



# INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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## **FEELING WARMLY WELCOMED**

**BY KATIE MOSS**

Being new to the North Valley Community, I asked Lynn if she might help me to connect with others, and she suggested that I write a little about myself for the newsletter. My name is Katie Moss, and I recently moved to Newberg from Portland after marrying my husband, Jim, who has lived in Newberg for most of his life. We came to North Valley first to see Lynn for pre-marital counseling at the recommendation of a chain of others who helped us to seek out a pastor/counselor with blended family experience. Lynn was a great help to us last summer as we were preparing to merge our families and battling last minute stress.

This Fall and Winter have been a busy and transitional time for me--I started a new job as a campus minister in Monmouth, started my first marriage at the age of 38, and learned to parent boys for the first time, all while grieving the loss of my life-long urban identity. Finding a church was my top goal for my first year here, and it was a little rough for me, wondering if Jim and I would settle on one together or attend two separately--he used to go to a larger church that didn't suit me very well. I was glad that he and I and the boys all felt at home at North Valley, because for me, one of the perks of living in Newberg is the strong Quaker tradition here. I told Quaker mentors years ago that I was a Friend, even though I didn't have a Friends Meeting, and they affirmed it to be true. One of those mentors was Colin Saxton--and how sad I was to find him moving away from this community just as I was arriving!



**THE NEWLY BLENDED MOSS FAMILY AT THE  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2011 WEDDING OF KATIE & JIM.**

My adopted daughter, Tajanae, had way more Newberg connections than I did, having gone to Twin Rocks and/or Tili-kum for all five of the summers that she has been with me. She settled on Second Street Church when we visited there before even moving to Newberg, being a very independent and self-assured 13 year old.

It's been strange to move to a small town and start working in an even smaller town that's an hour in the direction opposite of the city. Half of the people that I meet in Newberg seem to work or play in...

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## MOSS FAMILY INTRODUCTION CONTINUED

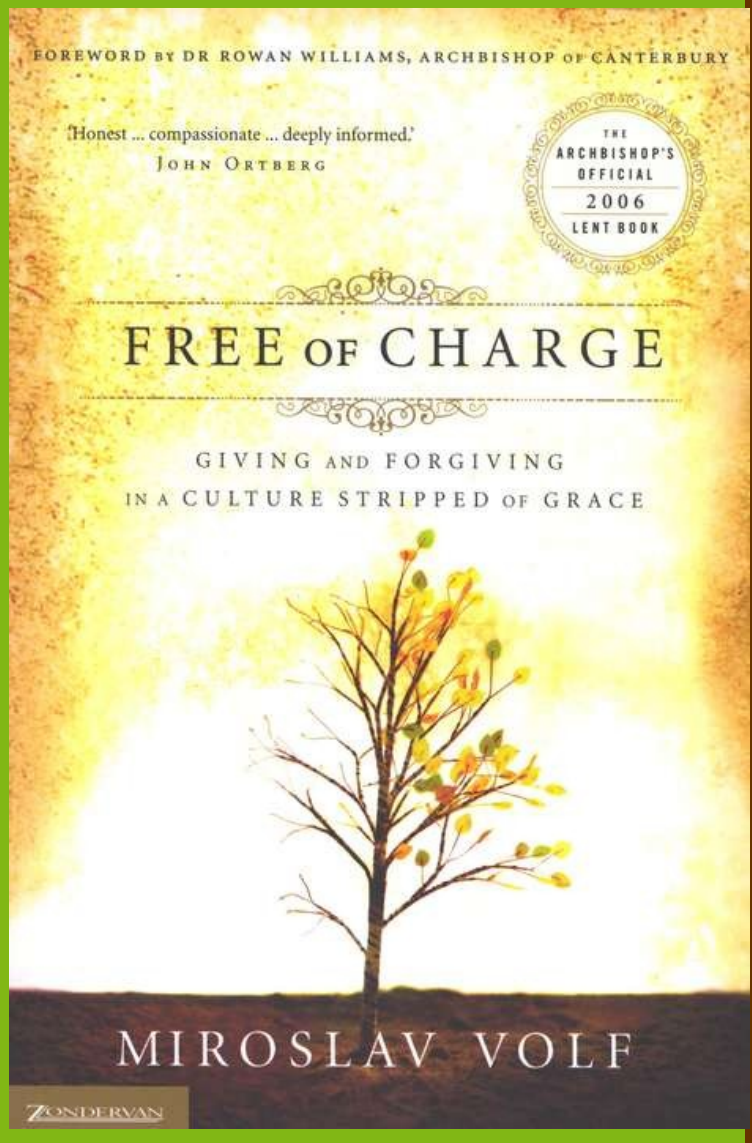
Portland, but I am usually headed in the other direction! My work has been good, though. I've been given a lot of freedom to grow a unique, socially conscious ministry on campus that is a real dream for me, aside from all the travel time.

