

ANNOUNCEMENTS | NOVEMBER 3, 2021

TIME TO “FALL BACK” | DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV. 7

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before bed this Saturday night!

GATHERED WORSHIP DISCERNMENT – DUE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

**** Please complete this survey by this Saturday, November 6th. Thank you! ****

Hey Friends. We've heard from many of you with concerns about the impact of our current discernment to be on zoom only. We're willing to look again with creativity at how we might continue to be committed to listen and to discern well, as well as make the best choices we can for both the physical and spiritual health of NVFC. So, we're asking for your feedback to help us have a better understanding of what you all are needing and thinking. Our deepest hope is that NVFC can continue to be a place of nurture and encouragement, a united body that seeks to follow Jesus Christ faithfully, love each other deeply, and continue Christ's ministry. We're grateful for your patience and commitment. Thanks for taking time to help us understand where we, collectively, are at. Please follow [THIS LINK](#) to give us your thoughts. Thank you.

GRATITUDE

In the month of November we're encouraging each other to make a practice of gratitude in our daily rhythms. Gratitude is something scripture frequently encourages us to express, even in the midst of hard stuff. It turns out that science has shown that gratitude literally rewires our physical brains and keeps us healthier, mentally and physically. Leading up to our thanksgiving service we're inviting one another to do some kind of tangible work around gratitude. This could be as simple as listing 10 things you're grateful for when you get up in the morning or together before eating a meal. It could be taking pictures of things you're grateful for, a song, a drawing, a poem, or whatever expression you might use to be grateful. In addition to the good it might do us to engage these practices, we're hoping to share some of this together at our service on November 21. Thanks Friends!

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.

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.

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

We are currently meeting outside at Wayside at the main entrance on the side under the awning.
Middle School - 6:15-7:15pm ~ High School - 7:30-8:30pm We will be learning from members of our community about transformational times in their life, exploring where they saw God then and see God now.

YOUTH HANGTIMES ON TUESDAYS

Youth can find additional connection and community at Tuesday Hangtimes each week for high school from 4-5p.m. Tabs will be open at Chapters and Cream for high-school students and Sammy and Rachelle will be outside at Francis Square. Starting in October, the last hang time of each month will be at Memorial Park and open to middle school and high school (4-5p.m rain or shine). Sammy will bring the treats!

<u>2021-2022 Budget (July-Jun) General Fund Tithes and Offering</u>	
Donations are accepted at northvalleyfriends.org	
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<u>October 2021</u> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:	\$20,000.00
October 2021 Tithes/Offerings Received through 10.31.21	\$21,319.20
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	106.60%
<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:	\$5,200.10