

## ANNOUNCEMENTS | JANUARY 17, 2024

### YOUTH GROUPS CANCELED | TODAY, JANUARY 17

Due to weather, both middle school and high school youth groups are cancelled for today, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### 2023 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

North Valley Friends Church 2023 Individual Giving Statements (for tax purposes) are available for you to pick up on a table in the foyer. The statements will be available in the meetinghouse through Sunday, January 28th. The office is open Monday - Thursday from 9am - 1:30 pm. Those that are left will be sent by mail on Tuesday, January 30th. If you'd like your year-end statement to be mailed earlier, please contact the office at [office@northvalleyfriends.org](mailto:office@northvalleyfriends.org).

### NVFC VISIONING 2024

Throughout his life, Quaker writer Elton Trueblood emphasized the shared ministry within the Body of Christ. *He believed every person of faith* was called to and equipped for some form of service in the name of Christ. His vision of the "abolition of the laity" challenged those who saw "ministry" as reserved for a special group and inspired others to focus on who and what God called them to do with their lives.

North Valley is committed to being a community of ministers. Each of us is called to some form of service that may find expression within our fellowship and/or through your work, within your neighborhood, family, or related to specific concerns or groups of people around the world.

As we pray and dream together about how best to equip and support a community of ministers, it becomes easy to fall into old patterns—*serve on a committee, show up for a workday, or make a gift. What if we dream bigger and pray more boldly? How might God lead us?*

As you continue to consider and send in your responses to the query, "What does a community of ministers look like at North Valley, I invite you to consider:

- How is your calling as a minister being reflected through your work?
- In what ways are you being called to minister to your neighbors, friends, and family?
- When you come to worship at NV, are you being called to minister to others through a message? Song? Prayer? Offering? Some other way?
- How can our community best energize, equip, and encourage you in ministry?

Be sure to bring your handwritten response to worship this Sunday, or send them by email to Colin or the office.

### PASTORAL CARE

As we journey together in our visioning process and are undergoing a pastoral sabbatical and staff transition, North Valley will experiment with new ways of providing pastoral care over the next few months. Under the care of the NV elders, several teams are forming to continue to build connections and provide care within our community.

- Janine Saxton is assembling a small team to share the work of [non-crisis] visiting, listening, and connecting with the many folks who consider North Valley their home congregation.
- Brenda Burg will be working with others to coordinate meals for individuals and families as needed.
- Another group is available to provide crisis counseling when requested.

We plan to implement and utilize this structure throughout Leslie's sabbatical and evaluate how it may continue into the future. If you have a pastoral concern or would like to connect with someone from the church, please get in touch with Janine, Brenda, or one of the pastoral staff.

### FREE BOOKS

There are free books available in the foyer. Come take a look!

### SIT & STITCH | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Our "Sit and Stitch" affinity group will meet next Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm at Paula Hampton's home. Bring your knitting, sewing, crocheting, drawing, etc. and enjoy fellowship with other artisans. Hosted by Paula Hampton and Susan Ankeny.

### BANNED BOOK CLUB | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

The Banned Book Club Affinity Group will be meeting in the NVFC Library on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. This month we will be discussing *New Kid* by Jerry Croft. If you have any questions, contact Melanie Springer Mock.

### A MEAL & A MEETING | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

We will be gathering together for a meal followed by a meeting for worship for business on Wednesday, January 31st. Please plan to join us for "breakfast dinner" at 5:30 pm and meeting at 6:30 pm. **Let the office know if you plan to join us for the meal.** Childcare will be available during the meeting.

### PLASTICS RECYCLING EVENT | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The Sustainable Solutions Group of the Newberg Dundee Area is holding a Plastics Recycling Event. This is a quarterly plastics collection pop-up site for non-curbside recyclables. It will be held on Saturday February 3rd, from 12-2pm at NVFC in the fellowship hall.

See the Zero Waste website <https://www.zerowastemcminnville.com/about-3> for more information, and a nice "How to Sort" video, but here are some of the details: We will be collecting the following: Non-curbside plastics. Must be clean and dry to be accepted. The fee is \$4 per full paper grocery bag, but discounts are available for small bags. We can help you sort them, or you can save time by bringing them pre-sorted in separate bags. If you are new, just come see how it works!

### WOOLMAN PEACEMAKING FORUM | FEBRUARY 13

The 2024 Woolman Peacemaking Forum Lecture will be held on Tuesday, February 13th from 6-8pm in Hoover 105 at George Fox University. Guest speaker, Jonathan Kuttab, J.D. will present a lecture entitled: *Is There a Balm in Gilead? Prospects for a Palestinian / Israeli Peace*. As a Christian Palestinian resident of East Jerusalem, Kuttab brings personal perspectives in addition to professional insights from decades of experience as a human rights attorney. You won't want to miss this timely presentation which will be followed by a time for Q&A.

### EVERENCE FINANCIAL

Do you or someone you know need help with budgeting or debt management? Everence, in cooperation with a partner ministry, offers free and confidential counseling to those interested. Flyers are available in the foyer.

### YOUTH EVENTS

- High School Hang Time is every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 pm. Betsy and Rachelle will be there hosting space and will have tabs open at Chapters and Cream for high school students.
- **YOUTH GROUPS ARE CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER - TODAY, JANUARY 17.** Middle School (6:30-7:30 pm) and High School (7:45-8:45 pm) Youth Groups meet every Wednesday at Wayside Friends Church in the social hall (around the back of the building).

If you have any questions about youth programming, contact Rachelle at [rachelle@waysidefriends.org](mailto:rachelle@waysidefriends.org)

## THIS WEEK AT NORTH VALLEY

### JANUARY

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| 17 | <b>NO YOUTH GROUPS</b>  |
| 21 | Unprogrammed Worship & Programmed Worship   |
| 22 | Basketball Night - gym  |
| 23 | Colin's Office Hours (5-9pm) - Leslie's office  |
| 24 | Banned Book Club Affinity Group ( <i>New Kid</i> by Jerry Croft)<br>Sit & Stitch Affinity Group |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Gathered Meal & Meeting for Worship for Business | January 31

Plastics Recycling Event | February 3

Parents of Kids Affinity Group | February 6

Woolman Peacemaking Forum @ GFU | February 13

## LINKS

**\*\* ZOOM LINK FOR PROGRAMMED WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS | 10:45AM \*\***

Tithely Giving Form

Meal Support | Newberg Emergency Shelter

Laundry Sign-up | Newberg Emergency Shelter Showers

<b>2023-2024 Budget (July-Jun) General Fund Tithes and Offering</b>	
Donations are accepted at <a href="http://northvalleyfriends.org">northvalleyfriends.org</a>	
Need more info? E-mail <a href="mailto:office@northvalleyfriends.org">office@northvalleyfriends.org</a>	
<b>Jan 2024</b> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:	<b>\$18,500.00</b>
Jan 2024 Tithes/Offerings Received through 1.14.24	<b>\$6,473.11</b>
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	<b>34.99%</b>
<b>Fiscal Year</b> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings (July 23-Dec 23):	<b>\$121,170.00</b>
Tithes/Offerings Received (July 23-Dec 23):	<b>\$114,248.94</b>
Percent of Budget/Offerings Received (July 23-Dec23):	<b>94.29%</b>
<b>Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,132.95</b>