

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | JANUARY 22, 2020

2019 ANNUAL GIVING REPORTS

The 2019 NVFC Individual Giving Reports (for your tax deductions) are available for you to pick up on a table in the foyer. Please pick yours up by Sunday, January 26th. Those left will be sent by mail.

WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS TONIGHT | JANUARY 22

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 at 5:30pm (**Nacho bar tonight**) and small group options at 6:30pm. See the list of adult small group options below. **Youth groups**—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.

GAME NIGHT & HOT COCOA | *This Saturday*, JANUARY 25

It's time for a little fun! We'll gather this 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 kid-friendly games available in the Fellowship Hall, however, it's a family event and childcare will not be provided. Questions? Contact Amy Macy at fortmacy@gmail.com.

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.

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!



SUMMER CAMP ~ JUNE 28-JULY 2 | SAVE THE DATE!

Fireside and The Woods, our summer camps for middle and high school students, will be June 28-July 2 at Suttle Lake Camp near Sisters, OR. [Click HERE](#) for more information and to register. Early bird registration (with deposit) deadline May 1.

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.

WINTER "BIG BRIDGE" PLAY

The Shakers of Mount Lebanon Will Hold a Peace Conference This Month.

By: Arlene Hutton Directed by: Rhett Luedtke Location: Wood-Mar Auditorium
Jan 30. – Feb. 1 & Feb. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. ** Feb. 2 & Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.

Open captioning available for select performances.

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Synopsis: 1904. Mount Lebanon, New York. The Shaker community of Mount Lebanon is in crisis. Their membership has dwindled to dangerous lows and something must be done immediately if they are to survive. Should the community follow Eldress Ahna's new ideas for change, or Brother Robert's commitment to double down on tradition? The infighting that ensues threatens to split the community apart until a visitor and a few young novices start planning an international peace conference that will inspire the world.

*** The Shakers of Mount Lebanon will Hold a Peace Conference This Month is the first play commissioned by the Big Bridge Theatre Consortium, of which George Fox's theatre department is the founding and lead consortium member.*

Thank you to North Valley Friends Church for being an official sponsor of Big Bridge Theatre Consortium's pursuit of Shalom. We deeply appreciate all of you! (Rhett and Bryan)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

God, I'm not trying to rule the roost,

I don't want to be king of the mountain.

I haven't meddled where I have no business

or fantasized grandiose plans.

I've kept my feet on the ground,

I've cultivated a quiet heart.

Like a baby content in its mother's arms,

my soul is a baby content.

Wait, Israel, for God. Wait with hope.

Hope now; hope always!

- Psalm 131 (the Message)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 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
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- 31 Fry-Day Night Fun Event