

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS | July 7, 2020

Leslie is on vacation through Thursday, July 9th. Please feel free to contact the office or the pastoral team should you need anything.

AWESome Kits! Pick up starting THIS WEEK, July 8

AWESome Kits ** Wednesdays, 3-5pm at North Valley

[Information Here](#)

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.

Help Needed for Asylum Seekers | From Jessie Freer Walters

I'd like to make a plea for the folks of North Valley to take action against the Trump administration's attempt to gut the asylum system. Unfortunately, I'm not being the least bit dramatic when I say this recent proposed rule change to the way asylum law is enforced would lead to a near-complete breakdown of the asylum system, leaving people seeking asylum with little to no chance of actually being able to gain this status and remain safely and legally in the United States. But we can do something to try and stop this rule from going into effect!

The human beings this proposed rule impacts are fleeing persecution and I hold some of their stories as the attorney fighting for them. This rule is inhumane, racist and cuts against the ideals this nation should be building on. It goes against the calls we have taken up as Christians, to care for the least of these, to welcome the traveler, to care for the refugee. I do believe the people of North Valley can make a difference in this fight if they choose to take the time. As we have all struggled to know what to do next, I can offer a direct action people can take that we hope may impede this terrible change from taking place. The law requires any rule changes to be open to public comment. The U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services is required to read and address EVERY SINGLE COMMENT they receive. If we can flood USCIS with unique, thoughtful comments, we hope to slow the process down enough for a new administration to take over and throw this rule in the fire. I'm attaching a variety of resources that people can use to guide them in writing a comment and educating themselves about asylum and why it is important that we fight against this rule change. I know people have so much on their mental/emotional plates these days, but the Trump administration is counting on Americans ignoring the dismantling of the immigration system and the people this rule impacts desperately need us to pay attention to this issue. Please let me know how I can help in spreading this message and if I can offer any more information or clarification. These comments need to be submitted by July 15, so I hope we can spread this message over the next week. ~ Jessie Freer Walters jessie.freer@gmail.com

Here is the link to the Comment page:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/06/15/2020-12575/procedures-for-asylum-and-withholding-of-removal-credible-fear-and-reasonable-fear-review>

Here is a link to resources to help you make a comment (I also attached them to this email):

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ayN_nDMB3okg-k7RF10OtzqWEImngJQ3?usp=sharing

This drive includes: an instruction sheet on how to make a comment, suggested comments, the proposed rule and the social media infographic. And, if you want to share information about this, here is the link again to the infographic (or you can download it from the drive) that you can post on social media. Or share this email! <https://www.instagram.com/p/CCHl6s7h0zR/>
 Also, If folks would like a thorough run down regarding why it is important to protect asylum law, [this webinar](#) is awesome.

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 [link](#). 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 [here](#) 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. If you have questions about this please contact Scot Headley at sheadley@georgefox.edu or Kathi Gatlin at kathi.z317@gmail.com.

<u>2020 Interim Budget (July-Dec) General Fund Tithes and Offering</u>	
Donations are accepted at northvalleyfriends.org	
Need more info? E-mail Ceress Sanders at ceress.sanders@gmail.com	
<u>July 2020</u> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:	\$21,000.00
July 2020 Tithes/Offerings Received through 7.5.20	\$8,299.03
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	39.52%
<u>Fiscal Year</u> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings To Date (Jul-Jun 2020):	\$262,000.00
Fiscal Year Tithes/Offerings Received To Date (Jul-Jun 2020):	\$247,999.08
Percent of Fiscal Year Tithes/Offerings Received (Jul-Jun 2020):	94.66%
Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$11,602.88

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.

Prayer Requests

- *Sammy reminded us to pray for Leslie and family on vacation
- *Peter is glad to be healthy and is starting his 113th book
- *Sammy asked for prayer for his Grandma who is quarantined
- *Tricia Hornback asks for prayer for her nephew who had a fireworks accident.