with Friends Dec. 23 or 29.
- No high school youth group Dec. 12, 19 & 26.



You can access the weekly bulletin announcements on our website at northvalleyfriends.org. If you miss worship or need to check some information, it’s available to you on the “Members” tab of our website.



PASTORAL THANK YOU NOTES & GIFTS

The Elders will be collecting thank you notes and gifts through December 19th for the pastoral staff, especially at the Holiday Meal December 5th. This is a great opportunity to give Lynn, Stan, and Leslie a note of appreciation for all they have given to North Valley and send them a nice gift just before Christmas.

THE GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree will be in the foyer on December 5th, ready for you to take gift tags for things that you would like to share this Christmas. These are things selected by Evangelical Friends Missions and Chehalem Youth & Family Services. Therefore, local people as well as those in a variety of countries will receive our gifts.

THE EFM GIFT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FOR IRELAND: a bag of coal for a family, \$20.

Goal: \$3,000

FOR AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO: \$50 helps to start up a business that can support families, help with the cost of education and better people's lives.

Goal: \$2,000

FOR NEPAL: \$39 purchases one solar panel or \$273 purchases one solar panel system.

Goal: \$3,000

FOR RWANDA: \$5 gives a life-transforming D4D (Discipleship for Development), \$35 gives a one-day D4D coaching session (local), \$75 gives a week of long-term D4D training, \$250 gives a four-day D4D village coaching session.

Goal: \$5,000

FOR NEPAL: \$4 gift for one mosquito net.

Goal: \$2,000

WARM THEIR HEARTS AND THEIR NIGHTS: \$5 gives a gift of one blanket.

Goal: \$7,100

NUTS & BOLTS MINISTRY: There are supplies required for Sunday school, VBS, women's and children's ministry and hospitality events. \$6.50 provides one day of nuts and bolts.

Goal: \$35,200

WHEELS & DEALS: Provides rickshaws for Bangladesh, bicycles and motorcycles for India and Bhutan. \$67 for a bicycle, \$100 for one rickshaw, \$1,000 for one motorcycle.

Goal: \$2,700

Look for the brown brochures in the foyer which explain the ways that you can honor a friend or family member with a Christmas gift in their name. It gives you directions for mailing checks or using a credit card.

THE GIFT WISHES OF THE CYFS CHILDREN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Digital camera, scooter, nice dress pants or nice jeans, skateboard bearings, a Blazers or green hoodie, fun colored or flannel pajamas, casual/fun jewelry, Ducks gear, Disney classics, and books.

After you choose a tag, you can bring these gifts to the meetinghouse and put them under the tree, or deliver them directly to CYFS at 502 E First St in Newberg.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT NORTH VALLEY



Christmas Program

LIVING CHRISTMAS CARDS

December 19
6:00 pm

Dessert following

All are welcome to participate and attend!
Contact Aletha McKennon (503.538.8511; mckennona@gmail.com) if you have a "Christmas card" you wish to share with the congregation.

December 9

Ladies' Christmas Ornament

Exchange, 5:30pm

Ruth Piper's home
605 Holly Dr, Newberg



Soup, bread and dessert will be served at 6pm. Don't forget to bring a wrapped ornament!

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Read the signs of the times!

The season of Advent is overtaking us with its powerful themes of peace, love, joy, and hope. Advent is not an event in the past but a season that brings fresh surprises and profound insights. Advent is one of God's mighty saving acts that forever changes us, our relationship to God, and our relationships with each other. We cannot create an annual Advent event to celebrate, instead we must open ourselves to Advent's life-altering season.

Let's not let our familiarity with our Advent activities deceive us into believing that Advent can be captured in these spiritual exercises. Instead, let's acknowledge that God is doing a new thing. Keep alert, we are about to be swept off our feet and into a new season of faith.

Sermon Series: The signs of the Times



- Nov. 28th "Overcome by peace"
- December 5th "God's Saving Act of Love"
- December 12th "Joy explodes in our Worship & Waiting"
- December 19th "Advent Breaks Us into a Season of Living Hope"
- December 26th "What just happened? How are we now changed?"



HOLIDAY MEAL

December 5th
after worship

Sign up (in the foyer or contact the church office) to bring a dessert

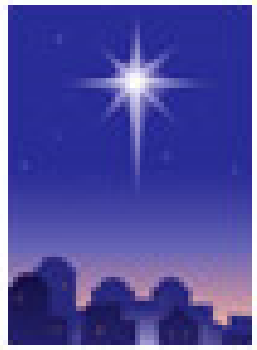
Christmas Eve Service

Join us for our
candlelight
service

December 24
6:00 pm



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS



GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT "IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR"

December 10-11, 7:30pm

December 12, 2:30pm

Bauman Auditorium

Tickets: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors & alumni; \$6 students & children

Available at www.music.georgefox.edu or 503-554-3844

5th Annual *Sing-Along* **MESSIAH**

December 5, 2010

4:00 pm

First United Methodist Church
1205 Deborah Road, Newberg

Enjoy a performance of Handel's Messiah.

