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FOLLOWING JESUS

BY BETH WOOLSEY

Two weeks ago, Paul Bock asked me to share with our church community an experience where God led me in a way that astonished and most likely scared me. A situation where I wasn't sure I wanted to follow.

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My friend, Nate, tells a story about feeling down, out, and generally unloved. As he sat alone at Dairy Queen, someone asked him, "How are your fries?" Nate looked around, saw no one, and kept eating. But he heard the question again and again. "How are your fries, Nate? How are your fries?" Well, it didn't take him long to realize that the voice wasn't out loud. It came from within Nate, but it was also Other. And, since Nate doesn't talk to himself in the second person, he quickly realized he was standing on Holy Dairy Queen ground – that, in fact, the God of the universe who wants to reconcile us through Jesus Christ, cared about him in such intimate and personal detail as to ask, "How are your fries?" It was an experience that was certainly mystical and weird, and also intimate and beautiful. And it's a story I believe, because that's a God I recognize.

I believe in a God who is intimately involved in the minutia of my life. But it's easier to tell you Nate's story than to tell you my own, because revealing God's intimate workings means being vulnerable. Vulnerability means exposure. And the risk of exposure is something we're trained to avoid.

It'll come as no surprise to those of you who know me that I'm a story teller. I'm like the old man who rocks on the porch of the General Store in town and snags the ear of every passer-by he can catch. "Here's a story for ya. Just wait 'til you hear *this*." Now, being a story teller is not something I chose. It's something that is core to who I am. A story teller is who God created me to be. But doing it through writing was a little trickier.

I told a story several years ago at the All Church Retreat in a group sharing time. When I was done, Bill Jolliff approached me. He said, in short, that I tell a good story, and asked me if I had ever considered writing. He implied that I might tell stories and use the written word for others' benefit and not just my own. And I blew him off. Because, while OF COURSE I'd considered writing, I was immediately intimidated, scared, afraid, and (how many synonyms for fear can I use here?) frankly, terrified. "No, no," I replied, a little laugh in my voice to convey the sheer folly of it all, "I couldn't possibly." I laughed as though it wasn't the biggest deal to me in the world -- as though Bill hadn't just pierced the core of my person, caught sight of my secret dream, plucked it from my soul, and held it up to the Light for everyone to see. Because, what if I say out loud that I want to be a writer? That I want – not just to tell stories – but to tell them *on purpose*? That I want to use my words to create laughter, to build community, to further a mission? What if I say out loud that I think Jesus wants me to tell stories? The problem with Bill's words was this: He took what Jesus was already telling me, and he delivered it from the secret place into the world. (continued ►)

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In the end, Bill's words were a precious, extraordinary gift because they were illuminating, and, eventually, they lit a way forward. To tell the truth, it took me several years and myriad openings until I was willing to put my foot on the path, but I decided, about a year ago, to step on it in earnest. To risk being stupid. To risk being a dreamer. To risk doing what I think Jesus wants me to do. To tell stories. Out loud and on purpose. And since I started in earnest, this whole story-telling thing has blown way out of proportion. In fact, it's out of hand in the best possible way. People are listening. And, even better, they're telling their own stories. We're creating community the way that Jesus did – one story at a time. I think following Jesus is like that -- out of hand, and bigger than I can imagine.

Telling stories is still scary. It's scary every day. "Perhaps this is the day I'll reveal too much," I think. "Perhaps this is the day when my vulnerability will be misunderstood." The scary is there, sometimes in spades. But it's the exhilarating, roller coaster kind of scary. The adventure kind of scary. The risk of living into the person Christ created me to be kind of scary. I'm still on the path, and, to be honest, I don't know where God is going to lead. I don't know the next steps. But I'm actively looking for them. And I'm willing to take them. And I'll tell you what. Being vulnerable in front of you, my church family, about my core? That sure feels like a step on the path. So thanks for this opportunity to tell you what following an intimately involved God looks like to me.

GOOD TIMES MAKING CIDER!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is time once again to prepare for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**. Organized by Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love. We will be packing our shoeboxes during an Intergenerational gathering during the Sunday School hour on **NOVEMBER 20**. Please find the sign-up sheets in the foyer to provide the items needed for the shoeboxes and bring them to the church foyer by Wednesday Nov. 16. Also needed are shoeboxes with detachable lids. Donations will be accepted during the event; each box costs \$7 to ship. On Nov. 20 we will gather to wrap and package the boxes and enjoy some breakfast rolls together. Also during that time we will be packaging breakfast bags to be used at the Love, INC. Shelter. All are welcome to join in the fun.



