

ANNOUNCEMENTS | SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

“OUT OF MY MIND” - Thoughts from Colin Saxton

I am still ruminating on the Luke 3 passage where John the Baptist gives us some practical (and passionate!) examples of caring for others: Share your extra. Make a place at the table for those who have no food to eat. Never take advantage of others—ever. Such actions may not change the entire world, but might change it for someone—including ourselves.

The early church took these admonitions and Jesus' even more radical teachings seriously. If we continue reading through the two-part volume of Luke/Acts, we find in Acts 2 how the disciples brought their gifts and resources to the Apostles, who distributed them among those in need. Along with caring for members of the faith community, there is plenty of evidence that the church cared for the poor, orphaned, widowed, and marginalized far beyond the worshiping fellowship.

When alone, we can easily feel overwhelmed and perplexed about how to live faithfully in the Way of Jesus. However, in community, there's often a greater capacity for faith, burden-sharing, and wisdom to discern the best way to give. I know this isn't always true. Communities can just as easily become insular, miserly, and self-focused if they are not careful.

Recent changes to our staffing model may free up resources, allowing us to be more generous with others. Instead of focusing on "how we are saving money," I would love for us to engage in some more prayerful discernment around how we can share more generously with others—both within and outside our fellowship. Who knows how it might change things!

~Colin

FRED MEYER SUPPORT FOR NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS

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FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY | OCTOBER 5

Fellowship Sunday is next week, October 5th at 10:15 am. Arrive to worship early on the first Sunday each month to enjoy some extra time to fellowship with one another. There will be hot drinks provided, and please bring a pastry or breakfast treat to share if you're able.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Mark your calendars - All are encouraged to attend a meeting for worship for business on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. If you would like to help with childcare during the meeting, please contact the office at office@northvalleyfriends.org.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR GRACE PENDER

Earlier this month, Grace Pender made her way to England to spend the next year volunteering at a Christian camp in Sheffield. The Oakes Holiday Centre is a year-round camp that hosts inner-city school groups for the opportunity to experience play, joy, creativity, and lessons about Jesus. Grace will be serving as a ministry assistant - doing media, helping plan camps, and ministering to youth volunteers. Her fundraising goal is \$5,400, which covers the year, including accommodation, food, a Bible study program, insurance, and visa costs. If you'd like to help Grace meet this financial goal, contributions can be sent to NVFC with a clear memo of "Grace Pender" or made online via [Tithely](https://tithely.org) by selecting the "Support for Grace Pender" fund.

MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE & SPIRITUAL FORMATION

We are still accepting applications for this 10-hour-per-week position on the NVFC Pastoral Team. Please take a look at the job description ([found here](#)) and contact Colin if you have any questions or would like to talk about it more.

YOUTH EVENTS

- Saturday 9/27 - **Timbers Game!** Instead of board games this weekend - middle school and high school students are invited to join the St. Cyr's at Providence Park this Saturday, 9/27. Meet at NV at 5pm. Limited spots are available, so RSVP to Steph!
- Sunday 9/28 - **Youth Group** is on Sunday afternoons at NVFC from 3:30-4:45 pm. This week, join us for a mystery outing! Meet in the NV parking lot at 3:30 pm, and make sure you have your new [permission slip](#) turned in ahead of time.
- Sunday 9/28 - **Donuts!** Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, donuts in the youth room at our new time, **10:00 am**.
- We have a new [permission & medical release form](#) for the 2025-26 school year. Parents, please fill this out so we have it on file.

If you have questions about youth programming, contact Steph St. Cyr - steph@northvalleyfriends.org or 831.252.1350.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH VALLEY

SEPT	27	5:00pm	Youth Event - Timbers Game
	28	9:30am	Unprogrammed Worship
		10:00am	Donuts - youth room
		10:45am	Programmed Worship
		3:30pm	Youth group - <i>Mystery outing!</i>
	29	7:00pm	Basketball night - gym

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fellowship Sunday | October 5
Business Meeting | October 15

LINKS

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

Tithely Giving Form
Laundry Sign-up | Newberg Drop-In Center
Directory Update Form

2025-2026 Budget (July-Jun) General Fund Tithes and Offering

Donations are accepted at northvalleyfriends.org
Need more info? E-mail office@northvalleyfriends.org

<u>September 2025 Tithes/Offerings</u>	\$18,333.33
September 2025 Tithes/Offerings Received through 9.21.25	\$10,838.44
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	59.12%
<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings (Jul-Aug 25):	\$36,666.66
Tithes/Offerings Received (Jul-Aug 25):	\$34,238.44
Percent of Budget/Offerings Received (Jul-Aug 25):	93.38%
Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$3,749.76