

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | DECEMBER 23, 2019

JOLLIFF FAMILY CONCERT | TONIGHT, DECEMBER 23

Join Bill, Jacob and Anna Jolliff at 7:00pm on Monday, December 23 for an evening concert in the North Valley Friends sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE | TOMORROW, DECEMBER 24

Join the NVFC community at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 24th for our annual Christmas Eve worship celebration. This is a family friendly service of singing, reflection, celebration and candle lighting. No childcare provided.

THANK YOU FRIENDS!

Thank you NV community for all the Christmas cards and gifts! Your care, kindness, and generosity is overwhelming! Thank you friends and Merry Christmas to all! ~ Leslie, Nate, Kim, Sammy & Erinn

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS | JANUARY 8

Mark your calendars for an important Meeting for Worship for Business on January 8. Dinner with Friends at 5:30pm followed by the meeting at 6:30pm. Childcare provided. (No small group gatherings or youth groups)

Note from the North Valley elders:

The elders took your feedback from the previous First Reading of a Revised NVFC Mission statement and have an updated proposal for you to consider. This time we will look for approval on the first reading so that we can make slight changes and come back with a 2nd (and hopefully final) reading which we can then minute and that will complete this phase of the process. We received a wide range of feedback from the previous meeting and we have done our best to navigate through it and turn it into a new statement. We heard that there was a desire to be clear about who we are without being too specific or too limiting. We also heard that some of the words in the previous statement were causing confusion or unnecessary complexity. We have done our best to take your feedback and create a new statement. Similar to the previous discussion, we ask that you would attend the meeting, be open to listening, and ready to share your part.

NURSERY & LITTLE FRIENDS HELP NEEDED

We need a few more adults willing to hold and play with our kids 3 and under. If you can, add your name to the [children's ministry worship schedule](#) in either the Nursery slot (infants) or Little Friends play (toddlers-3). No teaching required, just a calming, playful presence.

RETHREADS WINTER COLLECTION

Undie Sundays are back! Through the month of December, ReThreads will be collecting donations of new socks and undergarments for all ages and sizes. The more variety, the better. New undergarments are hard to come by when folks are pressed for resources. Donations of hats, gloves and scarves would be good too. Your generous gifts go a long way to help provide dignity to all whom we serve.

YEAR END GIVING

Finance Committee would like to highlight the increased December budget for tithes and offerings. For all months except December, the budget for these gifts is \$21,000. In December, the budget is \$31,000. Historically, December giving outpaces the rest of the year, and in order to try and forecast accurately, Finance Committee budgeted for this increase in giving. Please consider joining us in reaching this special monthly goal to make our annual budget.

For year-end giving, please ensure all gifts are postmarked by December 31st in order to qualify for 2019 giving. Thank you!

NO WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS | CHRISTMAS BREAK

Wednesday with Friends is on break for the holidays and will resume January 8 with dinner and a Meeting for Worship for Business. Adult small groups and youth groups will resume January 15.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP HOUSELESS CHILDREN IN NEWBERG THIS CHRISTMAS

Newberg Public Schools currently report more than 70 students in our district are houseless. Through the district's family liaison, we have an opportunity to respond with assistance, food, and gifts. If you'd like more information on ways NVFC is partnering with Wayside Friends and the district liaison — including how you can contribute — please contact Leslie Murray. If you'd like to provide ongoing support now and throughout the school year, Beth Woolsey is compiling donations of snack food and Fred Meyer gift cards for the district liaison to distribute as needed so families can purchase what they need most. You can contact Beth to participate at beemer@gmail.com.

2020 POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT HELP NEEDED

YCAP is planning for the 2020 Point In Time Homeless Count coming up on January 29th. During that day they will be surveying and providing survival supplies and resources to persons experiencing homelessness in locations all over Yamhill County, including several locations in Newberg. They need about 75 volunteers to make the day a success and wondered if there might potentially be folks at North Valley Friends that might want to participate? Volunteer locations are available in every community in Yamhill County. To sign-up or for more information on the Homeless Count, contact Julie Bishop at 503-687-1492 or pit2020@yamhillcap.org. See the flyer in the foyer for more info.

HELP NEEDED | NEWBERG EMERGENCY SHELTER

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for a time slot for the week of December 23. The Emergency Shelter opens during temperature extremes to allow folks without access to resources to be safe. This is during both freezing and heat events. If you or someone you know would be able to spend some hours between 8pm and 8am at the Newberg Emergency Shelter hosted at Zion Lutheran Church (301 S River St, Newberg, OR 97132), please fill out our volunteer interest form [HERE](#) or send an email to newbergemergencysHELTER@gmail.com with the days/hours you are available. Thank you so much for your help.

SCRIPTURE

[Ecclesiastes 3:1-8](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 23 **Jolliff Family Concert**
Basketball night
- 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
- 28 Prayer group
- 30 Basketball night
- 31 Youth reflection breakfast and afternoon movie

JANUARY

- 4 Prayer group
- 5 Fellowship Sunday

Of A Certain Age lunch @ La Sierra

6 Basketball night

7 Peace & Justice group

8 Dinner with Friends

Meeting for Worship for Business