

ANNOUNCEMENTS | DECEMBER 18, 2024

At our meeting for worship for business yesterday we approved the 2025 Vision Report and our ministry budget for Jan - June 2025. Much gratitude goes to each and every person who participated in this process and a heartfelt deep, deep thank you to Colin Saxton for shepherding this process. We are excited to get moving on the next steps for ministry here at North Valley!

THANK YOU NOTES & GIFTS FOR OUR PASTORS AND STAFF

The elders invite you to find a creative and meaningful way to reach out to our pastoral team and staff and thank them for their ministry and work in our community. We are truly fortunate to have a collection of pastors who are so creative and caring. We are collecting cards and gifts during the season of Advent. We have cards available in the foyer to use or you can use your own. **They are due by this Sunday, December 22nd.** You can also mail your card and gift to the church. Checks should be made out to NVFC with the memo: *pastoral gift* or gifts can be made via [Tithely](#). Our pastors and staff are: Leslie Murray, Gina Ankeny, Rachelle Staley, Colin Saxton, and Lyssa McConaughy. Please reach out to an elder if you have any questions.

NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

This Sunday, December 22nd, we would love to have the children stay in with the adults for the whole service, so there will be no Children's Worship. The Nursery will still be open and staffed. Children's Worship will resume on 12/29/24. **Advent envelopes will still be available, see Gina at the back of the Sanctuary after worship.**

SUPPLIES FOR CUBA

Janine Saxton is traveling to Cuba in January with a group from Friends United Meeting. Each traveler is collecting items to deliver to Friend's Church communities for them to distribute. If you'd like to help Janine in her effort to gather these items, there is a [sign-up](#) to provide specific supplies; or you can make a monetary gift to help purchase the remaining items. Tax-deductible donations can be made via check to NVFC with a memo of "Cuba Supplies" or via [Tithely](#). The collection deadline is December 28th. Contact Janine with any questions.

SAXTON HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE | MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

You are invited to a holiday open house at the Saxton's home on Monday, December 23rd. Drop by anytime between 4 and 8 pm to enjoy soup, charcuterie, hot spiced cider, and more! Bring only yourselves, friends, relatives, and a spirit of fellowship. No need to RSVP.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

We will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service on December 24, at 6 pm. This intergenerational service will celebrate Christ through song and story. There will be a [Zoom](#) option available to join us virtually.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The "Authentic Community" creative workgroup is looking for ways to improve connection and communication within our body. So please enjoy the inaugural edition of the North Valley Friends Church monthly newsletter, created in collaboration with GFU's literature department and faculty (our own Dr. Melanie Springer Mock).

SENIOR PASTOR POSITION

Our job posting for a [new Senior Pastor](#) is still open!

YOUTH EVENTS

- Youth group is done for winter break and the rest of January. Stay tuned for youth programming details - expected to resume in February 2025!
- December 31 - for middle school and high school students: a day adventure at [SkyZone](#), a trampoline park with other bonus activities. Meet at Wayside at 12:30pm with a 3:45pm return. Cost is \$20 per student and \$15 for an additional sibling, 3rd sibling free.
- Save the date for Broomball on January 26th! Meet at Wayside at 5:30pm with a 9:00pm return, \$10 per person.
- Fireside/The Woods camps are July 7-10, 2025. [Registration](#) is live!

If you have any questions about youth programming, contact Rachelle at rachelle@waysidefriends.org

THIS WEEK AT NORTH VALLEY

DEC	19	<i>Office closed</i>
	22	9:30am Unprogrammed Worship
		10:45am Programmed Worship
	23	7:30pm Basketball night - gym
	24	<i>Christmas Eve - Office closed</i>
		6:00pm Christmas Eve Service
	25	<i>Christmas Day - Office closed</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Event: SkyZone | December 31

Fellowship Sunday | January 5

Game/Craft Night | January 14

Youth Event: Broomball | January 26

LINKS

** [NEW ZOOM LINK FOR PROGRAMMED WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS | 10:45AM](#) **

[Tithely Giving Form](#)

[Directory Update Form](#)

2024 Budget (July-Dec) General Fund Tithes and Offering	
Donations are accepted here .	
Need more info? E-mail office@northvalleyfriends.org	
December 2024 Budgeted Tithes/Offerings:	\$23,000.00
December 2024 Tithes/Offerings Received through 12.15.24	\$22,813.00
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	99.19%
2024 Budget to Date Budgeted Tithes/Offerings (July 24-Nov 24):	\$110,500.00
Tithes/Offerings Received (July 24-Nov 24):	\$113,990.61
Percent of Budget/Offerings Received (July 24-Nov 24):	103.16%
Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$1,919.95