

Ed Higgins generously shares his poem "Lent" today, previously published in The Penwood Review with us as we enter this season:

Lent
Terse duration
hobbled
forty days
in this pure
& impure
message
to our flesh
now denied,
as if as angels
or devils
possibly we
could forget
through cunning
ritual gesture.
Like pine
lays down
concentric rings
binding
the center's
core
we revive
in Spring
and mercy's
paradox
reaching again
Lent's
drear season
with awkward
mourning.
Ego's universe
collapsing
into darkness,
& even
light's existence
threatened
under
penitent weight.
Far distant yet
from risen Allelujahs.

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | MARCH 6, 2019



POTLUCK | THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Join us for a potluck following our morning gathering this Sunday, March 10th in the fellowship hall! Please bring a main dish, salad/side dish, or a dessert to share. The fellowship committee will have the warmer on in the kitchen if you'd like us to keep something warm during church.

DIRECTORY UPDATE HELP NEEDED!

We will soon be printing an updated version of our church directory and we need your help. Please go to the online directory (or the printed copies in the foyer) and check to make sure the contact information for your family is correct. You can access the directory with any mobile device (search for the Instant Church Directory app) or go to the North Valley website at northvalleyfriends.org and click on the Members section. (The password is *ilovenorthvalley*. This is only the password for the directory found on our website. Passwords for the app version are unique to you.)

If you have any changes or additions to your information, please fill out one of the update forms that can be found in the foyer or send your updates to Erinn at office@northvalleyfriends.org.

We also need your help to add or update **FAMILY PHOTOS**. Snap a selfie or ask someone to take a photo of you and upload it [HERE](#) or send it to the office. **Thank you!**

WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS

Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner and small group opportunities to deepen our relationships with each other and God. Dinner (enchiladas tonight) starts at 5:00 pm. We'll break into small groups from 6:30-7:30pm. Youth groups: Middle school at 6:30 pm in the youth room and High School begins at 7:30pm in the fellowship hall.

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

We are re-launching the Peace & Justice Committee! In our business meeting last week we approved Colin Saxton as the new clerk and we are excited to pull together a group of people that are interested and energized to considering North Valley's call to peace and justice in Newberg and beyond. If you are intrigued or interested or have questions, please contact Colin Saxton at colinsaxton@gmail.com.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN | MARCH 8

This week, Friday, March 8, join us at the Frankamp home from 7-9:30pm. All middle school and high school youth are invited for food, fellowship & games.

MEAL TRAIN FOR KARI & BRYCE COEFIELD

In cooperation with George Fox University staff and faculty (where Bryce works) we are participating in a meal train for the Coefield family while they adjust to being a family of three! Please use [THIS LINK](#) to sign up to bring them a dinner in March or April!

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Buildings and Grounds Stewards are raising funds for our playground! We are asking for help from the church community - 1) To set aside a day or a few hours during spring break to help with the labor on the play area. Work days will be Wednesday, March 27, 9am-1pm, Friday, March 29, 9am-1pm, and Saturday, March 30 beginning at 9am. 2) Help raise 15K. 5K of this (estimated) total cost will come from the Stewards budget. **\$10,690 toward the \$15,000** estimated total cost has already come in from donations and the Stewards budget line -Thank you! Together we can create an awesome play area for our kids and the Newberg community that utilizes the trail!

SUMMER CAMP 2019: [REGISTRATION OPEN](#)

June 30-July 4, 2019 @ Suttle Lake Camp in Sisters, OR

“The Woods” (for students completing grades 8-12 in the Spring of 2019)

“Fireside” (for students entering grades 6-8 for the Fall of 2019)

Picture yourself in the foothills of the Three Sisters, overlooking Suttle Lake. Your schedule includes a hike in the surrounding forest, team bonding at the “Spider’s Web”, Slip N’ Slide Quidich, and a Lip Sync Battle. Each night, you lay in your bunk with the smell of campfire and Smore’s in the air, settled in a peace that comes from an evening gathered in community, attending to the Presence of Jesus and learning to listen for the Voice of Love. How does that sound?

Both camps (“Fireside” and “The Woods”) will be taking place at Suttle Lake Camp in Sisters, OR during the same week. If you’re interested in volunteering at camp, please give Josh a call [503.537.6894]. [Register here!](#)

EL CAMINO 2019: [REGISTRATION OPEN](#)

A backpacking experience for students entering 4th-6th grade in the Fall of 2019

July 14-17

We're excited to have you join us for the 2nd annual backpacking trip July 14-17. Intended for beginners, this four day, 14 mile trek will provide an experience of backpacking near Mt. Rainier. Each day will give us the opportunity to work together (setting up and taking down camp), walking 4 miles with packs (with elevation gains/losses), eating, praying, singing, and appreciating the beauty of God’s creation. El Camino will also include some programming meant to engage campers and draw their attention to the love of God and the way of Jesus.

