NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS | June 30, 2020

Good afternoon friends! I am grateful to God for the bounty - for strawberries and blueberries and blooming flowers, all of creation bursting forth with celebration, celebrating God's goodness. And, I'm holding in my heart all of the folks in transition from jobs with GFU as well as kids and teachers waiting to hear what next year looks like. And I continue to grieve being gathered in person to worship together. I will be on vacation tomorrow (July 1) through Thursday, July 9th. Please feel free to contact the office or the pastoral team should you need anything. Peace, Leslie

Tie Dye Day(s) 2020---Save the Date! July 27-29

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting an opportunity for color play with fabric and dyes! More information on the way, including our covid-19 safety protocols for safe community activity.

<u>AWEsome Kits! Wednesdays, beginning next week, July 8</u>

We are unable to host campAWEsome on site this year, so we found a way to bring camp to you. With the intention to support Art, Wondering, Exploration as well as storytelling and connection, we have built AWEsome Kits for you (kids 2-12) to check out for use at home each week. More information will be coming this week!

Prayer Walk

There's still time to participate this week in the prayer walk! As elders and pastoral team we're offering an opportunity for folks to pray (in a physically distanced sort of way) for COVID-19, for racial justice here in our church, in our city/state/country as well as concerns as God has laid them on your heart. We know and trust many of you are already praying - we've created a <u>sign up here</u> and invite 3 individuals/families to come to the walking trail/labyrinth next week with 3 time slots (6pm, 7pm, 8pm). We thought it might be nice to know others are walking and praying at the same time - a way of praying "together" while physically distancing.

Sam Mock

Sam is planning to start in August working in Albuquerque, New Mexico with Service Venture, a Mennonite program. It is likely that he will work with after school programs for kids and other kinds of service to folks experiencing poverty. Part of this venture requests funds from their home church. We have designated some funds for Sam from the Peace & Justice line item and would like to invite those that feel called to donate to Sam to send in a check to NVFC with Sam Mock in the memo or you can use this <u>link</u>. We also want to encourage Sam regularly by praying for him and this exciting adventure!

Ethan Jones

Ethan Jones is concerned about climate change and the environment and will head to the Dominican Republic to serve in marine conservation. For a gap semester, (possibly year?) he will be volunteering with Fundación Aldeas de Paz. He will be assisting with cleaning and maintenance of coral nurseries, monitoring coral reefs, conservation awareness-raising activities in local schools and the tourist industry. He has a GoFundMe site <u>here</u> where you can support him in his goal of raising \$4500. We have designated some funds from Peace & Justice for Ethan as well. Let's hold these two people in prayer as they raise funds and prepare for their adventures!

Unprogrammed Worship

Unprogrammed worship will continue to meet in person this Sunday at 9:30am on the lawn at the bell tower at North Valley. The zoom link is here. If you have questions about this please contact Scot Headley at <u>sheadley@georgefox.edu</u> or Kathi Gatlin at <u>kathi.z317@gmail.com</u>.

Produce Share

You are invited to bring produce and/or come get produce this Sunday from 2-3pm at North Valley under the carport. Produce that is left will be shared with the food bank so all yummy produce will be eaten. Feel free to stop by and give or get produce!

Learning and Growing Grant Info

It's that time again for the Learning & growing grant application process. Are you a young Friend between the ages of 17-26 with an upcoming opportunity to learn? Is there a conference that excites you? Are you beginning to think about taking a college class to learn a new skill, or jumping full speed into the rhythm of collegiate academia? Maybe there is a unique experience that excites you about exploring Creation and yourself? North Valley would love to support you!

We invite you to consider applying for the Learning and Growing Grant to be awarded a financial scholarship to help you experience, learn and grow. Application is attached to this email and the deadline for turning in your application is July 30th.

2019-2020 (July-June) General Fund Tithes and Offering	
Donations are accepted at northvalleyfriends.org	
Need more info? E-mail Ceress Sanders at ceress.sanders@gmail.com	
June 2020 Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:	\$21,000.00
June 2020 Tithes/Offerings Received through 6.30.20	\$22,205.33
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	105.74%
Fiscal Year Budgeted Tithes/Offerings To Date (July-May):	\$241,000.00
Fiscal Year Tithes/Offerings Received To Date (July-May):	\$225,691.81
Percent of Fiscal Year Tithes/Offerings Received (July-May):	93.65%
Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$10,402.88

Prayer Requests

*We know many folks at GFU have either been laid off or had their job descriptions change quite a bit. We are holding folks in the light of Christ during this uncertain time and transition.

*Tricia and Don Hornback will need to place their Newberg house on the market sooner rather than later. Please pray that Don can get the necessary work done to prepare the house. As well as prayer for indigenous folks as they are experiencing Covid at higher rates.

*Kara Maurer is traveling to northern California to care for her grandparents for the month of July. Please pray for her travel as well as her time with her mom and grandparents.

*Peter McKennon asks for prayers for sanity.

*Anna Baker was dizzy on Saturday and Sunday. She'd like to figure out why this is happening.

*Brenda Burg is not dizzy and she's grateful (and feels compassion for Anna).

*Dwight Burton & Monik Kadarmanto learned last week that they are Article 5 approved for their adoption, which is awesome. What isn't awesome is that it potentially looks like they won't be able to travel for a while as China isn't allowing anyone from USA into their borders. Please continue to pray for Dwight, Monik and David so they can bring him home.