

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS | MARCH 4, 2020

WASTED! A DOCUMENTARY | THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 8

A viewing of the documentary “Wasted!”, about food waste and those fighting to prevent it, will be shown at North Valley on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00pm. Discussion and brainstorming to follow the movie. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Janine Saxton at mamaj9.js@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS TONIGHT

Wednesday with Friends is our midweek gathering that includes dinner, small group options for adults, and activities for youth and kids. Wednesday with Friends dinner at 5:30pm (**Baked Potato Bar tonight**) and small group options at 6:30pm.

Youth groups—Middle school meets at 6:30 pm in the youth room and High School begins at 7:30pm in the fellowship hall.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Mark your calendars for an important Meeting for Worship for Business on Wednesday, March 18. 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:

Dear Friends, We are quickly coming up to our 2nd reading of the revised mission statement. In the January business meeting, NVFC minuted this update to our mission statement as a first reading:

Minute 2020-03: The meeting approved the first reading of the statement as follows:

"Cultivate a loving community where Christ invites us all to belong, where we recognize that of God in every person by affirming the beauty in our equality and diversity, however we identify or why we come."

The elders took the above minute and asked for some help from a few other fine editors: Sierra Neiman-Westbrook and Paula Hampton. We then took their feedback and created the below revision. I would ask that you re-read the minute from the first reading (above), re-read the current mission statement (below), and read the revised mission statement (below) -- I hope you will compare and contrast them several times. I would then ask that you provide your part of what Christ would have us discern at the upcoming business meeting by preparing your heart and praying for our good work together. It is our hope that at this 2nd reading we want to confirm that the spirit of the statement from the first reading shines through in the below revision, that we provide any final wordsmithing to the mission statement, and we confirm, as a community, the updated mission statement.

Thank you, Friends, Noël Carey, NVFC Clerk of Elders ~ Along with the Elders: Tim Timmerman, Jonah Harkema, Jim Sanders, Jered McConaughy, Evelyn Myers, Carolann Palmer

CURRENT MISSION STATEMENT

North Valley Friends Church is a Quaker community of ministers who seek to follow Jesus Christ faithfully, love each other deeply, and continue His ministry in the world.

To accomplish this mission we will:

1. Create a loving environment regardless of who you are, what you look like or why you come.
2. Nurture and equip every attender in the knowledge and intimate experience of Jesus Christ through a wide variety of age-appropriate programs and activities.
3. Offer a truly participatory worship and community life, encouraging and inviting the gifts and talents of every attender.
4. Encourage active, Christ-centered justice, peacemaking, and reconciliation both locally and globally.
5. Work to meet spiritual and practical needs not only at NVFC, but in Newberg, the Chehalem

Valley and around the world.

PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT (Second reading)

North Valley Friends Church is a Quaker community of ministers who seek to follow Jesus Christ faithfully, love each other deeply, and continue His ministry in the world.

To accomplish this mission we will:

1. Cultivate a loving community where we recognize that of God in every person; where we affirm the beauty in our equality and diversity; where Christ invites everyone to belong, however we identify or why we come.
2. Nurture and equip every attender in the knowledge and intimate experience of Jesus Christ through a wide variety of age-appropriate programs and activities.
3. Offer a truly participatory worship and community life, encouraging and inviting the gifts and talents of every attender.
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5. Work to meet spiritual and practical needs not only at NVFC, but in Newberg, the Chehalem Valley and around the world.

LAWN MOWING

The grass at North Valley is growing! If you are willing to be on a volunteer rotation to help keep our property looking nice and clean would you please let Leslie know? Folks from buildings and grounds will train you on the mower and depending on volunteers, your mowing "shift" would be every 4-6 weeks. Thanks!

PEACE & JUSTICE GATHERING | MARCH 22

The joint NVFC/Wayside Friends Peace & Justice Committee is hosting a gathering for all interested Friends on Sunday, March 22, 6:30pm at Wayside/Joyful Servant in Newberg. We will discuss and discern around Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and their legislative priorities for the 117th congress. FCNL regularly invites Quaker churches and meetings to offer input on what priorities they ought to be focused on. You can learn more about the process here:

<https://www.fcnl.org/updates/setting-legislative-priorities-2482>. There will be pizza and drinks for those who attend. If possible, please RSVP to Colin Saxton by Tuesday, March 17, at colinbsaxton@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT | APRIL 24-26

Join us for a weekend of good food, good community, good conversations, and space to connect with God and God's Creation, April 24-26. High School students will leave North Valley Friends Church at 4 p.m. and return by 1 p.m. on April 26. We will be staying in a private lodge by Government camp on Mt. Hood. Cost is \$125/person, but please never let cost be a factor in attendance. [Register HERE](#)



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.

SCRIPTURE

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Isaiah 58:6-9 NRSV

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 4 Wednesday with Friends dinner and adult small groups
MS Youth Group 6:30pm; HS Youth Group 7:30pm
- 7 Prayer group
- 8 “Wasted! A Documentary” presentation
- 9 Building & Grounds Stewards meeting
Basketball night
- 10 Elders meeting
- 11 Wednesday with Friends dinner and adult small groups
MS Youth Group 6:30pm; HS Youth Group 7:30pm
- 13 Friday Night Fun
- 14 Prayer group
- 16 Finance committee meeting
Basketball night
- 18 Meeting for Worship for Business ~ Dinner at 5:30pm, Meeting at 6:30pm