

ANNOUNCEMENTS | NOVEMBER 10, 2021

GATHERED WORSHIP HYBRID IN PERSON/ ZOOM | ATTENDANCE SURVEY

Pastors and Elders met Sunday night to discern about way forward with our gathered worship. After much deliberation and prayer, we have decided to begin a hybrid in person/zoom service. We appreciate your input and honesty, and we realize that whatever decision we made there would be some who will be disappointed with our decision. We are committed to support all of NVFC, our hope is to be creative both in our meetings and in our connection with each of you to support your needs.

We will begin this hybrid worship model on November 21. In order to pragmatically do this we will need to know where you plan to attend (zoom or in person) so we know how to set up the physical space. We are committed to finding ways to make our hybrid model as connective as possible.

In order to keep each other safe as we gather we are expecting that we will honor these shared values.

~We expect that we will all wear masks the entire time we are inside.

~We will have people sit in small family groups/pods with space between groups. We expect children to stay with their family groups, we will not have children's programming for the time being.

~We hope that people would find their spot and generally stay there during meeting.

~We expect that the community can agree that adults who come should be vaccinated.

~We expect that people would not come if they AND/OR any family members they live with are having any COVIDish symptoms.

We will work to create good space within the sanctuary to socially distance, and provide overflow space if more folks come than the space can safely accommodate. To this end, we need to know how many of you plan to be in person, and we will supply more information about the logistics of this when we have a clear idea of how this will work. Please let us know how you plan to attend – [LINK HERE](#)

CONNECTING YOUNG ADULTS TO THEIR CHURCH HOME

The years immediately following high school graduation can be fraught with transitions, disconnection from home, and the vagaries that accompany those standing on the precipice of adulthood. The NV elders are launching a new initiative to reach out and show love to the young adults in our church family who have launched into the world, and who might still need a connection to their church home. In the past, we have mailed care packages and gift cards; this year, we want to try another approach, which is to invite NV members to connect directly with young adults who are in their first four years of post-high-school-graduation life.

If you are interested in helping out, we'd like you to [fill out this google form](#) to let us know! We are asking for a one-year commitment to keep this young adult in your prayers, as well as a commitment to send the young adult one care package this fall, and one in the spring. The care package need not be elaborate, and might include candy and other snacks, a gift card to a fast food or coffee joint, and a personalized card from you. Once you sign up, we will give you a list of preferences (regarding snacks, fast food, and coffee, etc.) for the young adult with whom you've been matched.

Thanks for considering this ministry of caring for our young adults. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Springer Mock at mmock@georgefox.edu.

GRATITUDE

In the month of November we're encouraging each other to make a practice of gratitude in our daily rhythms. Leading up to our thanksgiving service we're inviting one another to do some kind of tangible work around gratitude. Select someone who has made a positive difference in your life that you would like to thank. In a short letter express your gratitude to that person. Be specific why you are grateful to this person and how your encounter with them has positively influenced you. Find a way to share this letter with that person, preferably in a way you can interact with them.

What did you notice as you wrote the letter?

What did you notice after you had shared it?

How have you changed because of your interaction with this person?

Has writing your gratitude to them revitalized energy in the ways that you are grateful to them? In the ways that they have invited you to grow?

Thanks Friends!

PARENTS OF TEENS GROUP | NOVEMBER 15

This group has been meeting for a few years now and some of our parents have aged out! We meet monthly to share and support one another as we parent our teenagers with prayer, intention and love. If you'd like to check it out, we're meeting on Monday, November 15th from 7-8:30pm in the meeting house foyer. Contact Leslie Murray for more information. This group strives to be a place for safe sharing, helpful suggestions, and encouragement from other parents.

SAXTONS TO HOST SMALL GROUP | TUESDAY EVENINGS, NOV 16-DEC 7

Together the group will read one excerpt from a devotional classic each week, work through discussion/reflection together, then choose a focused exercise to practice during the week. Devotional authors: Jonathan Edwards, Francis de Sales, John of the Cross, Bernard of Clairvaux.