NEWCOMER GATHERING | NOV. 13

We will be having a "get acquainted" lunch for visitors and newcomers in our fellowship hall following worship Sunday, November 13th.

The main goal of the gathering is fellowship and relationship building. We thought it would be fun to gather together, enjoy a meal and chat a bit about the journey that has brought us each to North Valley.

Please come anticipating good interaction and hopefully, the making of some new friends!

MEETING FOR BUSINESS | NOVEMBER 9



Please plan to attend the Meeting for Business on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm. Bring your family for the community meal at 5:30. (Please RSVP for the meal in the blue book or on the sign up sheet in the foyer.)

The agenda will include presentations for the 2012 budget.

CHURCH RETREAT | FEBRUARY 3-5

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming all church retreat, held at North Valley, the weekend of February 3-5, 2012. If you are interested in helping plan and organize the retreat, please contact Paul Bock (pauljbock@gmail.com or 503.476.6453).



We will not meet for Wednesday with Friends dinner and activities on November 23rd due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENT

ANTICIPATING THE PROMISE

The season of Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation as we enter into the expectancy, the joy and the wonder of the coming of the promised One. The promised One – Emmanuel – God –with-us, took on flesh and lived among us so we could behold the Divine in action. As we continue our conversation about discipleship, if we want to get the full impact of the story of Jesus and the Way of Jesus, there is no substitute for including the events and people who anticipated, prefigured and prepared the way of Jesus. So, during Advent we will turn our attention to the Hebrew Scriptures and God’s communication to all generations.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE NOVEMBER 27

To start off Advent we will look at Creation as being the first book written, before the Hebrew scriptures. Our 4th and 5th grade class will assemble bird houses that we as a congregation will place around the walking path during worship. So please join us with your tennis shoes on for this joyful day of anticipating God's promises!

NVFC HOLIDAY MEAL

DECEMBER 4
FOLLOWING THE
SERVICE



LIVING CHRISTMAS CARDS II | DECEMBER 18

Our Christmas celebration this year is entitled *Living Christmas Cards II*. Last years celebration was so successful that we wanted to try it again. On December 18 at 6:00 pm, we will meet together to share our performances with one another. *Living Christmas Cards II* is an opportunity for anyone to show gifts of original video clips, readings, poetry, skits and short dramas, and of course, musical selections both instrumental and/or vocal for solos, small groups and ensembles, etc.

Plans are already in the works for some parts of the program to be scenes performed by North Valley Children, but we’d also like Middle School, High School, College, and adult selections as well. Variety is welcomed.

Consider this a Christmas card that comes to life and the messages for the season are what we want to share. We would enthusiastically love families to do something together. Solos and ensembles are equally wanted. As we mentioned, **VARIOUS TYPES OF CHRISTMAS GREETINGS ARE WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR.**

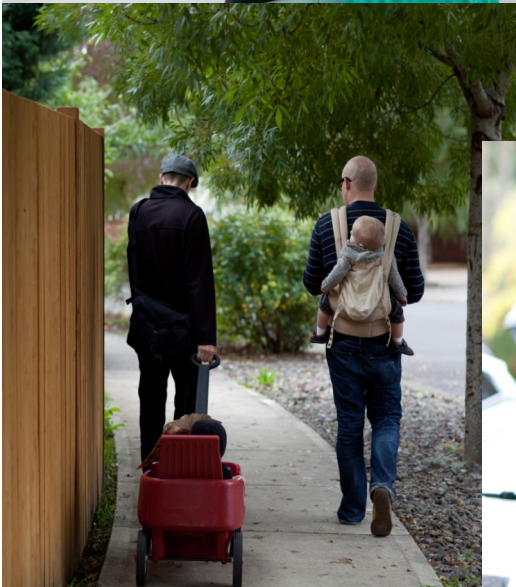
Children will have CDs at the start of November to learn music and scripts for the scenes and will need to practice at home. In December, we will have **3 rehearsals** to put together the scenes and get ready for performances. So those days (**December 3, 10, and 17 from 10 am-noon**) are important.

Other performers are on their own to ready their ‘greeting/offering’ or to find rehearsal time, but could get assistance if needed.

This is not like a talent show and needs more organizing. If you have ANYTHING that could be shared and you have an interest (no matter how small) with sharing something with the rest of us that evening, please contact the church office or Aletha McKennon (mckennona@gmail.com or 503-554-8511).

Be a part of the fun evening. Consider joining those wishing a special Christmas greeting this year in *Living Christmas Cards II*.

FEED THE NEED FOOD COLLECTION FUN!