Come listen, or sing along!

FREE Admission

Donations benefit Faith in Action

Musical scores available for \$10

Limited number of books to borrow

Reception following event

**For more information,
call 503-537-1549**

www.faithinactionnewberg.org

Helping people who face challenges related to health or aging

Christmas on the Quad

at George Fox
University
December 3
7-9pm

*Featuring carols by
candlelight, reading the
Christmas story and
light refreshments*



City of Newberg Tree Lighting

Newberg Public Library
December 2

5:00 *Kids' Craft Sale*

6:30 *Tree Lighting*

6:30-8pm *Pictures with
Santa, local business
showcase, used book
sale*





PEACE PROJECT UPDATE



Volunteers came out to work on landscaping the labyrinth, so all it needs now is paint. All the Peace Poles are now in place, featuring the phrase "May peace prevail on Earth" in different languages, as well as plaques with quotes from famous peacemakers. Thanks, everyone, for your hard work and support!



DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Meeting for Worship for Business 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children & Youth Activities 6:45 Business Mtg.	2	3	4 10am-12pm Christmas Program Rehearsal
5 12:30pm Holiday Meal 7 pm HS Youth Group 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos 	6	7	8 Wednesday with Friends! 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Activities	9 7 pm Missions Committee Mtg.	10	11 10am-12pm Christmas Program Rehearsal
12 12:30 pm "Of a Certain Age" lunch 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos 	13	14 6:30 pm Land Use 7 pm Stewards Mtg. 7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg.	15 Wednesday with Friends! 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Activities	16	17	18 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Hospital 10am-12pm Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal Evening: Combined Youth Group Advent Service @ Tilikum
19 6 pm Christmas Program & Des- sert 	20	21	22 No Wednesday with Friends	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 6 pm	25 
26 7 pm Iglesia de los Amigos	27	28	29 No Wednesday with Friends	30	31	

DECEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

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

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Darleen Ortega was recently promoted to presiding judge over her panel!
- Randy & Edith Woodley purchased a new home! See the flyer in the foyer for information about their housewarming party Dec. 19.
- Arthur & Fern Roberts celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in November!
- Darryl Brown & Laura Dunn got married November 27, 2010! They celebrated with their families, and will hold receptions here and in Georgia in the coming months.

Thanks
for Your
Kindness



The Howells wish to express their deep thanks for the meals you shared during Jess's recent illness. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

OFFICE HOURS

We hired Cherice Bock as the new Administrative Assistant. She will be having a baby soon, so Erinn Hampton (of Newberg Friends) will cover the office for a few weeks in December. Regular office hours will be:

**CHURCH
OFFICE
HOURS**



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



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS

2	Jenny Fisher
4	Jane Smith
6	Elsie McConaughey
7	Amy Lutz
8	Maggee Hodgdon
9	Zac Tweet
12	Valerie Lapham, Grace Weaver
13	Sarah Anderson, Colby Spell
14	Gennie Harris, Janelle Olivarez
15	Jesse Lowe
17	Jacqui Fisher, Fern Roberts
19	Kim Felton
20	Ruth Headley
22	Abby Headley, Kate Pender
23	Rowan Lowery
24	Micah Harkema
25	Shirley Kyte
27	Steve McKennon
28	Jim Allison
30	Linda LeClair, Ruth Weaver

ANNIVERSARIES

17	Shawn & Katrina McConaughey
18	Barry & Bev Tharp
19	Michael & Linda LeClair
21	Bob & Lois Haggerty
23	George & Ruth Piper
27	Jim & Jacqui Fisher
30	Ben & Angela Kantz
	Mike & Adina McConaughey
31	Michael & Heidi Pender



Celebrating an
Anniversary

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

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Staff:

- Lynn Clouser Holt Education/Spiritual Formation
- Leslie Hodgdon Murray Youth
- Stan Thornburg Pastoral Ministry
- Kim Boyd Children's Ministry Facilitator
- Cherice Bock Interim Administrative Assistant

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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NVFC: www.northvalleyfriends.org

NWYM: www.nwfriends.org

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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

CHURCH OFFICE

Summer Hours:

Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Thursday CLOSED
Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Phone: 503-538-5340
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