We have room for six people to join us, which allows some space for social distancing. We do not plan to wear masks, and invite participants who have been vaccinated. We will meet in our living room at 511 E 3rd from 7 til 8:15 pm on Tuesday evenings (Nov 16-Dec 7). Please call Janine at 971.832.0804 if you'd like to join us!

NATIVE AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM

Southeastern Oklahoma State University (where Tricia Hornback works) invites tribal members, students, scholars, and educators to attend our virtual Fourteenth Native American Symposium. In recognition of the challenges of the past few years, our program is centered on the theme of "Native Presence and Survival Shaping Native Futures." We ask speakers and attendees to help put the unique circumstances of 2020 in conversation with longer Native histories of what Anishinaabe theorist Gerald Vizenor refers to as survivance – the Native rejection of victimhood through active presence. Our program also provides a forum for considering how the events of the past year – including the fight against COVID-19 and the implications of the *McGirt* Supreme Court decision recognizing tribal sovereignty in Oklahoma – can help shape the future. How do tribal communities and native-owned businesses continue to navigate both the economic slowdown and the virus? What will the "new normal" look like? We look forward to bringing you speakers who will share how they believe the past and present will shape Native futures and consider what form these futures will take. [Register here](#). November 12 from 9 am - 5 pm central time but you can drop in for specific topics once you register.

BECOMING MORE GENEROUS | DECEMBER 9TH EVERENCE/ FUM WEBINAR

Studies show that generosity is good for us. It adds to our sense of well-being, enhances our overall health, brings new meaning and purpose to our lives, and can even cause us to live longer. And in a world full of so much need, our generosity is also a great blessing to others! For those of us seeking to be faithful to God, generosity is also a fruit of the Spirit we are to cultivate as we grow into the image of Christ.

Most of us wish to be as generous as possible. We understand our calling to steward the resources God has entrusted to us in ways that bring glory to God and good to others. In addition, we want to support our congregations and those organizations that are making a difference in the world. Sometimes, we need help figuring out how to best act on this interest.

Join Everence Financial Planner Dennis LeFevre and FUM Advancement Officer/Everence Steward Consultant **Colin Saxton** to explore creative options for generosity. *Becoming more generous through creative giving tools*, an Everence/ FUM webinar on Thursday, December 9th from 3-4:30 pm Eastern Time. Register [HERE](#) by Monday, December 6.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME ON SUNDAYS

Emily is hosting a Google meet storytime for children on Sunday mornings at 10:00. Join with others for a circle-time like check-in over Google Meet and a story together. [Google Meet LINK HERE](#). If you have any questions, please email Emily Cammack! Emily@northvalleyfriends.org

YOUTH GROUP

- ❖ With HS musical practice filling the schedules of most of our HS students, no regular hang time Nov. 9 or 16.
- ❖ Youth group will meet masked inside the main lobby of Wayside with front awning doors open each Wednesday (except Nov. 24, Dec. 22/29) through March 16th. MS - 6:15-7:15pm ~ HS - 7:30-8:30pm

- ❖ Many of our students are in the high school musical, Mamma Mia, Nov. 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20 at 7pm (13th also 1pm). (Let Sammy know if you'd like to go on the evening of the 12th or the 13th Matinee and he'll pay for students' tickets)
- ❖ Tuesday, Nov. 30th is the return of Franksgiving (Sammy pun), grilled hot dogs, hangout, and games. Wayside lobby and front awning 4-5:30p.m for middle school and high school.
- ❖ Dec. 30th, New Years Eve Eve party, 12-2 with pizza and white elephant gift exchange.

<u>2021-2022 Budget (July-Jun) 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>November 2021</u> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:	\$20,000.00
November 2021 Tithes/Offerings Received through 11.7.21	\$7,734.20
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	38.67%
<u>Fiscal Year</u> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings To Date (July-Oct 2021):	\$80,000.00
Tithes/Offerings Received To Date(July-Oct 2021):	\$75,191.30
Percent of Budget/Offerings Received (July-Oct 2021):	93.99%
Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$5,300.10