



# INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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## PREPARING FOR EASTER—TRANSFORMING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS...THEN AND NOW

by Paul Anderson

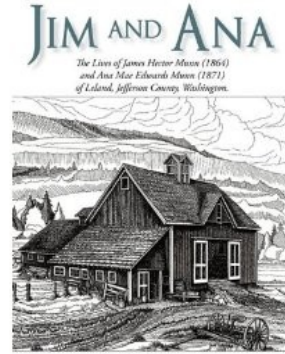
Quakers have long held that Easter is not simply a memory to be celebrated once a year; it is a reality to be experienced every moment of every day. The Living Christ directs and guides us; empowers and sustains us. That is the reality we are invited to encounter daily, and yet a special focus on important aspects of our relationship with the Living Christ can also help us get there—and remain there.

In the weeks leading up to Easter, we as a community at North Valley are seeking to do precisely that. The sermons on Sunday mornings have been featuring “Wondrous Encounters” with Christ based upon the Gospel of John (Thomas, the man at the Pool of Bethesda, the Samaritan woman, Nicodemus, Mary of Bethany, Peter, Mary Magdalene), and they invite us also into transformative encounters with the Risen Lord. Not only are we invited to reflect on how people’s lives were changed by Jesus back then; we are also invited to allow our lives to be touched in the here and now. So, come ready to be drawn into the “never-ending story” of the Bible, as we too are invited into wondrous encounters with Christ today.

As an aid to Sunday services, we have designed several experiences that might help us as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship. All are invited to join in at any time.

First, a [daily devotional Bible reading schedule](#) is offered as a means of helping us develop a regular pattern of Bible reading. If you already practice such a discipline, feel free to shift for a few weeks, as these readings will support the Sunday morning series. If you are not currently reading the Bible on a regular basis, here’s an invitation to give it a try for a focused period of time. Jesus fasted forty days in the wilderness, and folks sometimes give up things for Lent—how about giving up 15 minutes a day to read the Bible prayerfully and meaningfully? Who knows? We might yet discover that the same Spirit who inspired the Scriptures also speaks to us as we read them. But, don’t take my

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## REVIEW OF HECTOR MUNN’S BOOK

by Scott Conant

Last weekend I had the pleasure of reading a very interesting book recently written by our own Hector Munn. This book is titled [Jim and Ana](#) (available online) and is a biography of Hector’s grandparents who were born in 1864 and 1871 respectively. This enjoyable story was written primarily as a family record for Munn descendants, but I think it merits a wider audience. While it may be of great significance to family members who are interested in their own ancestral history, it is also able to capture the interest of anyone who enjoys a good biography. This is not just a list of names and birthplaces; this is a story that includes humor, romance, tragedy, and even mystery. *continued on pg. 2*

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### JOHN: ENCOUNTERS THEN HELP US ENCOUNTER CHRIST TODAY

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word for it; try it for yourselves and see what happens as you launch out into a personal adventure of transformative Bible reading. And, feel free to share with others if you do indeed find God's word to you making a difference in your life. The manna from heaven must be gathered on a daily basis; otherwise it is less than nourishing.

Second, Brian Bews and I are hosting a Sunday morning movie viewing (yes, you guessed it—of the movie *The Gospel of John*) during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 in the Fellowship Hall), and all are welcome to join us—children, youth, and adults alike! We will be viewing about 30 minutes of this three-hour film every Sunday through April 17, looking for new insights that might come from this excellent dramatization of the word-for-word text of the Fourth Gospel. Sometimes hearing and “seeing” a text helps us gain new understandings, and it's fun to share our questions and insights with each other in a community of learning. So, come join us on Sunday mornings at the 9:30 hour and explore with others how Jesus on the silver screen might enlighten our understandings of the Jesus of the biblical text—whom we hope to encounter spiritually in worship.

