

ANNOUNCEMENTS | NOVEMBER 26, 2025

SUNDAY GUESTS

On Sunday, we mentioned that members from the Iglesia will be joining us for worship. We've invited these Friends to come at 10:15am for fellowship and be part of our programmed meeting for worship. **If you would like to bring pastry or bread to share, please do!**

HOLIDAY GIVING

For this year's extra Holiday giving focus at NV, there are several ways to contribute if you are interested:

1. We will be receiving contributions for the Iglesia Amigos en Newberg through 12/21. These funds will be used for individuals and families in need within their congregation.
2. The HUGS program through the Newberg Community Drop-in Center needs hats, umbrellas, gloves, and scarves for people of all ages. Please drop those at the Meetinghouse anytime during December, and we will get them delivered. Sleeping bags, tarps, and tents are also welcome.
3. If you'd like to volunteer personally, there will be opportunities to sign up to provide meals at the shelter on winter evenings when the temperatures drop below freezing. More information on how to volunteer will be available soon.
4. We continue to create a stockpile of non-perishable food to distribute here when asked. Please leave these donations in the bin in the foyer. Any unclaimed food will be taken to FISH.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES - AVAILABLE STARTING NOVEMBER 30TH

This Advent season, there are Advent Activity Packs for your child/children to take home with them. The pack contains an activity for them to work on (at their own pace) over the course of the Advent season. These activities will be passed out at the end of Children's Worship beginning this Sunday, November 30th. If you have questions, please reach out to Gina - gina@northvalleyfriends.org.

HOLIDAY MEAL | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Save the date for our annual Holiday Meal following worship on December 14th. We will gather for a wonderful, holiday-themed lunch. We will be doing ham and roast and we invite you to bring your favorite holiday side dishes to share. [Click here](#) to sign up and let us know you're planning to attend. We hope to see you all there, and feel free to bring a friend! And if you're interested in helping decorate ahead of time on Saturday morning 12/13, please contact Paul Bock.

VERITAS & NORTH VALLEY CONVERSATIONS

In the past, these two communities have engaged in regular conversation through representative groups. Just this week, these conversations were relaunched. North Valley will be represented by Mindy Allison, Jared Jones, and Colin Saxton.

YOUTH EVENTS

- Sunday 11/30 - **Christmas Decorating Party!** During our normal youth group time (3:30-4:45pm) this Sunday, we'll decorate the youth room, make cookies, build a large gingerbread house, and have a white elephant gift exchange. *Please bring a wrapped gag gift under \$5 to participate.*
- Wednesday 12/3 - **High School Hang Time!** Meet us at Chapters Books & Coffee for a low-key midweek hangout with games and conversation every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm.
- Sunday 12/14 - **Youth-Led Worship!** Youth will be leading Christmas music during worship on December 14th. If you'd like to participate (singing, instruments, or tech), please contact Ella St. Cyr.
- Friday 12/19 - **After-School Laser Tag!** We'll pick youth up from school and go to Langer's. Bring \$20 for laser tag, snacks, and arcade. Please RSVP to Stephanie.
- Sunday 1/18/26 - **Camp Reunion Overnighter!** All 4 churches from camp will gather at NVFC for an overnighter with food, activities, and time to reconnect. Don't miss it!
- **Youth Group!** Sunday afternoons at NVFC from 3:30-4:45 pm.

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

"OUT OF MY MIND" - Thoughts from Colin Saxton

All our conversations about "loving our neighbors" and "loving our enemies" made me wonder: "*Am I an easy neighbor to love?*"

Sometimes, when I hear Christians talk about loving their neighbor (let alone their enemy!), it sounds as if it is an unpleasant task, an annoying duty, or maybe even a wearisome burden. "*I guess we have to love our neighbor...Jesus is making us...*" some of us say, in our best Eeyore voice.

Now, I have had neighbors who are hard to love. But then again, they may have been having similar feelings towards me.

I'm going to keep thinking about this, and invite you to share your thoughts with me. I do want to learn how to love my neighbor better, faithfully acting in ways that reflect the love of God. And maybe there is value and something reconciling about giving the same energy to being (becoming?) someone others find easy to love. I don't mean just being "nice" or "friendly"...but someone others are drawn to by the content and character of their lives.

In peace, Colin

THIS WEEK AT NORTH VALLEY

NOV	26	Office closed for Holiday
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	30	9:30am Unprogrammed Worship
		10:15am Fellowship time
		10:45am Programmed Worship
		3:30pm Youth: Christmas Decorating - youth room
DEC	1	7:00pm Basketball night - gym
	3	3:30pm High School Hang Time - Chapters
		7:00pm Fellowship Committee Meeting

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

Donations are accepted at northvalleyfriends.org

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November 2025 Budgeted Tithes/Offerings	\$18,333.33
November 2025 Tithes/Offerings Received through 11.23.25	\$16,087.69
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	87.75%
Fiscal Year To Date Budgeted Tithes/Offerings (Jul-Oct 25):	\$73,333.32
Tithes/Offerings Received (Jul-Oct 25):	\$69,882.88
Percent of Budget/Offerings Received (Jul-Oct 25):	95.29%
Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$3,809.78

UPCOMING EVENTS

High School Hang Time | Dec 3
Fellowship Sunday | Dec 7
Youth-Led Worship | Dec 14
Holiday Meal | Dec 14
Meeting for Worship for Business | Dec 17
Youth: Laser Tag | Dec 19
Christmas Eve Service | Dec 24
Youth: Overnighter | Jan 18

LINKS

**** ZOOM LINK FOR PROGRAMMED WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS | 10:45AM ****
Tithely Giving Form
Laundry Sign-up | Newberg Drop-In Center
Directory Update Form