

ANNOUNCEMENTS | OCTOBER 1, 2025

SMALL GROUP SURVEY | RESPOND BY 6PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

The small group committee is working to roll out the new Fall series of small groups. They hope to have groups starting to meet towards the end of October, which is right around the corner. You can help them out by filling out two surveys in the coming weeks. This first survey, [attached here](#), is very short and will help them know how many people are interested in participating, and to determine who amongst us is interested in hosting and/or facilitating a small group. The second survey, coming later, will allow you to preview the offerings and select a group to participate in.

[This initial survey](#) will close this Sunday evening at 6 pm. If you'd prefer to answer the survey on pen and paper, physical copies will be available for you to fill out this Sunday, October 5th at the meetinghouse.

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Get to know NVFC's Lisi Jones and find out if there are any redeeming qualities about church potlucks in the 8th installment of the NVFC Official Newsletter. [Read it here](#) or grab a copy in the foyer.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY | OCTOBER 5

Fellowship Sunday is this 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. Hot drinks will be provided, please bring a pastry or breakfast treat to share if you're able.

WORLD QUAKER DAY | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

This Sunday, October 5th is World Quaker Day, sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation. Next Sunday, October 12th, Anna Baker will be sharing during programmed worship about Friends around the world.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

All are encouraged to attend a meeting for worship for business on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for the agenda and supporting documents. Childcare will be available.

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

- Sunday 10/5 - **Youth Group** is on Sunday afternoons at NVFC from 3:30-4:45 pm.
 - Saturday 10/11 - [The Pirates of Pinehurst](#) and Ice Cream. Leave NVFC at 6:30pm and get ice cream afterwards. Bring money for ice cream. We will drop students off at home by 9pm.
 - Sunday 10/12 - **Donuts!** Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, donuts in the youth room at 10:00 am.
 - Friday 10/17 - **Board game night** at the St. Cyr's from 7-9 pm. We'll have snacks and play board games.
 - Sunday 10/19 - **Heiser Farms!** Instead of youth group, we'll have an afternoon at the pumpkin farm. Meet at NVFC at 1:30pm and pick up at 4:30pm. We'll drive to [Heiser Farms](#) in Dayton and experience a corn maze and a host of other activities. Cost is \$5- \$20, depending on how many of the activities you want to do. Bring a snack.
 - New [permission & medical release form](#) for the 2025-26 school year. Make sure we have one on file!
- If you have questions about youth programming, contact Steph St. Cyr - steph@northvalleyfriends.org.

"OUT OF MY MIND" - Thoughts from Colin Saxton

"If you could snap your fingers and solve one program in the world, what would it be?" This is a question my colleagues in financial consulting often ask clients to help them reflect on their investment values. Instead of just aiming to accumulate more wealth, we encourage people to think about how their core faith commitments and values might shape and guide the way they use their resources.

I am not a financial advisor, but I ask questions like these to help individuals and congregations reflect on and discern their sense of purpose and the choices they make about their funds, facilities, time, staff, and energy. Questions like these

can draw our attention to what we care about most and point us toward who God is calling us to be and what we are called to do. Our responses encourage us to be honest about who we are and what we are doing. They can also provide an opportunity to reflect on the direction of our lives and make choices that realign us with our stated commitments and values.

Of course, in most cases, there isn't just one answer. We care about multiple things. And in community, as we learned in our visioning process, many people and perspectives create a mix of priorities that we get to narrow, hold in tension, and bring before God for greater clarity.

While reading Luke, I realize that our attachment to other things often prevents us from focusing on what truly matters. May we keep encouraging each other to focus on what matters most and let go of attachments that hold us back.

~Colin

THIS WEEK AT NORTH VALLEY

OCT	2	6:00pm	Elders Meeting
	5	9:30am	Unprogrammed Worship
		10:15am	Fellowship Sunday - fellowship hall
		10:45am	Programmed Worship
		3:30pm	Youth group - NVFC
	6	6:00pm	Buildings & grounds meeting
		7:00pm	Basketball night - gym

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Event: Pirates & Ice Cream | Oct 11
 Business Meeting | Oct 15
 Youth Event: Board Games | Oct 17
 Youth Event: Pumpkin Farm | Oct 19
 Fellowship Sunday | Nov 2

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-June) General Fund Tithes and Offering

Donations are accepted at northvalleyfriends.org
 Need more info? Email office@northvalleyfriends.org

<u>September 2025 Tithes/Offerings</u>	\$18,333.33
September 2025 Tithes/Offerings Received through 9.28.25	\$15,408.44
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	84.05%
<u>Fiscal Year To Date</u> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings (Jul-Sept 25):	\$54,999.99
Tithes/Offerings Received (Jul-Sept 25):	\$49,646.88
Percent of Budget/Offerings Received (Jul-Sept 25):	90.27%
Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$3,849.76