

## [NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | OCTOBER 30, 2019](#)

### **“YOU ARE WELCOME” SMALL GROUP NOT MEETING TONIGHT**

The Wednesday night small group “You Are Welcome”, facilitated by Melanie Springer Mock and Leslie Murray, won’t meet tonight, October 30. Class participants are welcome to join one of the other groups this evening.

### **ALL CHURCH RETREAT FEEDBACK**

Whether or not you attended the All Church Retreat this year, we’d like to hear your feedback so we can better plan for retreats in the future. Please record your thoughts on this [Retreat Feedback Google form](#). Thank you!

*If you attended the retreat and have pictures, please send them to Sammy Sanders (Sammy@northvalleyfriends.org) so he can update the NV Facebook page.*

### **REMINDER—NO FRIDAY NIGHT FUN NOVEMBER 1**

As per the new monthly rhythm, there will not be a Friday Night Fun night the first Friday of the month, November 1.

### **“FALL BACK” THIS WEEKEND | DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV. 3**

Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour before bed this Saturday night. Daylight savings time ends this Sunday, November 3.

### **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 3**

We’ll meet together early this Sunday, November 3, 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.) *Daylight Savings Time ends on this same Sunday, November 3, so it’s also the weekend to Fall Back an hour.*

### **POTLUCK | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

Join us for a potluck following our morning gathering on Sunday, November 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 worship.

### **“THE BIBLE AND THE LGBTQ+ CHRISTIAN” | A PFLAG OPPORTUNITY**

Josh Reid, former youth pastor at Newberg Emerging Friends Church, is the PFLAG coordinator for Newberg High. PFLAG is national group that stands for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. This group meets once/month. North Valley is sharing this announcement in case anyone from our church would like to take part. Josh is leading a three-part series examining the Bible as it informs and develops the Christian faith:

"The Bible and the LGBTQ+ Christian"

Whether you’re a Christian, a spiritual seeker, or a skeptic...whether you’re an LGBTQ+ identifying person, an ally, or someone who would like to be an ally...we’d like to invite you to join us for this three-part series examining what the Bible does and doesn’t say. We’ll challenge assumptions, invite you to dig deeper, and cast a biblical vision that is inclusive and affirming of all of God’s children.

+Remaining dates: November 19, December 17

+7:00-8:30PM

+At Newberg Catalyst High School (1421 Deborah Rd, Newberg)

+1 hour of teaching

+30 minutes of a sharing circle

## ARTISAN BAZAAR AT CHAPTERS BOOKSTORE | DECEMBER 7

The annual Marafiki artisan bazaar will be Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9-3 at Chapters Bookstore. It is that time again to begin working on those special projects to donate to the sale! We rely on the donations of many varied kinds of quality handcrafted items to make this sale possible. All proceeds benefit Marafiki's work in rural Kenya. Please contact Karen Lang [[langk3@gmail.com](mailto:langk3@gmail.com)] or Eloise Hockett [[eloise@marafiki.us](mailto:eloise@marafiki.us)] or for more information. Happy building/making/creating!

### SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:11-20 (The Voice)

The central truth—the one you have heard since the beginning of your faith—is that we must love one another. Please do not act like Cain, who was of the evil one. He brutally murdered his own brother. Why would he do something so despicable? Because his life was devoted to evil and selfishness, and his brother chose to do what is right.

Brothers and sisters, don't be shocked if the corrupt world despises you. We know that we have crossed over from death to real life because we are devoted to true love for our brothers and sisters. Anyone who does not love lives among corpses.

Do you ever wonder if you are just silently sleeping through days, months, and years? There is one indicator of real life: true love for others.

Everyone who hates other members of God's family is a murderer. Does a murderer possess the beautiful life that never ends? No. We know what true love looks like because of Jesus. He gave His life for us, and He calls us to give our lives for our brothers and sisters.

If a person owns the kinds of things we need to make it in the world but refuses to share with those in need, is it even possible that God's love lives in him? My little children, don't just talk about love as an idea or a theory. Make it your true way of life, and live in the pattern of gracious love.

There is a sure way for us to know that we belong to the truth. Even though our inner thoughts may condemn us with storms of guilt and constant reminders of our failures, we can know in our hearts that in His presence God Himself is greater than any accusation. He knows all things.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

- 30 **Wednesday with Friends dinner and small groups**  
**Youth Groups** (middle school 6:30pm; high school 7:30pm)

#### NOVEMBER

- 2 Prayer group  
3 "Fall Back" - Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Fellowship Sunday  
4 Basketball night  
5 Peace & Justice group  
6 **Wednesday with Friends dinner and small groups**  
**Youth Groups** (middle school 6:30pm; high school 7:30pm)  
8 Friday Night Fun  
10 **Potluck after Worship**  
11 Building & Grounds meeting  
Basketball night  
13 **Wednesday with Friends dinner and small groups**  
**Youth Groups** (middle school 6:30pm; high school 7:30pm)

- 15 Friday Night Fun
- 16 Men's Breakfast @ Providence Hospital Café  
Prayer group