



# INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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## **ANTICIPATING THE PROMISE**

**BY KRISTEN SANDOZ**

Recall a promise that has been given to you.

Did those words of commitment turn out positive or negative for you? Were they fulfilled? Were you disappointed? Were they delayed a little longer than you hoped? Were they fulfilled in a much different way than expected? Chances are you experienced a bit of it all. Some promises turned into all you could have hoped while others became bitter disappointments.

In this year's Advent season, God has called me to ponder the actual concept of promise. I am not hoping for an answer to all my fears or questions. Instead, I am anticipating his promise as I practice waiting. Our culture waits for nothing, only teaching impatience, spoiling us. This season gives an opportunity to undo all of those spiritually unproductive practices. This is the time to wait actively and let our anticipation brew to it's fullest and richest finish. Not a time for answers or even for the fulfillment of hope, this season is the time for process and pondering God's promises that are sprinkled all throughout the Old and New Testaments. I will ponder my promise from him to "wait and see." I will ponder promises I've given to others and the anticipation of those promises being fulfilled. In this time my anticipation is naturally mounting. I'm actively waiting. That is my Advent

This Christmas season I'm nearly nine months pregnant with a third baby boy, and at times I feel incredibly blessed to relate so tangibly to God's promise of the Christ-child. I feel Mary's burden. Mary waited as she arrived at the stable ready to deliver a baby. The Jews and Gentiles waited for a deliverer, a king. And I wait with all of my questions and fears.

What about you? What fears do you have? What past promises still haunt you? What promises have you made? What promise does God have for you today? What do you need in order to believe God? How can you actively wait as you anticipate the promised Christ-child this Christmas?

Anticipating the Promise with you,  
Kristen Sandoz

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## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### MIDWINTER

## High School Camp

January  
13 – 16, 2012

**What is Midwinter?** It's a camp for Northwest Yearly Meeting youth and their friends in the middle of winter...and... it's awesome! It's a chance for students to gather and learn about things close to God's heart: Freedom to Love, Freedom from Sin, Freedom to Serve. We are called to be free! Galatians 5:13 — "You my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge in the sinful nature, rather, serve one another in love."

**Theme:** We Are Free

**Location:** [Metolius Friends Church](#) in Central Oregon

**Cost:** \$65 (Free MidWinter T-shirt if registered by January 2, 2011)

Rusty St. Cyr, Director of Spiritual Formation at [George Fox University](#), will be this year's speaker. Rusty is someone who cares deeply for his community, desiring God's justice to be realized for all people.



### HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11 | 7-8:30pm

Come celebrate the season at the Youth House.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 14 | 6:30-8pm

Meet at North Valley for a ride to the Youth House.

## THE GIVING TREE & GIFTS FOR OUR PASTORS

North Valley's annual Giving Tree will be up in the entryway November 27 - December 18. Please consider creating a new tradition with your family this year as you choose one (or many) gift tags from the Giving Tree. Tags will represent projects in many different countries around the world supported by Evangelical Friends Mission as well as small donations of gifts towards J. Rourke's teaching ministry in China.

Examples include:

- \$35--purchase of a goat for a needy family in Bangladesh
- \$16--complete a section of a wall for a guest house in Rwanda
- \$250--purchase a laptop computer for an African pastor
- \$5--purchase a blanket for an elderly person in Rough Rock, Arizona and Bhutan
- \$5--give a life-transforming Discipleship 4 Development lesson to an individual in Rwanda
- \$100--purchase on ECOSAN toilet system for a community in Nepal
- \$67--purchase a bicycle for a community health worker in Bhutan or Nepal
- \$2000--purchase a motorcycle for a community health worker in Bhutan or Nepal
- \$150--provide training for an evangelist in India
- \$4--provide supplies for one day of Womens Ministry at a church in Mexico
- \$10--purchase a book for a Bible school student in the Philippines
- \$4.50--purchase a flashlight or umbrella for church leaders in Bangladesh
- \$12--support for one week of J. Rourke's teaching ministry in China



This is an excellent way to bring a different meaning to this season of giving in honor of the Christ child. Is there anyone in your life that doesn't need another "thing" but would love to be honored with a gift given through the Giving Tree in their name?



### PASTORAL THANK YOU NOTES & GIFTS

The Elders will be collecting thank you notes and gifts through December 18<sup>th</sup> for the pastoral staff. This is a great opportunity to give Lynn, Paul and Leslie a note of appreciation for all they have given to North Valley and send them a nice gift just before Christmas.

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT NORTH VALLEY

## DECEMBER SCHEDULE CHANGES:

- No children's Sunday school Dec. 25 & Jan. 1.
- No Wednesday with Friends Dec. 21, 28 or Jan. 4.
- No high school youth group Dec. 18, 25 & Jan. 2.



## LADIES' CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

December 8 | 6pm

Ruth Piper's home  
605 Holly Dr, Newberg

A soup and bread dinner will be provided as well as an assortment of holiday desserts. Please join the fun and bring a wrapped Christmas ornament with you!



