

## **NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | JULY 3, 2019**

### **PRAY FOR CAMP THIS WEEK**

Please continue to pray for the campers and staff at Suttle Lake this week. Campers return to North Valley tomorrow, July 4, around 5:30pm. *Campers at The Woods/Fireside:* Sara Boyd, Katie Frankamp, Ellery Russel, Espen Bock, Daniel Beals, Cael Woolsey, Cai Woolsey, Syriah Bjurstrom, Aden Woolsey, Finn Sanders, Kyle Bjurstrom, Mykel Boyd, Asher Frankamp, Jeremiah Lamb, Kodiak Lang, Aidan Lowery, Rowan Lowery, Simon Luedtke, Derric Macy, Sam Mock, Micah Schmidt, Emma Boyd, Asher Connelly & Daniel He *Counselors/staff at The Woods/Fireside:* Bryan Boyd, Elsie McConaughy, Cody McCracken, Jonah Harkema, Sammy Sanders

### **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY | THIS SUNDAY, JULY 7**

We'll meet together early this Sunday, July 7, at 10:15 am, to enjoy extended fellowship time with hot drinks and pastries. Plan to join us! (Fellowship Sunday is always the first Sunday of the month and ReThreads is open during our gathering.)

### **UPCOMING NORTH VALLEY DANCE | JULY 12**

Please plan to join us on July 12 from 6:30-8:30pm in the gym for a folk dance! Bill Jolliff and friends will provide the music and Paul & Miriam Bock will "call" the dances. Please come join in on the fun, no experience necessary! Feel free to bring a snack to share and invite your friends/neighbors.

### **LABYRINTH PRAYER VIGIL | JULY 12**

On July 12, 8:45-9:45 PM, North Valley Friends will host an evening prayer walk/vigil as part of the nation-wide "Lights for Liberty" protest. The event seeks to protest what it calls "the inhumane conditions faced by refugees" in detention camps along the US-Mexican border.

Along with members of the wider Newberg community, we will meet in the Labyrinth immediately after the all-church dance. The event will commence with music and readings in both Spanish and English (we hope!). Then, beginning just before 9 pm, we will begin a *silent prayer walk* around the peace trail using phone flashlights and battery-powered votive candles to shine our collective lights as we raise our prayers.

There will be some chairs that remain on the labyrinth for those who prefer not to walk the path. At 9:30 we will gather again at the labyrinth to pray and close with music and community prayer. If you have questions or would like to help organize this event, please contact Janine Saxton @ 971.832.0804.

"We will gather to shine a light and raise our voices against the horrific human rights abuses committed against migrants in the US human detention camps. We welcome the attendance of all who share our commitment to seeing these people treated with basic dignity and concern for their physical and psychological well-being."

-Marie Schwab Miller, an organizer in Aberdeen, S. Dakota

### **MCCONAUGHEY MINISTRY UPDATE NIGHTS | JULY 14 AND 22**

Please join us! Choose between two dates to come hear about what Shawn and Katrina are learning and what they have been up to these past 15 months serving in Kenya with FUM. There will be snacks :-). July 14th and July 22nd from 7-8:30pm.

### **CEREAL BREAKFAST AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP | JULY 21**

On Sunday, July 21 we will be meeting outside for worship. Please join us at 10:45 am and bring your lawn chairs, blankets, sunscreen and sunglasses! Join us beforehand for a cereal potluck. Come

at 10:00 am with your favorite box of cereal to share! Milk, dairy-free milk alternative and tableware will be provided.

## **PART TIME POSITIONS OPEN AT NEWBERG EMERGING FRIENDS CHURCH**

Newberg Emerging Friends Church is seeking to fill three part-time positions:

[Youth Pastor](#)

[Children's Ministries Coordinator](#)

[College and Young Adult Ministries Coordinator](#)

Please review links for job descriptions and application information. For additional questions, please contact Steve Fawver at sfawver@gmail.com.