A third opportunity to prepare our hearts for responding to the Risen Lord is a series of four Wednesday night sessions (6:45-8:15, in the sanctuary), on Dialogues with Jesus from the Gospel of John. Led also by Brian Bews and myself, these sessions will explore four crises in the historical Johannine situation between 70 and 100 AD. While readers today ask ourselves how the text might speak to us, how did original audiences think and feel about John's presentations of Jesus engaging people around him? Did they feel addressed in general ways or in pointed ways? As Nate Macy described so well for us in his sermon on “Thomas the realist,” how would people whose ideals were threatened by real-life hardships have been addressed by Jesus saying “blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe”? Further, if the Roman Emperor Domitian (81-96 AD) required even his officials to refer to him as “*Dominus et Deus*” (Lord and God), how would they have understood Thomas's exclamation of Jesus: “my Lord and my God!”? So, these are the sorts of issues we'll explore on Wednesday nights. In addition to giving a bit of an introduction to the Gospel of John we'll consider some of the issues that John's audiences in Ephesus (modern day Turkey) were facing in the final third of the first Christian century.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for a vigorous celebration of Easter this year, let's remember that every day is a celebration of the Power and Presence of the Resurrected Lord. Even so, reading the Bible prayerfully and considering some new ways we might understand the meaning of the biblical text—then and now—might prepare us for an even more important reality. We might yet experience *wondrous encounters* with the Living Christ here at North Valley and within the other communities in which we live. If that happens, this might be one of the most important Easter seasons for us yet! After all, if Christ indeed is alive, it is he that we encounter through the text, the film and the message. Happy Easter...in more ways than one!

### HECTOR: INSPIRED SCOTT TO LEARN ABOUT OWN HISTORY

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As someone from the east coast who knows very little about the settling of the northwest, I also learned a great deal about this slice of American history. Hector presents the reader with a brief history and account of land claims, gold rushes, railroad expansion, the Civil War, medical practices, education, timber industry, farming, the introduction of telephones, etc.

While Hector's great love and respect for his grandparents is obvious, he does not hesitate to give a very honest account of their lives—both their successes and their struggles. He does this with both their personal lives and their business ventures. This straightforward approach lets the non-Munn family reader connect with the lives of Jim and Ana so that you end up truly caring about what happens to them throughout the story. Since Hector includes quite a bit of detail about Jim and Ana's youth, we also learn a great deal about the previous generation. Both generations took considerable risks to improve their families' conditions and those risks resulted in both rewards and failures. I found myself amazed at their resilience as they continually overcame hardships with courage and grit. They took significant business and personal risks at ages when many of us are looking forward to quiet and settled lives.

This book reminded me that sometimes I take my own life just a little too seriously and a little too cautiously. Looking back on the completed lives of another generation, it reminds me that many things are trivial and temporary, but at the same time many other seemingly minor events actually hold lasting significance. This book also planted a yearning in me to travel back to Maine to spend time with my own grandparents in order to learn more about their lives. I expect that there is a little more to their story than is generally shared at family gatherings.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



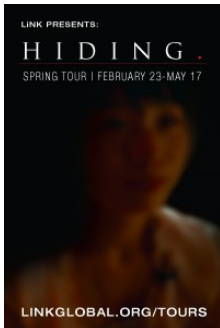
## 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

APRIL 3

3PM FOUNDERS DAY PROGRAM, BAUMAN AUDITORIUM, GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

5PM RECEPTION & DINNER AT FRIENDSVIEW

You are cordially invited to join us to celebrate 50 years of God's blessings and to honor the vision and faithfulness of Friendsview's Founders. A highlight of this event will be a new DVD featuring historical photos, original documents and interviews that tell the story of Friendsview's founding and 50 years of history. A new, full-color history book will be available for purchase as well. Tours are available all day Saturday, April 2.



## HIDING: A DOCUMENTARY

George Fox University will host a screening of this documentary film about the North Korean Crisis April 5, 7:30pm in Hoover 105. The organization [LiNK](#) uses such screenings to advocate for the estimated 300,000 North Korean refugees hiding in China.

70-90 percent of the women are forced into the sex trade, and all the refugees, if caught, are repatriated to North Korea where they are imprisoned in work camps. For more information, watch the [trailer](#).

## FRIEND IN RESIDENCE: MULTNOMAH MONTHLY MEETING, PORTLAND

Friends in Portland are hosting Noah Merrill through April 10. He will be leading a number of events, including a retreat on April 2 entitled: "For I have called you Friends': Quakerism



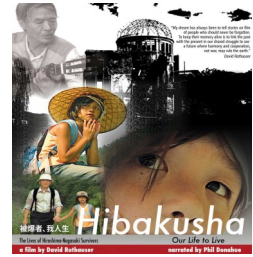
for a New Day." He has a concern for the spiritual basis of social action and has worked in the past with Iraqi refugees. You can find more information about Noah, about Multnomah Meeting, and about his visit on their [website](#).