**Registration is first come, first serve and is currently only open to students. Because we are limited in the number of backpackers we can bring, and to create as many spaces for students as possible, registration for parents and other adults will be extremely limited this year. Any adult joining us will be asked to share in the leadership. If this interests you, please contact Liz Fodge to inquire.

Additional Questions? Contact: Liz Fodge: maestrafodge@gmail.com // 971-864-9138

[Register here!](#)

PROMISED LAND FILM EVENTS AT GFU | MARCH 12

The GFU Center for Peace & Justice will be hosting the Chinook Tribal Chairman and the producers of the *Promised Land* documentary film at GFU on March 12th. Sessions to talk with them are scheduled

from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.. A screening of the *Promised Land* film will start in Hoover 105 at 6:00 pm followed by a Q&A time with the tribal representatives and film producers. All are welcome- We'd love to have as many as possible attend :) If you have questions, please contact Tricia Hornback at phornback@georgefox.edu

What is Promised Land?

Promised Land is an award-winning social justice documentary that follows two tribes in the Pacific Northwest: the Duwamish and the Chinook, as they fight for the restoration of treaty rights they've long been denied. In following their story, the film examines a larger problem in the way that the government and society still looks at tribal sovereignty.

Promised Land won the award for Achievement in Documentary Filmmaking at the 10th Annual LA Skins Fest, and was an official selection for the 41st Annual American Indian Film Festival, Northwest Film Forum's 19th Annual Local Sightings Film Festival, the 12th Annual Ellensburg Film Festival, and the 5th Annual Social Justice Film Festival, among others. To view a trailer for the film visit: [Promised Land](#)

MCO PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS: KING

Ever wake up one morning and realize that the bullies of your childhood are gone and irrelevant to you? That their bullying tactics only made you stronger and more equipped to do the job for which you were called? If so, then you will relate well to our hero David, who came well prepared to fulfill his job as King of Israel. Come see the show! KING coming up March 1-10. Fri- Sat 7 PM, Sun 3 PM. (March 1-3 dates at the Chehalem Cultural Center) See the poster in the foyer for more details. The McKennon family and Rowan Lowery are involved in this production!

VOLUNTEER ACTORS NEEDED FOR ONE DAY SIMULATION | SEPTEMBER 14

Medical Teams International is looking for volunteer actors for our one day simulation. Medical Teams International is a Christian nonprofit with the mission to dare to love like Jesus by boldly breaking barriers to health and restoring wholeness in a hurting world.

Medical Teams International is in the process of staffing our disaster response roster. Part of the vetting process for each prospective roster member is the successful completion of HEAT+ (hostile environment awareness training). This is a 5 day training which culminates in a simulation exercise. We are **looking for volunteers to serve as actors** in this simulation (villagers, hostiles, distractions, etc.). This portion of the training will take place at Camp Tilikum on Friday, September 14 9:30am-1:00pm. Lunch will be provided. See the attached flyer that highlights the details of this opportunity.

EARLHAM SCHOOL OF RELIGION | PORTLAND CONNECT EVENT

Would you like to learn more about the Earlham School of Religion but you can't make it to our campus? You are invited to gather with other folks like you who have an interest in or curiosity about Earlham School of Religion, at a casual gathering hosted by current ESR student Greg Morgan. The afternoon activities will be led by Director of Supervised Ministry Stephanie Crumley-Effinger and Director of Student and Alumni Engagement Brent Walsh, who is also an ESR alum. This "ESR Connects - with Portland, Oregon!" activity is scheduled for **March 10, 2019, 2:30 - 4:30 PM**, at 7737 SE 32nd Street, Portland, Oregon. **Join us to learn more about how ESR is re-imagining preparation for creative ministry!** The time will include fellowship over refreshments, semi-programmed worship, interactions with alumni and current students, and sharing the great things happening at ESR. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

RSVP by Monday, March 4th: (800) 432-1377 <https://esr.earlham.edu/ESR-Connects-Portland>

SCRIPTURE FOR SUNDAY

John 12:23-26. **23** Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. **25** Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 6 ***Wednesday with Friends & Youth Groups (MS 6:30pm, HS 7:30pm)***
- 8 Friday night fun – Frankamp home
- 9 Prayer group
- 10 Potluck
- 11 Building & Grounds Stewards meeting
Basketball night
- 13 ***Wednesday with Friends & Youth Groups (MS 6:30pm, HS 7:30pm)***
- 15 Friday night fun – Sammy & Ceress Sanders home
- 16 Men’s Breakfast
Prayer group
- 17 Meeting for Worship for Business
- 18 Finance Committee meeting
Basketball night
- 19 Admin. Committee meeting
- 20 ***Wednesday with Friends & Youth Groups (MS 6:30pm, HS 7:30pm)***