

[NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | JANUARY 15, 2020](#)

MEAL TRAIN FOR CROPPER-RUSSEL FAMILY

There are still a few dates open to bring a meal to Emily Grace, Caleb and family. We can help support them in this transition by providing meals. Follow [THIS LINK](#) for the Meal Train to sign up. Thank you friends!

WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS TONIGHT | JANUARY 15

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 dinner (**Baked Mac & Cheese tonight**) at 5:30pm and small group options at 6:30pm. See the list of adult small group options below. **Youth groups** also resume tonight, January 15—Middle school meets at 6:30 pm in the youth room and High School begins at 7:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Adult Small Group Options:

Open Studio Space ~ The art room (down the kids' wing) will be open for making and playing with materials. This will be unstructured space with access to materials for open-ended creating and exploring. This is primarily an adult workspace, but contact Kim if younger friends are interested in being a part and she will talk with you about the possibilities. Questions? Contact Kim.

Your Story Matters: Building Community Through Storytelling ~ Our life stories remind us that we are fearfully, wonderfully, uniquely made. Telling our life story—and listening to the stories of others—is one way we can bear witness to God's unique imprint in each of our lives, while also creating a community where that unique imprint is more fully known. The group will be focused on this simple premise, and each week will provide opportunities for people to tell stories around a specific theme, while we also honor each other's life experiences by listening closely. Leslie Murray and Melanie Springer Mock will provide the prompts and will facilitate conversation; you just need to come with an open heart and willingness to share.

Listening Life: Going Deeper ~ Listening life is a small group that uses songs, scripture, poetry, art, and movies combined with reflection and conversation to pay attention to how God is at work in our lives. The current theme will pick up our "Going Deeper" series, which looks at what we've been focused on together in our Sunday morning worship, giving more time and space to explore how God is at work in those topics and in our lives.

STAMPS FOR RIGHT SHARING OF WORLD RESOURCES

Who knew that used postage stamps could be worth so much? Collectors and...Quakers! Since 2009, the Quaker Missions Stamp Project has raised over \$12,500 from used stamps that have been sent in, sorted, and sold. And all it takes is people like us saving and sending in our stamps! Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR) is an independent Quaker not-for-profit organization sharing the abundance of God's love by working for equity through partnerships around the world. RSWR gives grants to groups of marginalized women in Kenya, Sierra Leone, and India to fund individual micro-enterprise projects. Right Sharing's work is grounded in a sense of stewardship for the world's material, human, and spiritual resources. Do you have some stamps at home? Old letters or greeting cards with stamps still stuck on them? Bring them to North Valley Friends Church! They will be donated to RSWR. Your stamp, just like the RSWR grants, will be used over and over again in practical ministry with people whose lives you will help change.

SUPPORT FOR EDEN SPIRITUAL CARE (non-profit founded by Sierra Neiman Westbrook)

Did you know that three North Valley folks (Sierra Neiman Westbrook, Justin Neiman Westbrook, and Paula Hampton) are on the board of Eden Spiritual Care, a non-profit founded by Sierra, which

seeks to make spiritual growth opportunities widely accessible? Eden Spiritual Care is currently seeking donations to support its free online classes, and its retreats and spiritual direction available on a pay-what-you-can basis. Each \$20 donation received by 5:00 p.m. TONIGHT, Wednesday, January 15 will get you one ticket in a raffle to win a beautiful quilt handmade by Paula! You can donate online at www.edenspiritualcare.org, or give a check (payable to Eden Spiritual Care) to Sierra, Justin, or Paula.

GAME NIGHT & HOT COCOA | JANUARY 25

It's time for a little fun! We'll gather on Saturday, January 25th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall to play games and enjoy time together over hot cocoa. Please bring games and snacks to share. There will be a kid-friendly game area. Questions? Contact Amy Macy at fortmacy@gmail.com.

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY | FEBRUARY 1

The buildings and grounds committee is going to have a workday on February 1 from 9-1. Please join us to help in working on the tiny home plumbing, remodeling bathrooms in the kid's wing and working on the nursery. If you have skills in plumbing, painting, drywall or electrical we need your help! Please let Larry or Leslie know if you can volunteer on this day!

NURSERY & LITTLE FRIENDS HELP NEEDED

We still 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWBERG MLK CELEBRATION: WITH JUSTICE FOR ALL | JANUARY 20

The Chehalem Cultural Center would like to invite you to the 10th annual Dr Martin Luther King Jr Celebration. This year we are excited to be partnering with Oregon Humanities Conversation Project to bring 5 unique breakout sessions that will follow the program featuring keynote speaker Rev Leroy Barber, musical guest the Christopher Brown Quartet and more. Live Spanish translation and ASL interpretation will be provided during the main program. Plan to join us for this inclusive, interactive event at 6:00 pm at the Chehalem Cultural Center on Monday, January 20.

HEARING THE CRIES: HEALING INJUSTICE | MARCH 6-7

Hearing the Cries: Healing Injustice brings a holistic lens to being in relationship with our justice-involved neighbors: helping people of faith and goodwill, in the words of Bryan Stephenson, "get proximate" with those members of our society who have lived experience of the justice system. We hope to frame participants' understanding of the "issue" of criminal justice as a matter of faith in action.

Friday, March 6, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Film screening and discussion of the film "Just Mercy." This event is open to the public and included in your registration for the summit.

Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Plenary sessions with local and statewide speakers. Training sessions in two tracks of emphasis: prison reentry support and public policy advocacy. Networking sessions with panel of faith communities engaged in prison ministries and justice reform. Lunch provided.

Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church, 501 Mission Dr., Newberg, Ore.

Cost: \$25 general (includes lunch); \$5 student/teacher; No Charge Formerly incarcerated or anyone in financial need. No one turned away for lack of funds. Donations welcome.

Register: Learn more and register securely online at emoregon.org.

NEWBERG EMERGENCY SHELTER | HELP NEEDED THIS WEEK

The shelter could really use some help filling slots over the next couple days. [Sign up HERE](#)

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) click the link above or send an email to newbergemergencysHELTER@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your help!

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.

SCRIPTURE

In line with our theme of peace this month we've invited three guest speakers to come share their testimonies of fulfilling their civic duty while having conscientious objector convictions. Eric Palmer, Bill Rourke and Fred Gregory will share in our worship service how they lived out their peace testimony while in a time of war.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 15 Wednesday with Friends dinner and adult small groups
Youth Groups (MS 6:30pm; HS 7:30pm)
- 17 Friday Night Fun @ the Jones family home
- 18 Men's Breakfast
Prayer group
- 20 Finance Committee
Basketball night
- 22 Wednesday with Friends dinner and adult small groups
Youth Groups (MS 6:30pm; HS 7:30pm)
- 24 No Friday Night Fun – event on 25th instead
- 25 Youth OMSI Event
Cocoa & Games Night for all
- 26 Parents of Teens group
- 27 Basketball night
- 29 Finals Chill at Coffee Cat
Wednesday with Friends dinner and adult small groups
Youth Groups (MS 6:30pm; HS 7:30pm)
- 31 Fry-Day Night Fun Event