

ANNOUNCEMENTS | MARCH 6, 2024



NVFC VISIONING

A piece of our visioning process includes reimagining and rebuilding the infrastructure that makes our shared life and ministry possible. Unfortunately, in too many cases, the infrastructure *becomes the ministry*. We will work hard to avoid that pitfall.

Healthy congregations, in my experience, create meaningful and manageable ways for individuals to share their gifts, talents, and abilities within the congregation and support each other's calling and ministry beyond the fellowship. We don't wish to over-burden anyone or involve people in activities that do not mesh with their best discernment about how and where to invest their time, energy, and gifts from God.

For this moment, we want to focus a bit on our life together. Over the next several weeks, we plan to activate our Gifts and Leadings Committee. Their work is to help discern who may be called and gifted to serve in ways that help us live more faithfully into our shared mission. We have compiled a [short survey](#) to give the committee a running start on the conversations they will initiate.

We hope that each adult will take a few minutes to respond to the questions prayerfully. You are not signing up for anything or committing to do anything by completing the form. We are just gathering information about gifts, leadings, and potential interest in serving.

As we continue our discernment work this Spring, we will be discussing what this (re)newed infrastructure will look like, and we will work together to construct it.

LET'S PRACTICE LISTENING TOGETHER | SUNDAY, MARCH 10

As a Quaker community of faithful ministers discerning our way forward as a meeting, we would like to invite you to practice listening together in an afternoon workshop this Sunday afternoon, March 10th from 3:00 to 4:30. Listening both individually and communally requires presence and discernment. We are invited to pay attention to what is going on inside of us as we listen together for the invitation and movement with God. Our own stories, thoughts, and understandings shape what we hear or how we hear what is being said, both internally and externally. In this workshop, we will gather together to lean into listening to our whole selves while listening together in community. We will gather first as a group for instructions and then break up into small groups and practice listening together with a facilitator to guide the process. We would love it if you came to practice with us! Please let the office know by emailing or [clicking here](#) if you plan to attend.

THRESHING MEETING | TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Members and regular attenders at North Valley Friends Church are invited to attend a threshing meeting on Tuesday evening, March 12 starting at 6:30 PM. A "threshing meeting" is a meeting not intended to reach a decision, in this case giving those who are present time to prayerfully consider two proposals from Veritas regarding the purchase of land. The Trustees, the Administrative Council and the Clerk of the meeting are preparing informational material, hard copies of which will be available at the church Sunday morning right after the close of worship, and digital copies of which will be sent thereafter to members and regular attenders who request them. Children are welcome to join the meeting as childcare will not be provided.

BANNED BOOK CLUB | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

The Banned Book Club affinity group will be discussing *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult next Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 pm in the NVFC library. Contact Melanie Springer Mock for more details.

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 17th.

YOUTH EVENTS

- 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.
 - **Tonight - Combined MS/HS youth group, 6:30-7:30 pm.** 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).
 - No youth groups over spring break, March 27
 - April 3, local nonprofit visits begin. HS/MS youth group combined, visiting the [Newberg Library](#) to learn about ways the local library serves our community. Meet at Wayside at 6:30pm with an 8pm pick-up at Wayside.
 - April 17 Colin Saxton will be meeting with students at youth group, to gain feedback from students about staffing for NV youth ministry.
 - May 1 visiting [Table14](#) for another local nonprofit visit. Meet at Wayside at 6:30pm with an 8pm pick-up at Wayside.
- If you have any questions about youth programming, contact Rachelle at rachelle@waysidefriends.org

THIS WEEK AT NORTH VALLEY

MARCH	6	6:30pm	Combined MS/HS youth group - Wayside
	7	6:00pm	Elders' meeting
	10	9:30am	Unprogrammed Worship
		10:45am	Programmed Worship
		3:00pm	Let's Listen Together Workshop - fellowship hall
	11	6:30pm	Buildings and grounds meeting - foyer
		7:30pm	Basketball night - gym
	12	5:00pm	Colin office hours - Leslie's office
		6:30pm	Threshing meeting - sanctuary
	13	6:30pm	Banned Book Club - NVFC library
		6:30pm	Middle school youth group - Wayside
		7:45pm	High school youth group - Wayside

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2023-2024 Budget (July-Jun) General Fund Tithes and Offering	
Donations are accepted at northvalleyfriends.org	
Need more info? E-mail office@northvalleyfriends.org	
March 2024 Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:	\$18,500.00
March 2024 Tithes/Offerings Received through 3.3.24	\$2,144.75
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	11.59%
Fiscal Year Budgeted Tithes/Offerings (July 23-Feb 24):	\$158,170.00
Tithes/Offerings Received (July 23-Feb 24):	\$149,479.86
Percent of Budget/Offerings Received (July 23-Jan 24):	94.51%
Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$220.95