

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS | FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

### **NVFC VISIONING**

When I (Colin) first began reading the Bible in my early 20s, I was puzzled by how often the admonition to “love one another” appeared. As a newbie to the faith, this seemed so obvious and central that I could not quite wrap my head around why it needed to be reinforced so often.

Not too much later, I began to understand. This is hard work. Congregations are populated with people like me... as well as those who are simple and easy to love.

Our third query in the early part of our visioning process is focused on the essential aspect of being in the church. You can respond to the question, “**What will it look like for us to be a community that loves each other deeply?**” through [this link](#) or by leaving a handwritten note on the back wall of the sanctuary of the Meetinghouse.

One of the things I appreciate about the New Testament is the way it describes “love for one another” in very practical terms. It is not all warm feelings and kind gestures. Instead, distinctly Christian love is expressed through radical, sacrificial, and concrete acts and attitudes that characterize our life together daily. And though these expressions of love are not restricted to those within the community by any means, this is our practice field in which we learn to process what we profess about ourselves and our experience of God.

As we prayerfully respond to the query, maybe we can be as courageous as the New Testament is clearly articulating what love-in-action means in order to keep practicing it more gracefully and faithfully together.

### **SUPPLIES FOR CUBA**

Janine Saxton and Jody Jones are visiting Friends in Cuba at the end of March. They are collecting various items, including medical supplies, to deliver to folks there. If you'd like to help gather these items, you can sign up [here](#). If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation to help purchase supplies, you can give through our [Tithely giving form](#) or write a check to NVFC with a clear memo of “Cuba Supplies.” Items can be brought to the Meetinghouse or delivered to Janine or Jody directly by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

The Administrative Council is planning to use the last few minutes of our regular programmed meeting for worship this Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> for a brief meeting for worship for business. The meeting will be for information only: to share an update on the status of a dispute with Veritas relating to their right of first refusal if we sell any or all of the land around the school. We anticipate the meeting will not extend beyond the normal time for the close of worship.

### **VISIONING CONVERSATION: ONLINE WORSHIP | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Shortly after programmed worship and business meeting this Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a visioning conversation for online worship attenders. If you would like to participate, contact Colin or the office to get the Zoom link.

### **BANNED BOOK CLUB | WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

The Banned Book Club Affinity Group will be discussing selections from *Milk and Honey* by Rupi Kaur next Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the NVFC library. Contact Melanie Springer Mock with questions or interest.

### **SIT & STITCH | WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

The Sit & Stitch Affinity Group will gather together next Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Paula Hampton's home. Come enjoy fellowship with other artisans. Contact Paula Hampton or Susan Ankeny for more details.

### **YOUTH EVENTS**

- Broomball on Ice! Middle school and high school students of the churches that join together for camp will meet at the Lloyd Center ice rink for broomball this Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Wayside parking lot at 5:15 pm, we will return at 9:45 pm. Cost is \$20 per student, \$10 for each additional sibling.

- **No Hang Time next week, 2/27. High School Hang Time is now every other 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.
  - 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**

### **FEBRUARY**

25	9:30 am	Unprogrammed Worship
	10:45 am	Programmed Worship
		Meeting for Worship for Business (during worship, informational only)
	5:15 pm	Youth Event: Broomball on Ice - meet at Wayside
26	7:30 pm	Basketball night - gym
27	5:00 pm	Colin's office hours - Leslie's office
28	6:30 pm	Banned Book Club - NVFC Library
	6:30 pm	Middle School Youth Group - Wayside
	7:00 pm	Sit & Stitch - Hampton home
	7:45 pm	High School Youth Group - Wayside

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

“Let's Practice Listening Together” Workshop | March 10  
[Youth Summer Camps](#) | July 8-11

### **LINKS**

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

[Tithely Giving Form](#)  
[Meal Support](#) | [Newberg Emergency Shelter](#)  
[Laundry Sign-up](#) | [Newberg Emergency Shelter](#)

<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>Feb 2024 Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:</b>	<b>\$18,500.00</b>
Feb 2024 Tithes/Offerings Received through 2.18.24	<b>\$11,352.06</b>
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	<b>61.36%</b>
<b>Fiscal Year Budgeted Tithes/Offerings (July 23-Jan 24):</b>	<b>\$139,670.00</b>
Tithes/Offerings Received (July 23-Jan 25):	<b>\$133,136.80</b>
Percent of Budget/Offerings Received (July 23-Jan 24):	<b>95.32%</b>
<b>Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$215.95</b>