Since I have most of the summer off, I'm thinking of working on a way to get involved with some kind of Food Justice project for farm workers, or at the Newberg Farmers Market, and maybe host a reading or discussion group of some sort. I'm still a part of the women's prayer group that I started in Portland eight years ago, but I only make it to about half of the meetings. My hope and prayer is that I will find ways to connect deeply with other women in my new town. I'd love to hear the stories of how you all came to find a sense of community here. Please let me know if you would like to tell yours!

Our shared custody of the boys involves being committed to living in Newberg, so I'm pretty sure we'll be here for the next eight years! I'm glad to have such a warm, diverse and globally-minded church to call home, and I look forward to sharing many aspects of life with you all in the coming years.

## NEW Sunday Morning **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

A group will be starting up on **April 15** to discuss the book Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace by Miroslav Volf. Miroslav Volf was a speaker at the recent Justice Conference in Portland. This book discusses how to build "a bridge from self-centeredness to generosity." If you have questions or want to order a book (\$10.39) contact Debbie Headley at 503 547- 7993 or [d.headley@comcast.net](mailto:d.headley@comcast.net). We will meet in the conference room at **Coffee Cottage at 9am**. Please feel free to bring a friend.



## SHORT TERM MISSIONS



### SAM SAXTON | YCEW: HAITI 2012

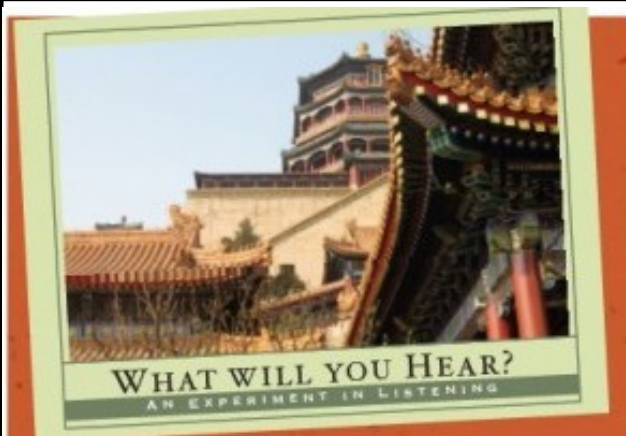
Sam Saxton is headed to Haiti this summer with YCEW (Youth Challenged to Expand their Worldview). The group of high school youth will be gone June 24 - July 27 and will be participating in the following activities before returning to the U.S. to participate in the NWYM sessions in Newberg:

- Orientation, culture training and team building before they leave for Haiti.
- Working alongside a group of Haitians in the southern part of Haiti to build a secondary boarding school.
- Attending Haitian Friends Yearly Meeting sessions and interacting with Haitian youth in a mutual exchange of seminars and activities.

Sam has requested prayer and our support for his trip to Haiti in the following areas:

- Provision of the funds he needs to travel - \$3500
- That he would prepare mentally, emotionally and spiritually for the trip in a way that allows God to work through him however He wishes. That Sam would have peace and clarity around the idea of traveling all that way for what feels like selfish reasons to him. He wants to feel like he was able to give of himself and make a difference in the lives of the Haitians he meets. Please pray that God would use him to encourage the Haitians he comes to know and that he would gain a greater sense of God's leading in his own life as well.

You can contribute to Sam's trip through North Valley, with a note in the memo line of your check regarding YCEW. You can also contribute using the **Easter Offering cups** or by attending a special **Haitian Dinner Benefit lunch on April 22 after worship** (which also happens to be Sam's 18th birthday!).