## WOOLMAN PEACEMAKING FORUM, GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

April 10, 7:30-9pm, Hoover 105: [The Global Poverty Project](#) activates citizens to become a part of the movement to end poverty.

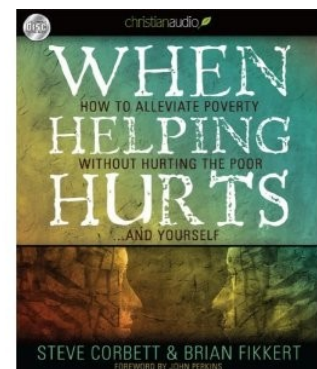
April 11, 6:30pm, Lemmons 8: Showing of the documentary *Hibakusha* about the life stories of survivors of the 1945 nuclear attack on Nagasaki & Hiroshima.

April 14, 7:15-9pm, Quaker Heritage Room in the Library: Peace & Justice Symposium, featuring our very own Colin Saxton, and Laura Goble, Director, Moreau Center for Service & Leadership, University of Portland.



## DAVID THOMAS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES MAY 4-25 NEWBERG FRIENDS CHURCH, 8PM

You are invited to attend four evening sessions on transformational development, facilitated by David Thomas during the month of May on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 in the Barclay room at Newberg Friends Church. This will be an interactive time of learning with skits, discussions, questions and stories focused on helping you think through the issues related to poverty alleviation and the holistic Gospel. This study will be full of insights from David and Debby's work in impoverished communities in Rwanda, Africa through the Discipling for Development program. If you would like to have more background before coming to the workshop, David encourages you to read the book *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor and Yourself* (Steve Corbett & Bruce Fikkert, Moody Press, 2009). (Reading the book is not a requirement.)



# EASTER DAY, APRIL 24



**Easter Breakfast**

Join us Easter morning for breakfast at 9:30, cooked by the men in our congregation. You can sign up in the foyer to help cook and/or bring ingredients.

We will also enjoy an intergenerational event where we will package hygiene kits for homeless people. The kits cost \$5 to make, so consider either bringing money to contribute or look for the sign-up sheet to bring supplies.



## 2011 Evangelical Friends Mission Easter Offering featuring Bangladesh

Many people  
Many needs  
One great Savior

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the good news about the wonderful grace of God.  
(Acts 20:24, New Living Translation)

Albert & Metali Adhikary (Steve, Edwin)  
Friends Missionaries serving with EFM in Bangladesh

Many people  
Many needs  
One great Savior

Dear Friends,

Our Savior's heart of compassion touches every country of the world. We're featuring **Bangladesh** this year, although your Easter offering will also help in Bhutan, India, the Philippines, and other EFM mission fields. Your money goes for evangelism; training lay pastors; conferences for men, women, and youth; scholarships; and more.

We proclaim a gospel that leads people to Christ, gathers them into new house churches, and teaches whole-life discipleship. Your gifts lead to God's transforming work in heart, mind, body and soul! Each project helps people support their families in one of the world's poorest countries, Bangladesh. Not a handout, all of them require work to the glory of God!

From Jesus' heart of compassion your Easter offering includes three projects.

**Micro business loans** - will help 40 church members start small businesses.

**Tea stalls** - will provide 10 families a place for people to buy and drink tea. (Could this be Bangladesh's answer to Starbucks!?)

**Clothes resale** - will enable 10 families to purchase inexpensively in the city and sell at retail in the villages.

Do you want to be a part of what God is doing in Bangladesh and other countries? Give with a joyful heart, and with a prayer!

Blessings from our Lord and Savior,  
Chuck Mylander

# Wondrous Encounters

## Lenten Series

### SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- **Sermon series**  
“Wondrous Encounters” with Christ, with messages from Lynn Holt, Paul Bock, Cherice Bock & Paul Anderson
- **Education hour** (9:30-10:30am): viewing and discussion of the film

