

[NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | JANUARY 8, 2020](#)

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS | TONIGHT, JANUARY 8

Join us tonight for an important Meeting for Worship for Business. Dinner with Friends at 5:30pm, followed by the meeting at 6:30pm. Childcare provided. (No small group gatherings or youth groups)

Documents for your review before the meeting are attached to this email, including the proposed Mission Statement revision and note from the Elders.

BABY SHOWER FOR CROPPER-RUSSEL FAMILY | JANUARY 12

Join us for a baby shower to celebrate the arrival of Thalia Cropper-Russel! We'll shower Thalia and parents Emily Grace & Caleb on January 12 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

MEAL TRAIN FOR CROPPER-RUSSEL FAMILY

Emily Grace & Caleb welcomed baby Thalia on December 28th and we have a chance for the NV community to 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 RESUMES NEXT WEEK | 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 will resume Wednesday, January 15, with dinner at 5:30pm and small group options at 6:30pm. See the list of adult small group options below. **Youth groups** also resume next Wednesday, 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.

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. on 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.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF RETHREADS

Thanks to all who contributed to Undie Sunday (and Monday and Tuesday...) in December! It is with your generosity that ReThreads can share an extra measure of dignity to the community we serve.

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.

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.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

NEWBERG EMERGENCY SHELTER

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

Romans 12:9-21 (NIV)

Love in Action

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.^[a] Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"^[b] says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."^[c]

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 8 Dinner with Friends & Meeting for Worship for Business
- 10 Friday Night Fun @ the Bock family home
- 11 Prayer group
- 12 Baby Shower for Cropper Russel family
- 13 Building & Grounds Stewards meeting
Basketball night
- 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