### LAUREN DODGE | LEARNING JOURNEY CHINA 2012

Lauren Dodge, our youth intern this year, is going on a May "Learning Journey" to China that is jointly sponsored by GFU and the Yearly Meeting. The group will be traveling to Shanghai, Wuhan, Xiaogan, and Beijing. Most of the time will be spent in Xiaogan, as that is where the majority of long-term English teachers from the Yearly Meeting are stationed. She says, "We will be working alongside them, supporting them and encouraging them in their work and ministry (which means I will get to see J Rourke!).

We will have the opportunity to

build relationship with university students, and even participate in a home stay to further our immersion into the culture."

Lauren would greatly appreciate prayers from our North Valley family. This is her first trip overseas and she is praying for openness to learning and being attentive to God's spirit working in her life. And if you feel so led, she would also appreciate your financial support. The trip cost is \$3500 and even small contributions will help. You may include a contribution with your offering or tithes to North Valley. Thank you, Friends!!



## EASTER WEEK



### HOLY WEEK: AN INVITATION TO WALK WITH CHRIST • APRIL 1 - 7

To stay awake to Christ's passion during Holy Week is a challenging invitation. It is one thing to learn how to be like Christ during the triumphs of the Palm Sunday experience when everything is as we hoped it would be. It is easy to follow Christ then—to enjoy the pomp and circumstance, the goodwill and limelight. It is quite another to learn how to be like Christ in the midst of betrayal, violence, pain, struggle, and death. As Barbara Brown Taylor commented, "I want to stop about a day short of following Jesus all the way!"

Every year at this time, we have opportunity to "go all the way" in reliving the events of Jesus' last days here on earth. Like the first disciples we can choose, as best we can, to deepen our friendship with Christ by communing with him and learning from him as we walk each step of the way. At the beginning of this week we might ask, "How will I be intentional about staying awake with Christ through all the events of this week? "

As we are intentional about seeking ways to walk with Christ through the events of this week we are responding to his deep and consistent desire to be with those he loved – *particularly during times of his agony*. It is the gift of *being present* during the hardest and most unnerving part of his journey; we do it because he asks those he loves to remain near him and to stay with him, awake and alert. We do it because Christ is present with us during our times of struggle and agony.

As we enter into Jesus' final week on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> we will be using the passages from Mark 14:27-15 which depict the last days and hours of Jesus' earthly life.

On **Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**, you are invited to worship with the North Valley community in a Holy Week service in the sanctuary. The theme for the service is "Stopping to Reflect on Our Deaths and Sorrows." The service will involve contemplative music, moments of silence and the opportunity to create a soul collage around the theme of the evening. The collages will play a role in our Easter morning celebration. Childcare will be provided.

Our worship on Easter Sunday will be an interactive & intergenerational service with children 1st-5th grade invited to stay in our service to celebrate how Jesus' death and resurrection brings life to our deaths and sorrows and the power to live in God's kingdom. A variety of worship centers will provide points for response and participation.

#### EASTER OFFERING: SAM SAXTON'S YCEW TRIP

Easter Offering cups are available in the foyer. Please take one with you and fill it with your coins and dollar bills. All of the funds gathered will go toward Sam Saxton's YCEW trip to Haiti this summer. (See page 3 for more information on Sam's trip.) We will gather all of the cups Easter Sunday.

#### EASTER BREAKFAST & INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY

NVFC men will again cook breakfast for the congregation on Easter morning. Breakfast will be served 9:15-10:15am. Sign up in the foyer to help cook, set up, clean up and/or bring ingredients. At 10:00am Leslie will be leading family activities in the gym.

## NVFC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETING FOR BUSINESS | APRIL 11 LAST WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS

Please join us for a meeting for worship for business on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30pm and dinner beforehand at 5:30pm. This will be the last week of the school year for Wednesday with Friends and Kids Alive.



### COMMUNITY FOLK DANCE APRIL 14 | 6PM

Come enjoy some fun and fellowship at the Community Folk Dance, Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. All dances will be taught, with the easier dances taught first so that children can participate. Childcare will be available from 6:00-7:00 for toddlers only; 7:00-8:00 for all children. Come for any or all of it, and invite your friends and neighbors! Call the Jolliffs at 503-537-9475, or the Bocks at 503-554-0714 for more information.

