

## [NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | SEPTEMBER 4, 2019](#)

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | TIME TO SIGN UP FOR FALL**

It is time to fill in the fall calendar for Sunday Morning Children's Ministry. Use the online calendar [HERE](#) to sign up. Those of you who have talked with Kim about joining this fall, or if you are interested in sharing worship with the kids, add your name and Kim will follow up with you. Thanks friends ~ We are grateful for each of you and for your commitment to help host the spiritual nurturing of our kids. If you have questions, contact Kim at [kim@northvalleyfriends.org](mailto:kim@northvalleyfriends.org).

### **FUNDRAISER FOR ERINN BAKER'S MOVE TO ZAMBIA | SEPTEMBER 8**

*"I am Erinn Baker. I have a bachelor's degree in social work and have spent time over the past 9 years serving and building relationships with a community in Mexico. I now feel called to participate in the work that God is doing in Zambia, and I am walking in faithfulness to that call. On Sunday, September 8th, during the Fall kick-off barbecue after church, we will be having a dessert sale and time available for anyone to ask me about what I will be doing in Zambia. There will be larger dessert items for auction and smaller dessert items available for everyone. For the smaller items, feel free to donate as you feel led - as all proceeds go towards helping me move to serve in Zambia. Any amount helps a ton and is greatly appreciated! We will also be selling cool \$2 stickers for people to put on their water bottles, computers, cars, or wherever! Please come enjoy some delicious desserts and ask me questions!"*

### **FALL BBQ | SEPTEMBER 8**

On Sunday, September 8th, we will have a fall kick-off barbecue following our morning worship gathering. Hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and fixings will be provided. Please bring a side dish or salad to share. Desserts will be available for purchase as a fundraiser to support Erinn Baker's move to serve in Zambia. Come help support Erinn and enjoy fellowship as we kick off a new season!

### **SERVE DAY | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Do you enjoy working with Fox students? Do you enjoy sprucing up our grounds and facilities? Are you available September 11th anytime from 9-4? Please let Leslie or the office know if you are available to assist with projects/weeding/cleaning working alongside George Fox University students & other North Valley friends. We accomplish a lot of our annual "stewardly" tasks during this day so your help is greatly appreciated!

### **FRIDAY NIGHT FUN | BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20**

Middle School and High School Students are invited to spend Friday nights from **7-9:30pm** in homes hosted by some great folks from North Valley! Come for friendship, games, and snacks in a space designed for you to simply hang out, relax, and be yourself. We'll kick this year off with a Youth Trivia Night on September 20th. Hosted at NVFC, by some of your favorite librarians (and Sammy). CORRECTION: FNF has been advertised on 9/13, but the new start date is 9/20, the trivia night. Check the current youth calendar for ongoing information.

### **MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS | SEPTEMBER 18**

Plan to join us for a Meeting for Worship for Business, Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Come early at 5:30pm to share a meal together in the fellowship hall. (\$4/person with a \$15 family max) Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

The North Valley elders would like to invite you to a first reading of an updated mission statement. A "first reading" is where we propose a set of changes, and we ask for a response to those changes, but we do not ask for a decision to approve those changes. See proposed changes on our website [HERE](#).

The elders believe that North Valley has consistently had a heart for folks that find themselves on the fringes of Church and society. We heard this reaffirmed during our threshing meeting from a few months ago where we heard a deep desire to do our best to love and include all people. We recognize that the words we have chosen will likely invoke a response (either positive or negative) and potentially a desire to make changes or additions. We welcome this feedback, and our hope is that we will discern if the proposed change to our mission statement fits where North Valley is today, or not. And, if not, how should we change it to best fit where we are today and who we are today.

### **WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS | BEGINS SEPTEMBER 25TH**

Wednesday with Friends is a midweek event that includes dinner, small group options for adults, and activities for youth and kids. It's a great opportunity to connect more deeply with the North Valley community, as well as, cultivate spiritual growth in our individual and corporate lives. Wednesday with Friends will begin Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, with dinner at 5:30pm and small group options at 6:30pm. See the flyer in the foyer (or the one attached to this email) for small group options and more details. Youth groups also begin on Wednesday, September 25—Middle school meets at 6:30 pm in the youth room and High School begins at 7:30pm in the fellowship hall.

### **FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

Thanks to a heads up from one of you, you can now support North Valley Friends by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. If you currently have a Fred Meyer rewards card, you can visit <https://www.fredmeyer.com>. Once you are logged into your Fred Meyer account, search for North Valley Friends Church either by name or GB154 and then click Enroll. You will still get your personal Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, and in addition, Fred Meyer will give a donation to North Valley Friends for each time you shop using your Rewards Card.

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

The North Valley All Church Retreat is coming this fall, October 25-27, at the Best Western in Hood River! We hope you'll mark your calendars now and plan to attend. [REGISTER HERE](#) or complete a paper registration found in the meeting house foyer. Scholarships are available for assistance as needed. Click on the registration link for more information. Questions? Contact Leslie. Cost information:

#### HOUSING COST (tiered pricing) ~

True Cost per room (4 person max): \$286

Subsidized Cost per room option 1: \$220

Subsidized Cost per room option 2: \$154

(River view rooms available for additional \$100)

#### FOOD COST ~

Ages 0-5: free

Ages 6-12: \$42 per person

Ages 13+: \$84 per person

### **PRAYER**

This week in worship we prayed the following prayer for all the kids, their parents, educators, faculty, staff, grandparents and everyone who once lived in the school rhythm:

Dear God,

As we begin this new school year,

We humbly ask for your Light to fill us,

To guide us,

And to help us notice the gifts you so freely give.

Illuminate Love and Joy  
Peace and Patience  
Kindness, Goodness, and Gentleness  
Faithfulness and Self Control  
Within ourselves  
And within those  
We encounter on this journey.  
Amen.

### SCRIPTURE:

Romans 4:1-3

So how do we fit what we know of Abraham, our first father in the faith, into this new way of looking at things? If Abraham, by what he did for God, got God to approve him, he could certainly have taken credit for it. But the story we're given is a God-story, not an Abraham-story. What we read in Scripture is, "Abraham entered into what God was doing for him, and that was the turning point. He trusted God to set him right instead of trying to be right on his own."

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 7 Prayer group
- 8 **Fall kick-off BBQ (& Dessert Auction Fundraiser)**  
Ultimate Frisbee
- 9 Building & Grounds Stewards meeting  
Basketball night
- 11 **SERVE DAY**
- 13 First Friday Night Fun of the school year
- 14 Prayer Group
- 15 Ultimate Frisbee
- 16 Finance Committee  
Basketball night
- 18 Meeting for Worship for Business
- 20 Youth Trivia Night (Friday Night Fun)
- 21 Men's Breakfast  
Prayer group
- 22 Ultimate Frisbee  
Parents of Teens group
- 23 Basketball night
- 24 Elders meeting
- 25 Wednesday with Friends dinner and small groups begin  
Youth Groups (middle school 6:30pm; high school 7:30pm)