

## **NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS | May 27, 2020**

Hello friends! I hope this email finds you all well. Outside the sky is blue and the weather looks great for the rest of the week! Please don't hesitate to reach out to the pastoral team with any needs.

Blessings, Leslie

### **Staying Connected Groups**

Our Staying Connected Zoom groups happen again today! - Leslie's will meet at 1pm and it will be a check in and fellowship time. The zoom link for that is [here](#). Nate's group will meet Wednesday evening at 7pm on [this Zoom link](#) and that group will follow his Listening Life rhythm checking in, using various media to expand the spiritual focus for the week. If you signed up for a group or even if you didn't and would like to join one of these - feel free to use one of these zoom links!

### **Benevolent Funds**

This past week we have been able to assist one family with funds from our Benevolent Fund. Thank you for your trust to discern how to use the funds you give faithfully to the benevolent fund.

### **Labyrinth Work**

We had a generous donor contribute funds towards Winterbloom to do some landscaping on the labyrinth. Winterbloom came and did some great work and there is still some work to do! We will have shifts of 2 hours of 10 folks physically distanced **THIS SATURDAY**, May 30 during the following time slots: 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1pm-3m. We will weed, spread weed fabric and spread bark mulch. Please let Leslie know if you are able to come & help. We usually are more *laissez faire* as far as "drop by if you can" but will need to have folks register so we make sure we can adequately physically distance. It will be great to see some of you and work "near" each other!

### **A note from our clerk, Silas Olson**

Since the shutdown began, Administrative Committee has met twice via Zoom and plans to continue meeting monthly for the time being. As per our bylaws, AC is convening and making decisions in lieu of a gathered meeting for worship for business until we can regather in person again. Last week, AC made the following three decisions:

1. Since the pastoral calls for Leslie Murray and Nate Macy come to an end on June 30, 2020 the AC extended both of their calls for one year. The Elders have expressed a desire to engage in a more meaningful call renewal process with each pastor than they were able to conduct this year, so it is our hope that those meaningful processes can occur next year.
2. AC approved a 6-month budget continuation. On July 1, 2020 the budgets will be set to the same levels as they were on July 1, 2019. We recognize the importance of the ministries happening now, even if they look a little different than we expected. Staff have been asked to use discretion in using funds during this time and Finance Committee will continue to monitor and evaluate NVFC cash flow, particularly until we are able to be together again.

3. North Valley is aware of a deadline imposed by NW Yearly Meeting pertaining to whether or not NVFC affiliates with Sierra Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends. While not dictating the timing of our discernment process overall, NW Yearly Meeting set aside a portion of its ministry fund in 2018 and stated they would transfer those funds to SCYMF if NVFC decided to affiliate with SCYMF on or before June 30, 2021. Considering our current inability to discern together in person, AC authorized Noel Carey (Clerk of Elders) and Silas Olson (NVFC Clerk) to send a letter to NW Yearly Meeting requesting an extension of the NW Yearly deadline to June 30, 2022 in order for NVFC to complete our discernment process together.

If you would like to discuss any of these decisions, please feel free to reach out to Leslie Murray, Noël Carey or Silas Olson.

<b>2019-2020 (July-June) General Fund Tithes and Offering</b>	
Donations are accepted at <a href="http://northvalleyfriends.org">northvalleyfriends.org</a>	
Need more info? E-mail Ceress Sanders at <a href="mailto:ceress.sanders@gmail.com">ceress.sanders@gmail.com</a>	
<b>May 2020 Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>
May 2020 Tithes/Offerings Received through 5.24.20	<b>\$16,980.33</b>
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	<b>80.86%</b>
<b>Fiscal Year Budgeted Tithes/Offerings To Date (July-Apr):</b>	<b>\$220,000.00</b>
Fiscal Year Tithes/Offerings Received To Date (July-Apr):	<b>\$206,113.48</b>
Percent of Fiscal Year Tithes/Offerings Received (July-Apr):	<b>93.69%</b>
<b>Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$9,432.93</b>

### **Prayer Requests**

\*Peter McKennon is praising God that he received his unemployment!

\*Kjiersten Schmidt is praising God for moving back to Spokane and has a job!

\*Lisa McMinn reminds us all to extend love and grace to essential workers as many of them are feeling isolated.

\*Monik Kadarmanto asks for prayer for she and Dwight as they continue to isolate so they can go to China as soon as they open their borders to pick up their son David.

\*Justin Neiman Westbrook asks for prayer for his cousin's 9 year old daughter who has recently gone to the hospital for mental health. She struggles with psychosis and violent behaviors. She is moving into a long term treatment facility today.

\*Brenda Burg asks for prayers for her friend Simona who is testing positive for Covid even though she is asymptomatic.

\*Catherine Olson is asking prayer for her sister in law who runs a nonprofit supporting foster kids.