## HOLIDAY MEAL

December 4 | following worship

Sign up in the foyer to contribute to the meal. We hope you'll join us for this fun and scrumptious annual event!



## LIVING CHRISTMAS CARDS

December 18 | 6pm

*Dessert following*

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

## CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP

December 25 | 10:45am

This will be an intergenerational worship service and a bit shorter than our usual Sunday morning worship: 10:45-11:45am. Nursery care is available.

There will be no Sunday School or unprogrammed Worship.

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24 | 6pm

No childcare provided.



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS



### GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT “TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY”

December 9-10, 7:30pm

December 11, 2:30pm

Bauman Auditorium

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

Available at [www.music.georgefox.edu](http://www.music.georgefox.edu) or 503-554-3844



### LOVE, INC. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

December 10 | 10am –3pm

Newberg Friends Church

307 South College Street

Bless Love, INC. Clients by purchasing their handmade crafts and food items.

Questions? Call 503-537-3999

### *City of Newberg Tree Lighting*

Newberg Public Library

December 1 | 5-8pm

Join us outside the library for displays from downtown businesses and food vendors, and inside for holiday music from several local groups!



### SING-ALONG MESSIAH

December 4 | 4pm

First United Methodist Church

1205 Deborah Road, Newberg

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

**FREE Admission**

*Your generous donations benefit Faith in Action*

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

[www.faithinactionnewberg.org](http://www.faithinactionnewberg.org)

*Helping people who face challenges related to health or aging*

### QUAKER ARTISAN FAIRE

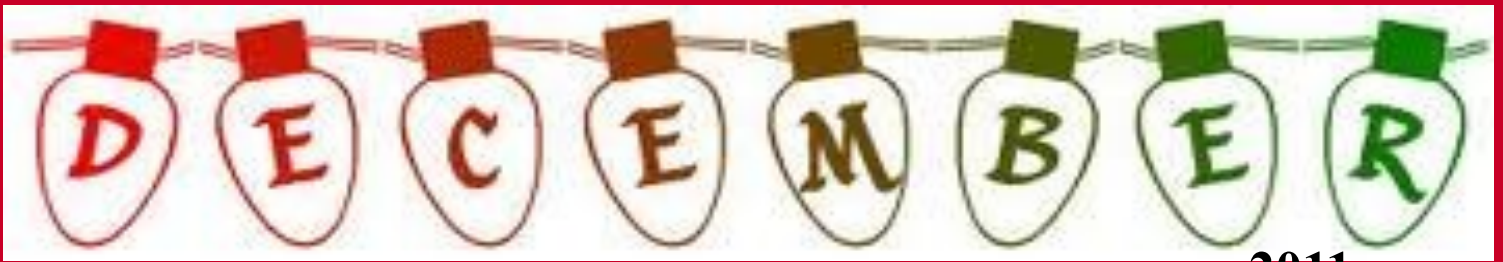
West Hills Friends Meeting presents our annual Quaker Artisan Faire on December 10, 2011 from 10 AM—4 PM and December 11, 2011 from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Shop for holiday gifts and goodies. We have handmade jewelry, soap, fabric art, holiday ornaments, breads, cookies, candies and many other handcraft items. Proceeds go to support a medical team clinic in Haiti. West Hills is located at 7425 SW 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave., in Portland, OR between Vermont Street and Multnomah Blvd.

Call 503-246-7654 for directions.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX EVENT



Special thanks to all who contributed and to those who came and participated in this fun service event. A total of 32 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and 60 breakfast bags for Love, INC were put together! Donations are still being accepted to help cover the \$7 overseas shipping cost per shoebox.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 10am Christmas Program Rehearsal
4 <b>Holiday Meal following Worship</b> 	5	6 7pm Missions Committee Mtg. 7pm Stewards Mtg.	7 <b>Wednesday with Friends!</b> 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Activities	8 6pm Ladies' Christmas Ornament Exchange @ Ruth Piper's Home	9	10 10am Christmas Program Rehearsal
11 7-8:30pm High School Christmas Party—Youth House 	12	13 6:30pm Land Use Committee Mtg.	14 <b>Wednesday with Friends!</b> 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Activities 6:30 Middle School Christmas Party – Youth House	15	16	17 8am Men's Breakfast—Hospital 10am Christmas Program Rehearsal
18 6pm Christmas Program & Holiday Dessert 	19	20	21 <b>No Wednesday with Friends</b>	22	23	24 6pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25 No Sunday School No Unprogrammed Worship 10:45am Christmas Morning Worship	26	27	28 <b>No Wednesday with Friends</b>	29	30	31

## DECEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

December	4	11	18	25
<b>Greeters</b>	Verna Munn	Annie & Earl Tycksen	Vonnie Burton	Janine Saxton
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Rourke	Stuart Griffith	Daryl Burton	Don Parrish
	Jim Allison	Jeremy Baker	Lukas McKennon	Alan Parry
	Jared Jones	Darryl Brown	Ron Fieldhouse	Erik Funk
	John Frost	Jessica Trout	Jon Holt	Brian Bews
	George Piper		Michael Pender	Anna Baker
<b>Music</b>	Paul Bock	Jared Jones	Janine Saxton	Sandi Thornton
	Wes Cropper	Colby Spell	Aletha McKennon	Lukas McKennon
	Joel Bock	Brian Bews	Steve McKennon	Emily-Grace Cropper
	Michael LeClair	Anne Marie Bracco	Michael LeClair	Peter McKennon
	Linda LeClair		Linda LeClair	Adria McKennon
	Jon Holt			Steve McKennon
<b>Sound</b>	Rawlen Smith	Steve McKennon	Mike McConaughey	Austin Huelsbeck
<b>Power Point</b>	Nathan Murray	Jennie Harkema	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout
<b>Media</b>	Paul Bock	Jared Jones	Aletha McKennon	Sandi Thornton
<b>Preach/Facilitate</b>	Cherice Bock	Lynn Holt	Lynn Holt	Paul Bock
<b>Monthly Focus</b>				
<b>10:45 Nursery</b>	Heidi Pender	Adina McConaughey	Janelle Oliveraz	Leanne Baker
through age 3	Michael Pender	Anna Baker	Joseph Oliveraz	Erinn Baker
	Betsy LeClair	Becky Headley	Adria McKennon	Brenna Baker
<b>*** CHILDREN'S CHURCH ***</b>				
<b>4s-K</b>	Jered McConaughey	Beth Woolsey	Angela Kantz	XX
	Miriam Bock	Greg Woolsey	Jonah Harkema	XX
	Amanda McConaughey	Abby Woolsey	Elsie McConaughey	XX
				XX
<b>1st-3rd</b>	Kristi Longstroth	Jody Jones	Priscilla Lowery	XX
	Bryanna Henry	Katrina McConaughey	Amy Lutz	XX
				XX
<b>4th-5th</b>	Scott Conant	Webb Thomas	Eric Bock	XX
	Bryna Parry	Ramona Ford	Rob Felton	XX

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS SUNDAYS

On December 4 we will begin reading and discussing FINDING OUR WAY HOME by Mark McMinn. We meet each Sunday at the **Coffee Cottage meeting room from 9:00-10:30 am**. This is a great time of stimulating conversation and fellowship and you are welcome to join us. If you have questions or want to let us know you are participating contact Debbie at 503 547- 7993 or [d.headley@comcast.net](mailto:d.headley@comcast.net). Books, both new and used, can be purchased from Amazon or bought new from Barclay Press.

### TRAINING FOR PARENTS: CREATING WHOLE AND HEALTHY FAMILIES JANUARY 7 | 8AM-2PM

Doreen Dodgen Maggee will facilitate a training focused on creating whole and healthy families. Topics such as communication, discipline and cooperation will be covered. Using a working knowledge of multiple intelligences (the many different ways in which God has created us to be smart in the world) will be shared in an effort to help parents and teachers discover and build up each child's unique giftedness. Research and resources will be presented in manners that will illuminate healthy ways to enhance the executive function of children (and their parents). Executive function is a unique set of skills including emotional regulation, bodily attunement, empathy, and self control.

### FORKS NEEDED

Do you enjoy thrift shops and garage sales? If so, we have a unique opportunity for you to serve the church. We are in need of forks for the church kitchen and would love to have your help adding to the collection. Feel free to drop off any "finds" at the church office. Thank you!

### BIRTHDAYS

2	Jenny Fisher
	Ezra Ankeny
6	Elsie McConaughy
	Kylan Bock
7	Amy Lutz
8	Maggee Hodgdon
13	Colby Spell
14	Gennie Harris
	Janelle Oliveretz
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
	Kim Steffen
28	Jim Allison
30	Linda LeClair

### ANNIVERSARIES

17	Shawn & Katrina McConaughy
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 McConaughy
31	Michael & Heidi Pender

## THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT IS COMING!!

Mark your calendars for February 3-5, 2012

**Theme:** "Disciples At Play"

**Location:** North Valley Friends Church

**Cost:** \$10 per person, \$50 family max

### Highlights include:

- Quality time with friends and new friends
- Listening with our ears and listening with our hearts
- Games and snacks
- Saturday afternoon excursions and fun
- Saturday night folk dance



# NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

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Newberg, OR 97132

## NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

### Staff:

- Lynn Holt  
Lead Pastor
- Leslie Murray  
Pastor, Children & Youth
- Paul Bock  
Pastor, Worship & Community Life
- Erinn Hampton  
Administrative Assistant
- Cherice Bock  
Media & Website Administrator
- Noël 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.*

## 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)*

## CHURCH OFFICE

### Office Hours:

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

**Phone:** 503-538-5340

**E-Mail:** [office@northvalleyfriends.org](mailto: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