### FAMILY FUN DANCE AND POTLUCK | YCEW FUNDRAISER

For 9 years the Magee family has hosted an inter-generational mix of folks for a family friendly potluck, drum circle and dancing good time which they have called Dance Free. This year Sam Saxton, Will Cammack, and Kaija Magee will host as a fundraiser for their upcoming YCEW trip to Haiti. Join us in the gym for thumping tunes, a designated swing dance segment (details to come), a drum circle, and group dances like the hokey pokey, chicken dance, and the hustle. Fellowship Hall fun will include face painting and a potluck. The feel is "old fashioned wedding reception meets sock hop...no slow dancing...pure family fun!!!"

**When: Saturday, April 21, 6:30-10pm**

**Where: North Valley Friends Church**

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person and families are encouraged to come together. Questions can be addressed to Sam, Will, or Kaija by emailing them at:

[sam\\_saxton@yahoo.com](mailto:sam_saxton@yahoo.com) [kaijapapaya@mac.com](mailto:kaijapapaya@mac.com)

[willcammack77@gmail.com](mailto:willcammack77@gmail.com)



## SPOTLIGHT: STEWARDS & FINANCE COMMITTEE



The stewards have a mission: keep the ground and buildings running so they can be used to minister to the community. There are currently only two members of the stewards committee: Andy Baker and Nathan Murray, but they work with many people who help maintain the building and grounds.

Last year, they continued repairs around the basement to fix the damage done by the flood of 2010, and helped plan and organize Serve Day volunteers to do weeding, maintenance on the play area, and other general maintenance. More recently, they have organized two work days (January, March) for the people of North Valley to help with various projects around the church

building. Many people helped with projects around the meetinghouse: cleaning and moving refrigerators, washing windows, pressure washing the driveway, gardening and other repairs.

Ongoing projects for the stewards include lighting and thermostat upgrades for energy efficiency, and they are considering other long-term improvement projects as well. They are always looking for people who have technical skills that can be called on as needed.

The finance committee is a subcommittee of stewards. Andy Baker, Brendon Connelly, Mindy Allison and Bill Rourke lend their expertise to creating, updating and managing the yearly budget, along with Keith Baker, the church Treasurer. The finance committee is new and is looking for and considering other ministries they can do beyond the budget to help the people of North Valley.



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEWBERG FISH | HELP NEEDED

“Newberg FISH Emergency Service has been a busy place these last few months. Drop by and see us any time. If you know anyone who is looking for a fun place to spend a few hours a week please send them our way. Both the office and warehouse are currently in need of help.”

Newberg FISH Emergency Service:  
[newbergfish@frontier.com](mailto:newbergfish@frontier.com) ; 503-538-4444



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

### LOVE, INC. PARTNER MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Bring your Nap's Thriftway receipts to meeting! Naps will donate 1% of the sales for each of their receipts to Love INC. Must be the original receipt. Please deposit receipts in the box marked "Nap's Receipts" on the table nearest the restrooms.

### 10th Annual Tilikum Fun Run

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Go the distance to get kids to camp! Those who participate from North Valley Friends Church will help earn scholarships discounts for NV campers this summer. More information and registration forms are available in the foyer.

Registration due by April 12, 2012.



# APRIL

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7pm Stewards Meeting	3 7pm Missions Committee Mtg.	4 Wednesday w/ Friends Dinner 5:30pm Holy Week Service 6:30pm	5	6	7
8  9:15am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Easter Intergenerational Worship	9	10 6:30pm Land Use Committee Mtg.	11 Wednesday w/ Friends Dinner 5:30pm Meeting for Business 6:30pm	12	13	14 Elder's Retreat 6pm Community Folk Dance
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 8am Men's Breakfast @Providence Newberg Hospital 6:30pm YCEW fundraiser dance & potluck
22 12:30pm Haitian Dinner Benefit lunch for Sam Saxton (YCEW)	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