## **WEST HILLS FRIENDS SEEKING MINISTER**

Come walk with West Hills Friends into the future. We are seeking an exceptional individual to join our welcoming and uniquely diverse Quaker community as a full-time released minister. If you are interested in learning more about this position, go to <https://westhillsfriends.org/jobposting>.

## **GRACE CONVERSATION?**

Kyle Webster is a doctoral candidate at George Fox University, studying with Mark McMinn. Kyle's dissertation involves interviewing Friends to see how they experience grace from God. To be eligible to participate, you must have identified as a Quaker for at least three years. Thanks to a grant through the John Templeton Foundation, participants will be given a \$50 Amazon Gift Card in exchange for participating. The conversation will last 45-60 minutes. At the beginning of the interview Kyle will place a small monitoring device on your hand to measure pulse and Electrodermal Activity (EDA). It's painless! If you are interested, please contact Kyle Webster at kwebster12@georgefox.edu or Mark McMinn at mmcminn@georgefox.edu.

## **TINY HOME**

The Tiny Home is coming! You are invited to walk through the tiny home which will be in front of the cultural center on the first Friday of July (July 5) or the first Tunes on Tuesday (July 9th) between the hours of 5-9pm. Shortly thereafter we will transport the tiny home to its home here at North Valley. Please pray for the people it will impact and the ways North Valley will be ministering through it.

## **ALL CHURCH RETREAT | OCTOBER 25-27**

Save the weekend of October 25-27, 2019 for the North Valley All Church Retreat to be held at the Best Western in Hood River! We hope you'll mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

We continue to pray for the situation at the border, specifically for concentration camps there. Leslie found this prayer from Max Lucado, author and pastor in San Antonio, Texas and it seemed to say some words that she's feeling:

*The harrowing photo of a drowned immigrant and his nearly two-year-old daughter stirs outrage. These are human beings; a dad and his child, a family. We scarcely have time to process the emotion before we read about sick, hungry, migrant children who are at risk in detention centers. Children? Combing lice out of each other's hair?*

*Oh, my. My, my, my.*

*We want to look away. But let's not. Let's not turn away. Let's not return too quickly to our summer activities. Let's let these reports and images prompt the deepest form of prayer.*

*Let's groan.*

*The groan is the vernacular of pain; the chosen tongue of despair. When there are no words, these are the words. When prayer won't come, these will have to do. Sunnier times hear nicer, more poetic petitions, but stormy times generate mournful sounds of sadness, fear, and dread.*

*These sounds, these unadorned petitions of darkness, find their way into the ears of God the Father. Why? Because they are entrusted into the care of the Holy Spirit.*

*Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God (Rom. 8:26–27).*

*We do not know how to pray as we ought. The Spirit does. And the Spirit will.*

*We lament the desperate conditions of immigrant families.*

*We lament the impossible assignment given to the Border Patrol and officials.*

*We lament the inability to find civil solutions. Let us pray for God-breathed solutions.*

*Lord, please help us.*

*We need to act, help, and rescue. But first, we need prayerful empathy. This is a mess. A humanitarian, heart-breaking mess. As we are wondering what can be done, let's do what we are called to do.*

*Let's pray. Let's lament. Let's groan.*

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **1 Samuel 20**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **JULY**

- 4 The Woods & Fireside campers return
- 6 Prayer group
- 7 Fellowship Sunday  
El Camino meeting  
Ultimate frisbee
- 8 Building & Grounds stewards  
Basketball night
- 12 NV Dance  
Labyrinth Prayer Vigil for Concentration Camps
- 13 Prayer group
- 14 Ultimate frisbee  
McConaughey Ministry Update
- 14-17 El Camino backpacking trip
- 15 Finance Committee meeting  
Basketball night
- 16 Admin Committee meeting
- 20 Men's Breakfast  
Prayer group
- 21 Cereal Breakfast & Outdoor Worship  
Ultimate frisbee
- 22 McConaughey Ministry Update  
Basketball night

- 23 Elders meeting
- 24 Book Discussion “Waking Up White”
- 27 Prayer group