

NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS | SEPT. 2, 2020

Good morning, afternoon, evening friends! I tried three times to get this email complete and sent but alas here it is evening and I'm just now getting it out. I pray this email finds you all healthy. Please feel free to contact any member of the pastoral team with any questions or whatnot - Peace, Leslie

Phase 1 Youth Group Gatherings

Starting on **September 16th**, at the lawn at North Valley, **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.

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 Kim Boyd -

Things I have been working on:

1. July and August were filled with preparing and facilitating two community connections: tie dye day(s) and AWESome kits. Tie dye facilitation was a joy and I'm glad we were able to find a safe way to make it happen. We had over 60 folks participate. AWESome Kits took some time to prepare and roll out, but now the exchange time on Wednesdays is a great part of my weekly rhythm. Connecting to families even for a brief time has been life giving. AWESome Kits will continue after school begins for those who want to continue (or begin!).
2. I continue to write letters to the NV kids. Between March and June I sent out over 500 individual letters. Some of these were thoughts or "devotionals" for the group, and many were individual correspondences with kids who faithfully wrote me back. During those first months of quarantine, having a tangible, hand-held connection between the kids and I was a gift and an anchor during an unsettling time. After a break for July and August, I have begun sending out letters again, with the hope to reach each kid at least once a month through the mail.
3. I spend time each week meeting with individuals or families for pastoral care. Sometimes in person (masked and distanced), sometimes virtual or by phone, these sacred conversations remind me of our continued need for community, for strength, and for Light during this season.

You can pray for my capacity to hold what needs to be held and wisdom to let go of what needs to be let go.

I am grateful to be part of this community.

Kim

Unprogrammed Worship, Sunday @ 9:30am

Unprogrammed worship meets in person and this week we will be under the carport so we can host the zoom unprogrammed as well. Feel free to bring your own chair and don't forget your mask! There is a new link for this Sunday and Nate will send it out Friday.

Easter Flower Seeds

I had hoped to have a Sunday where we each brought a flower or two from the seeds I sent last spring to a collective bouquet in the foyer at the meetinghouse. A few of you have shared photos with me of your Easter flowers and I love seeing them! I'd love to create a slide show if more of you would be willing to send me a photo of your flowers! It will be a digital bouquet! Feel free to text them to Leslie at 503-260-7615 or email at Leshodg@gmail.com

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

<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>August 2020</u> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:	\$21,000.00
August 2020 Tithes/Offerings Received through 8.30.20	\$18,607.33
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	88.61%
<u>Fiscal Year</u> 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:	\$10,102.40