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS



SABBATH BY THE SEA PERSONAL RETREATS

Could you benefit from several days spent at an ocean-view retreat center with the express purpose of taking time and space to simply interact with God? Sabbath by the Sea personal retreats (put on by Twin Rocks Friends Camp) offers you such an experience. Half-week and full-week retreats are available January 2-29, 2012. Brochures are available in the foyer.

OF A CERTAIN AGE LUNCH

Those of us who have attained A CERTAIN AGE will be gathering for our regular monthly lunch get-together on November 13. Location to be announced. Please RSVP to Bill Rourke - 503.538.5567 or by e mail - mybillrourke@hotmail.com by November 11. See you there!

We'll skip our usual meeting in December and start up again on the 2nd Sunday in January.

We'll let you decide if you are "OF A CERTAIN AGE", but it's likely that single or married adults whose children are grown (or close) will enjoy this event.



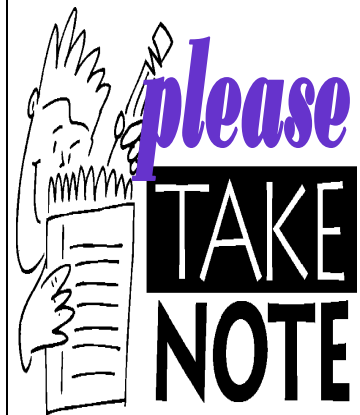
2011 NWYM THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Each year, the people of Northwest Yearly Meeting partner together in ministry through the generous support of the Thanksgiving Offering. This annual gift is dedicated to encouraging ministries both at home and abroad.

This year, the Thanksgiving Offering will help support the Great Lakes Leadership Training program in central Africa and the NWYM Youthworkers' Training Conference. For more information about the Great Lakes Leadership Training program click [here](#) or [here](#).

Please consider a generous gift to this year's Thanksgiving Offering when it is received at you local church! You may also mail a check to NWYM at the address listed below. You will be making an important investment in lives of Friends leaders both here and abroad.

NWYM 200 N Meridian Street, Newberg, OR 97132



You can access the weekly bulletin announcements and the monthly Worship Calendar on our website at northvalleyfriends.org. If you miss worship or need to check some information, it's available to you on the member's tab of our website.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

6th Annual
Sing-Along
MESSIAH

December 4, 2011
4:00 pm

First United Methodist Church
1205 Deborah Road, Newberg

Enjoy a performance of Handel's Messiah
Come listen or sing-along.

Join us this year for a magical event where the
community gets the chance to join together to
create an amazing production.

FREE Admission

Donations benefit Faith in Action

*Limited number of books to borrow
and some available to purchase*
Reception following event

For more information, call 503-537-1549

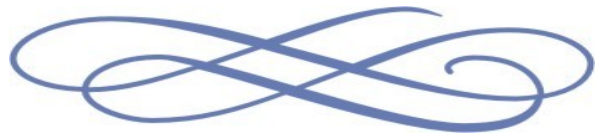
www.faithinactionnewberg.org

Helping people who face challenges related to health or aging

George Fox University
Auxiliary

bazaar

November 4-5, 2010
Friday 10 am-5:30 pm
Saturday 10 am-4 pm



Ron Gregory Atrium,
Edwards –Holman Science Center
Newberg campus

Featuring 20 artisans selling handcrafted jewelry,
holiday décor, folk art, linens, soaps, candles,
ornaments, scarves, clay art, plants, food and
many other unique items.

Free admission

Free, easy-access parking in the Hoover parking lot

Questions?

Janet Lyda 503-538-3032

Danya Ochsner 503-537-8369

ATTRELL'S "TREE OF REMEMBRANCE"

The staff of Attrell's Funeral Chapels invites you to take part in their annual "Tree of Remembrance" observance. The purpose of this program is to help establish a holiday tradition that will recognize and pay tribute to special family members or friends. Anyone who has experienced the death of someone close to them, whether recently or years ago, here or elsewhere, is invited to bring a special ornament in memory of their loved one and place it on the Tree located at the Chapel. A dedication of the "Tree of Remembrance" honoring those whose names are on the ornaments will be held during the "Time of Remembrance" program on Sunday, December 4, 2011, 2:00 p.m., in our Newberg Chapel, and 4:00 p.m. in our Sherwood Chapel. Guest speaker, Dr. Jacqueline Head, Psychologist at Smockville Counseling Center, will offer insights for the holiday season designed to help those who have experienced the death of a loved one. A time of fellowship will conclude the program.