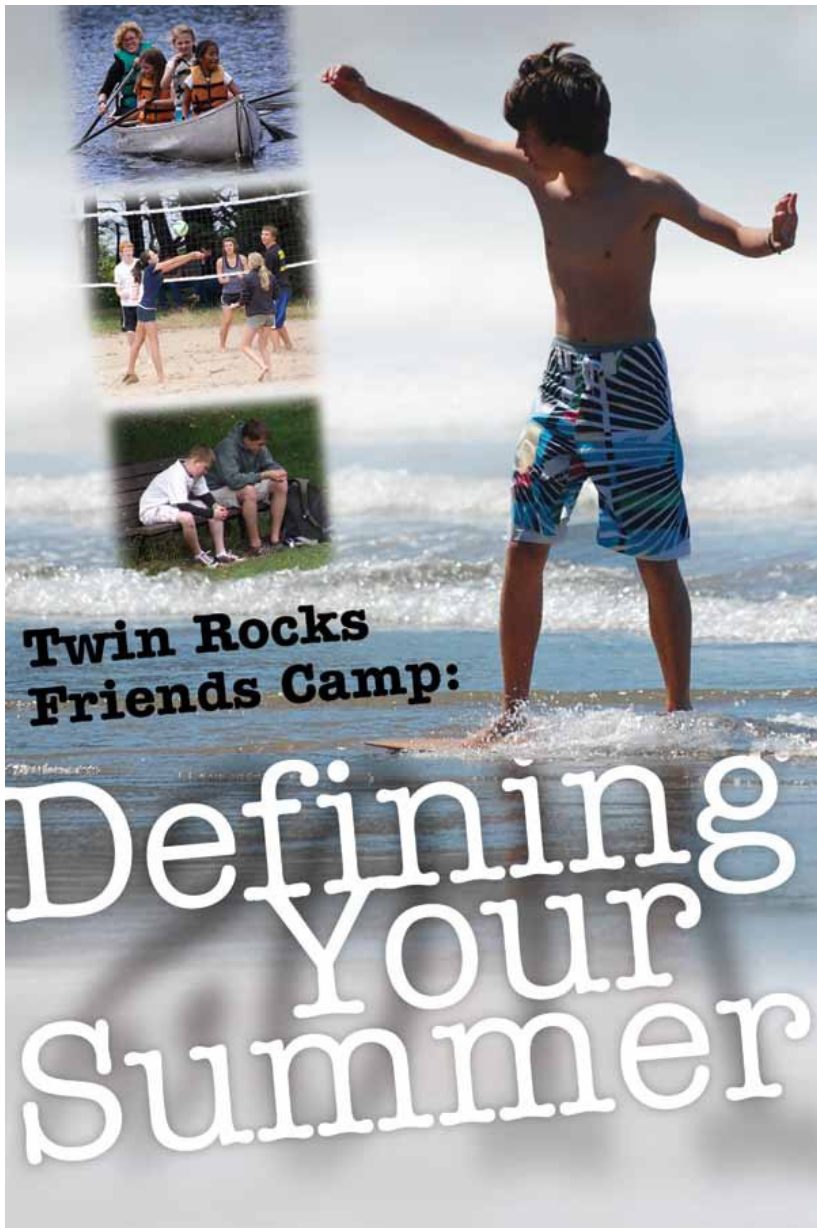


### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:

- **Dinner** together at 5:45 pm April 6, 13 & 20.
- **Holy Week service** Apr. 20.
- “**Dialogues with Christ**” series on the Gospel of John, led by Paul Anderson & Brian Bews April 6 & 13.

*The Gospel of John*, led by Paul Anderson & Brian Bews. These sessions will engage a half hour of Jesus on the silver screen each week, building also upon the daily devotional reading (“Forty Days with the Gospel of John”) for any who are reading the Gospel of John devotionally. Come join us for an engaging preparation for Easter—open to all members of the community!

## SUMMER CAMPS & ANNUAL SESSIONS



### **GIRLS CAMP**

July 3-8

### **TWEEN CAMP**

July 10-16

### **BOYS CAMP**

July 17-22

### **YEARLY MEETING & YOUTH YEARLY MEETING**

July 25-29

### **TILIKUM DAY CAMP**

July 24-28

### **SURFSIDE**

August 7-13



# APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 12pm Chili Cook-off  7 pm HS Youth Group	4	5 7pm Missions Committee	6 <b>Wed. w/ Friends</b> Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group HS Movie Group <b>Dialogues with Christ</b>	7 6pm Youth Group to Night Strike	8	9 1pm MS Ice Skating Trip
10 7 pm HS Youth Group	11	12 6:30pm Land Use Committee	13 <b>Wed. w/ Friends</b> Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group HS Movie Group <b>Dialogues with Christ</b>	14	15	16 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Hospital  6:30 pm Folk Dance, NVFC Sanctuary
17	18	19	20 <b>Wed. w/ Friends</b> Dinner: 5:45 pm Activities: 6:30 pm Kids Alive MS Youth Group HS Movie Group <b>Holy Week Service</b>	21	22	23
24 9:30 am Easter Breakfast & Inter-generational Event  10:30 am Easter Service  7 pm HS Youth Group	25	26	27 6:30 pm MS Youth Group  6:45 pm HS Movie Group	28	29	30

