

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS | SEPT. 15, 2020

Good afternoon folks! I pray you are all safe and well. It is encouraging that the fire on Chehalem Mountain has been contained. I'm so thankful for all the firefighters and first responders that worked tirelessly to do that and saved every home from fire. I am guessing that my prayers are merging with many of yours for rain so our air quality can improve. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the pastoral team. Grace & peace friends, Leslie

Youth Group- pushed back to next week

With the air quality being so poor, youth group has been pushed back to start NEXT WEEK, September 23rd. **Middle School will meet from 6:30-7:15** (15 minutes of check-in, 15 minutes of a socially distanced game, and 15 minutes teaching/conversations) and **High School will meet from 7:30-8:15**. Please note that Middle School students will need to be picked by parents in a timely manner, as the 15 minutes between groups will be spent by leaders sanitizing and preparing for the High School gathering.

Middle schoolers will meet through zoom this Friday, September 18th at 1:30pm - [Here](#) is the link!

Wednesday Night Small Group

Last week I posted a blurb about an anti-racism small group option/workshop for this fall at North Valley. The pastoral team recognizes that most folks are at capacity right now with Covid/Fires/Air quality, etc and we are pushing back this option for January. With many of us not knowing what school looks like for our families it is difficult to add one more thing - even if it's important, good work and we're invested in it! There is another (FREE!) option with Jenny Elsey and Bryce Coefield being offered **tonight** through the Cultural Center from 6-8pm. The Community Equity & Action workshop information & registration is [here](#). Workshop #2 will focus on Healthcare on October 13th and Workshop #3 is on November 10th.

Conversation Partnering this Fall

If interested, please contact Elizabeth Todd at detodd10@gmail.com

Hello, Friend!

Would you join me this fall in this ministry of practical help and blessing?

You can do this from your own home without even putting on your shoes.

You and a Palestinian young adult...

Video chat on a smart-phone app

One (morning) hour a week that you choose

September 14 to November 20

Enough structure ~ Room for relationship ~ Orientation available ~ And I am your resource!

Let me know if you have any questions or if you're ready for some more information! ~Elizabeth

Produce Swap

Every Sunday from 2-3pm we have a produce swap in the carport at North Valley. Feel free to get produce or give if you have extra. We've been taking some produce to FISH, the local food bank, each week. There is plenty for all! If you can't make it to NV during that time, just let me know and we can arrange another way to get produce to you, or I can pick it up from you if you'd like to donate~Cherice Bock.

Unprogrammed Worship, Sunday @ 9:30am

Unprogrammed worship usually meets in person and if the air quality is better, we will be under the carport as well as host the zoom unprogrammed. Feel free to bring your own chair and don't forget your mask! Nate will send out the zoom link for this on Friday.

Pastoral Reports

Each week a member of the pastoral team will share a report of sorts in this space. This month I asked each team member to share 3 things they've been working on and a way for the church to remember them in prayer. This week it's a report from Nate Macy:

3 Things I've Been Working On

1. Daily Devotionals - This is probably the most visible thing I'm doing right now. I write Monday - Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. I also plan what we're going to be focused on for the next several months. As of September first Since March I've written about 70,000 words.
2. Worship resources - In coordination with Leslie I put together the youtube videos and Sunday morning worship plans. I write the youtube reflections, we share the responsibility as a team for bringing the reflection on Sunday.
3. Connecting with people - I phone or email (or connect socially distanced) with a list of 55 people/families

3 ways I could use prayer

1. Steadiness - Keeping at this work, staying present, finding joy in the moment, these are all places I would love to have people support me.
2. Wisdom - right now there's a lot in transition around us, and for me it opens up questions about way forward. Discerning how we move forward as a body, what's edifying and helpful as a leader, and how we step into this new space seems important.
3. Hope - with everything on pause and a lot of the normal ways of rejuvenating off limits, finding ways to look for hope and joy have been difficult. I'm grateful for provision and love, but sometimes it's hard to feel hopeful.

2020 Interim Budget (July-Dec) General Fund Tithes and Offering	
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September 2020 Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:	\$21,000.00
September 2020 Tithes/Offerings Received through 9.13.20	\$8,533.33
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	40.63%
Fiscal Year Budgeted Tithes/Offerings To Date (July-Aug 2020):	\$42,000.00
Interim 6 mo Tithes/Offerings Received To Date (July-Aug 2020):	\$36,116.36
Percent of Interim 6 mo Tithes/Offerings Received (July-Aug 2020):	85.99%
Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$8,573.95