# APRIL WORSHIP CALENDAR

April	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Greeters</b>	Verna Munn	Vonnie Burton	Shawn McConaughey	Annie & Earl Tycksen	Vonnie Burton
<b>Ushers</b>	Daryl Burton	John Frost	Bill Rourke	Don Parrish	John Frost
	Jim Allison	Jeremy Baker	Lukas McKennon	Alan Parry	Daryl Burton
	Jared Jones	Darryl Brown	Ron Fieldhouse	Erik Funk	Jon Holt
	John Frost	Jon Holt		Brian Bews	
	George Piper	Anna Baker		Jessica Trout	
<b>Music</b>	Sandi Thornton	Joel Bock	Jared Jones	Janine Saxton	Paul Bock
	Lukas McKennon	Nathaniel Ankeny	Colby Spell	Michael LeClair	Michael LeClair
	Emily-Grace Cropper	Melissa Thomas	Brian Bews	Linda LeClair	Linda LeClair
	Peter McKennon			Steve McKennon	Wes Cropper
	Adria McKennon			Aletha McKennon	Joel Bock
	Steve McKennon				Jon Holt
<b>Sound</b>	Mike McConaughey	Steve McKennon	Rawlin Smith	Mike McConaughey	Steve McKennon
<b>Power Point</b>	Jennie Harkema	Nathan Murray	Jessica Trout	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout
<b>Media</b>	Sandi Thornton	Joel Bock	Jared Jones	Aletha McKennon	Paul Bock
<b>Preach/Facilitate</b>	Lynn Holt	Lynn Holt			
<b>Monthly Focus</b>	Equipo	Easter	Missions		
<b>10:45 Nursery</b>	Anna Baker	Heidi Pender	Adina McConaughey	Janelle Oliveraz	Kimberly Felton
3 and under	Liz Majdecki	Michael Pender	Leanne Baker	Joseph Oliveraz	Laurie Conant
<b>Jr. Helper</b>	Brenna Baker	Betsy LeClair	Becky Headley	Jenna Allison	Brenna Bews
<b>4s-K Teacher</b>	Jered McConaughey	Angela Kantz	Beth Woolsey	Mindy Allison	
<b>4s-K Helper</b>	Miriam Bock	Jonah Harkema	Greg Woolsey	Jim Allison	
<b>4s-K Jr. Helper</b>	Maggee Hodgdon	Elsie McConaughey	Abby Woolsey	Kasey Allison	
<b>1st-3rd Teacher</b>	Jody Jones	XX	Kristi Longstroth	Shawn McConaughey	
<b>1st-3rd Helper</b>		XX		Amanda McConaughey	Amy Lutz
<b>1st-3rd Jr. Helper</b>	Ryan Murray		Adria McKennon		
<b>4th-5th Teacher</b>	Scott Conant	XX	Priscilla Lowery	Eric Bock	Webb Thomas
	Bryna Parry	XX	Rob Felton	Erinn Baker	Ramona Ford

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

### WORLD CONFERENCE OF FRIENDS | ANNA BAKER

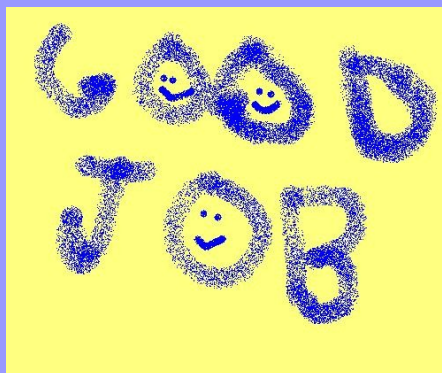
On April 15<sup>th</sup> I will be traveling to Kenya for the Sixth World Conference of Friends. Nine hundred Quakers from around the world will be attending. The theme is "Being Salt and Light." "As every corner of the globe faces economic, political and environmental turmoil, we ask ourselves how our small and diverse community can live its faith so that God's love and purpose for the Earth, the Good News can be made known to the whole world." Anna Baker



JJ ENGELFIELD AND LUKAS MCKENNON WILL BOTH GRADUATE THIS MAY FROM GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY!  
CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO GO TO JESSICA BAKER WHO WILL RECEIVE HER MASTER'S IN EDUCATION AND A READING ENDORSEMENT IN MAY 2012!

*Next time you see Gennie Harris, be sure to congratulate her on her recently-received tenure at Linfield College. Well done, Gennie!*



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 George Piper
- 3 Clair Spell
- Justin Murray
- 7 Jennie Harkema
- 13 Leigh Thomas
- 14 Dwight Burton
- Elaine Cropper
- 15 Myrlene Rourke
- 16 Bonnie Kiser
- Taylor Townsend
- 20 Lily Spell
- 21 JP Lowery
- 22 Sam Saxton
- 23 Gabriel Zarb
- 24 Liz Majdecki
- 25 Heidi Pender
- 30 Larissa McKennon

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Colby Spell & Valerie Whitmore

# 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.*

### 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