November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm Missions Committee Mtg.	2 Wednesday with Friends Dinner (5:30pm) and Activities (6:30pm)	3	4	5  Don't Forget to change the time!
6	7	8 6:30 pm Land Use Committee Mtg.	9 Wednesday with Friends Dinner (5:30pm) Meeting for Business (6:30pm)	10	11	12
13 12:30pm Of a Certain Age lunch 12:30pm New-comer Gathering 5:30pm Adoptive Families Gathering	14	15 7pm Stewards Meeting	16 Wednesday with Friends Dinner (5:30pm) and Activities (6:30pm)	17	18	19 8am Men's Breakfast
20 Operation Shoebox Activity	21	22	23 No Wednesday with Friends meal or activities (Thanksgiving Break)	24  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25	26
27 Advent Begins Intergenerational Worship 	28	29	30 Wednesday with Friends Dinner (5:30pm) and Activities (6:30pm)			

NOVEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

November 2011	6	13	20	27
Greeters	Janine Saxton	Earl Tyckson	Vonnie Burton	Verna Munn
Ushers	Bill Rourke	Don Parrish	Daryl Burton	Stuart Griffith
	Jared Jones	Jeremy Baker	Lukas McKennon	
	Jim Allison	Darryl Brown	Ron Fieldhouse	Alan Parry
	John Frost	Jessica Trout	Jon Holt	Eric Funk
	George Piper	Michael Pender	Anna Baker	Brian Bews
Music	Paul Bock	Jared Jones	Janine Saxton	Joel Bock
	Wes Cropper	Brian Bews	Michael LeClair	Nathaniel Ankeny
	Jon Holt	Colby Spell	Linda LeClair	Melissa Thomas
	Michael LeClair		Steve McKennon	
	Linda LeClair		Aletha McKennon	
Sound	Rawlen Smith	Mike McConaughey	Austin Huelsbeck	Steve McKennon
Power Point	Nathan Murray	Jennie Harkema	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout
Media	Paul Bock	Jared Jones	Aletha McKennon	Joel Bock
Preach/Facilitate	Nancy Thomas	Shawn McConaughey	Lynn Holt	Leslie Murray
Monthly Focus			Shoebox Activity	
10:45 Nursery	Heidi Pender	Adina McConaughey	Janelle Oliveraz	Liz Madjecki
3 and under	Michael Pender	Leanne Baker	Joseph Oliveraz	Anna Baker
Jr. Helper	Betsy LeClair	Becky Headley	Elsie McConaughey	Brenna Baker
CHILDREN'S CHURCH				
4s-K Teacher	Mindy Allison	Jered McConaughey	Angela Kantz	Beth Woolsey
4s-K Helper	Jim Allison	Miriam Bock	Jonah Harkema	Greg Woolsey
4s-K Jr. Helper	Kasey Allison	Brenna Bews	Maggee Hodgdon	Abby Woolsey
1st-3rd Teacher	Kristy Longstroth	Jody Jones	Priscilla Lowery	Intergenerational Worship
1st-3rd Helper	Bryanna Henry	Amanda McConaughey	Erinn Baker	
1st-3rd Jr. Helper				
4th-5th Teacher	Scott Conant	Webb Thomas	Eric Bock	Intergenerational Worship
	Bryna Parry	Ramona Ford	Rob Felton	
			Shoebox Activity	

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

*Lukas McKennon and
Vicky Burgess are engaged to be
married. Congratulations!*



Did you know that **Amanda McConaughey** has the lead role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in the upcoming Chehalem Valley Dance Academy production of “The Nutcracker”? **Jenna Allison, Kasey Allison, Erinn Baker, Brenna Baker** and **Abby Woolsey** will also be dancing in the production.

You can see all these NVFC youth perform, December 17 or 18, in the auditorium at Newberg High School.



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Emerson Harris
Karen Pugsley
- 9 Dawn Lowe
- 11 Mikell Benham
Eric Bock
Ron Fieldhouse
Mary Weaver
- 12 Ethan Harris
Kathleen Gathercoal
- 17 Bryan Rupp
- 19 Asher Connelly
- 21 Priscilla Lowery
Bev Tharp
- 22 Landon Townsend
Ian Woolsey
- 25 Carrie Bews
- 27 Colin Saxton
- 30 Keith Baker

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Arthur & Fern Roberts
- 11 Ron & Meredith
Fieldhouse
- 26 Nathan & Leslie Murray
- 29 Joel & Kristen Sandoz

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

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NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

Staff:

- Lynn Holt Lead Pastor
- Leslie Murray Pastor, Children & Youth
- Paul Bock Pastor, Worship & Community Life
- Erim Hampton Administrative Assistant
- Cherie Bock Media & Website Administrator
- Noel Carey Children's Education Assistant
- Lauren Dodge Youth Ministry Intern

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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Wednesday 9:00 am-1:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am-1:30 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