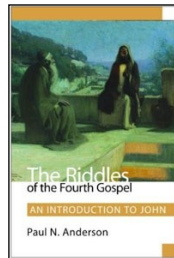
# APRIL WORSHIP CALENDAR

<u>April</u>	3	10	17	24
<b>Greeters</b>	Earl Tycksen	Janine Saxton	Rob Felton	Verna Munn
	Annie Tycksen			Vonnie Burton
<b>Ushers</b>	Don Parrish	Daryl Burton	Bill Rourke	Bill Rourke
	Michael Pender	Ron Fieldhouse	Jared Jones	Stuart Griffith
	Anna Baker	Mike McBride	Alan Kanne	Jim Allison
	Jessica Trout	Eric Funk	Jeremy Baker	Allan Parry
<b>Music</b>	Bryan Boyd	TBA	Janine Saxton	Joel Bock
	Jared Jones		Michael LeClair	
	Colby Spell		Linda LeClair	
			Mike McBride	
			Steve McKennon	
			Aletha McKennon	
<b>Sound</b>	Rawlen Smith	Austin Huelsbeck	Mike McConaughey	Steve McKennon
<b>Power Point</b>	Nathan Murray	Jennie Harkema	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout
<b>Media</b>	Bryan Boyd	Darleen Ortega	Aletha McKennon	Joel Bock
<b>Preach/Facilitate</b>	Cherice Bock	Paul Anderson	Paul Bock	Lynn Holt
<b>Monthly Focus</b>	Peace Prayer		Missions Moment	
<b>10:45 Nursery</b>	Janelle Olivarez	Leah Rupp	Adina McConaughey	Jeanne Boyd
under 3	Heidi Pender	Bryan Rupp	Leanne Baker	Liz Majdecki
	Becky Headley	Laura Dunn	Brenna Baker	
<b>Preschool</b>	Tabatha Weaver	Angela Kantz	Lydia Cathers	Beth Woolsey
3s & 4s	Brent Weaver	Jered McConaughey	Jonah Harkema	Greg Woolsey
	Betsy LeClair	Olivia Pugsley	Erinn Baker	Abby Woolsey
	Adria McKennon	Amanda McConaughey	Jenna Allison	Elsie McConaughey
<b>Children's</b>	Kim Boyd	Kim Boyd	Kim Boyd	Austin Huelsbeck
<b>Worship</b>	Mindy Allison	Katrina McConaughey	Amy Lutz	Emily-Grace Cropper
Kindergarten-5th	Priscilla Lowery			
	Kristi Longstroth			
	Jody Jones			
	Noël Carey			
				Easter

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE



- Darleen Ortega received the Judge Mercedes Deiz Award from the Oregon Women Lawyers Foundation for her work to promote minorities in the legal profession. See the write-up in the [Newberg Graphic](#) and by [George Fox University](#).



- Paul Anderson's new book *The Riddles of the Fourth Gospel* is available [online](#), or talk to Paul.



- Lynn Holt is convening the Wesleyan Women's Holiness Clergy Conference in St. Louis, Missouri March 31-April 2.

### FOLK DANCE APRIL 16, 6:30-8:30 PM

We will be having another folk dance like we had at the retreat! Everyone is welcome—bring your kids and your friends! Kids are welcome to join the dancing, and childcare will be provided.



#### 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



Celebrating  
an Anniversary



#### MAY MEMBERSHIP CLASS: WHY FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS

Have you recently started attending North Valley and plan to make it your church home? Have you been part of Friends for a while but never gone through official membership? Are you simply interested in learning more about Friends history and practice? Sign up for this class, offered Sunday mornings in May, 9:30-10:30 am.

To sign up, contact Lynn:  
[lynn@northvalleyfriends.org](mailto:lynn@northvalleyfriends.org)  
503.504.1511

# NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

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## NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

### Staff:

- Lynn Clouser Holt Pastor
- Leslie Murray Youth Pastor
- Kim Boyd Children's Ministry Facilitator
- Cherice Bock Administrative Assistant
- Paul Bock Worship Coordinator

## 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 9:00 - 11:00 am
  - Friday 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 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:

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