

[NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | SEPTEMBER 25, 2019](#)

WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS | BEGINS TONIGHT!

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 begins tonight, September 25th, with dinner at 5:30pm and small group options at 6:30pm. See the flyer in the foyer for small group options and more details. Youth groups also begin tonight—Middle school meets at 6:30 pm in the youth room and High School begins at 7:30pm in the fellowship hall.

WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS CHILDCARE REGISTRATION

If you are planning to use childcare for Wednesday nights, please fill out [this simple form](#). If you have already signed up at the church, we already have you registered. Thank you! This helps us prepare rooms and staff for our kids. Kid's Wednesday with Friends schedule:

5:30-6:15pm Staffed Children's dinner table

6:15-7:30pm Childcare provided

LOVE INC BENEFIT DINNER

Love, Inc. is having a benefit dinner this Friday (September 27th) at 7pm at the Cultural Center to raise funds for Love INC Newberg. North Valley Friends Church is sponsoring a table and have 3 spaces still to fill! If you're looking for a fun Friday night activity with Colin & Janine Saxton, Leslie & Nathan Murray and Julie Luedtke then email Leslie! It'll be a party! Here's a little blurb about the event:

The goal of the benefit is to raise \$50,000 to fund the existing Love INC programs and also to grow them to meet the increasing needs of Newberg. It will be held at the Chehalem Cultural Center with Rogue Gourmet catering the event. It will be a relaxed night with a few brief speakers, a short video and a simple request for funds. No other activities, only fellowship and good food!

Every church who partners with Love INC will have representatives in attendance, as well as a key volunteer organizations who play a big part in the community. It will be a special gathering for Christians all over the Newberg area to see the big picture of how we are working together for God's glory.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Friday Night Fun nights are starting up again for middle and high school students. Join us for games, movies, and "just hanging out" in a rotation of different homes. This Friday, September 27th we'll meet at the Coefield's house (800 E. Foothills) from 7:00-9:30pm. Check the current youth calendar for ongoing information.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT | REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCT. 1

The North Valley All Church Retreat is coming this fall, October 25-27, at the Best Western in Hood River! **The deadline to register is coming soon: October 1!** [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

COOKIES FOR MEMORIAL

Joyce & Evelyn's sister-in-law passed away recently. The memorial is on October 5th at Camas Friends Church. We are hoping to send cookies along with Joyce & Evelyn to support them in this time. If you are able to bring a dozen cookies will you please email Leslie at Leslie@northvalleyfriends.org? Thank you!

NOTE FROM HAL & NANCY THOMAS | Bolivian Friends History Project

Dear Friends

Thank you to all who have so generously supported the six-year long project of researching and writing the history of the Friends Church (INELA) in Bolivia. As the Thomas family, we honored the culmination of that project earlier this year as we traveled to Bolivia for the centennial celebrations. Hal, Nancy, David, and Kristin, together we reconnected with close friends. We are favorite foods (sajita de pollo, salteñas, and all kinds of fruits and soups) and visited favorite places — neighborhoods we lived in, parks we played in, churches we worshipped in during those years we were all growing up.

As we gathered with over 7000 Bolivian Friends in the coliseum, we again felt awe and gratitude for God's blessing on the Friends Church, though times of almost miraculous growth, as well as times of conflict. And soon we will be able to share that story with all of you. It will be well worth reading and meditating on, especially as we learn from the past and look to how God would use us now in mission outreach.

When we closed the financial books last year, we did not realize the high costs of publication. The Eugene publisher, Wipf and Stock, is publishing the book, and we are currently proof-reading the type-set copy. The book will soon be ready for publication. Exact amounts are not yet available to us, but we are estimating the need for up to \$4000. If you would like to help us, you can send a check to NWYM designated for the Bolivian Friends history book. We look forward with great anticipation to the presentation of a work completed. ~ Hal and Nancy Thomas

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3 New Century Version (NCV)

3 One day Moses was taking care of Jethro's flock. (Jethro was the priest of Midian and also Moses' father-in-law.) When Moses led the flock to the west side of the desert, he came to Sinai, the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire coming out of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but it was not burning up. **3** So he said, "I will go closer to this strange thing. How can a bush continue burning without burning up?"

4 When the Lord saw Moses was coming to look at the bush, God called to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

5 Then God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground. **6** I am the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, "I have seen the troubles my people have suffered in Egypt, and I have heard their cries when the Egyptian slave masters hurt them. I am concerned about their pain.

10 So now I am sending you to the king of Egypt. Go! Bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt!"

11 But Moses said to God, “I am not a great man! How can I go to the king and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?”

12 God said, “I will be with you. This will be the proof that I am sending you: After you lead the people out of Egypt, all of you will worship me on this mountain.”

13 Moses said to God, “When I go to the Israelites, I will say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors sent me to you.’ What if the people say, ‘What is his name?’ What should I tell them?”

14 Then God said to Moses, “I am who I am. When you go to the people of Israel, tell them, ‘I am sent me to you.’”

Psalm 46:10a The Voice (VOICE)

10 “Be still, *be calm, see,* and understand I AM God.

Matthew 22:34-40 New Living Translation (NLT)

34 But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. 35 One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: 36 “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

37 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 25 **Wednesday with Friends dinner and small groups begin**
Youth Groups (middle school 6:30pm; high school 7:30pm)
- 27 Friday Night Fun @ Coefield’s
- 28 Prayer group
- 29 Ultimate Frisbee
- 30 Basketball night

OCTOBER

- 1 Peace & Justice group
- 2 **Wednesday with Friends dinner and small groups begin**
Youth Groups (middle school 6:30pm; high school 7:30pm)
- 4 Friday Night Fun
- 5 Prayer group
- 6 Fellowship Sunday
Ultimate Frisbee