ANNOUNCEMENTS | DECEMBER 3, 2025

THANK YOU FROM LA IGLESIA DE LOS AMIGOS

Pastor Angel Diaz and members of the Iglesia sent their thanks for our shared worship service last week. Their community felt welcomed, loved, and cared for, and wanted us to know how much they appreciate our relationship.

NVFC NEWSLETTER

Did you know NVFC has a Buildings & Grounds Coordinator? Get to know Larry Hampton and then ponder economics with Ron Mock in this month's issue of the NVFC Official Newsletter. **Read it here** or find a copy in the foyer.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY IS THIS WEEK!

Fellowship Sunday is this week, December 7th at 10:15 am in the fellowship hall. Arrive to worship early on the first Sunday each month to enjoy some extra time to fellowship with one another. Bring a pastry or breakfast treat to share if you're able and hot drinks will be provided.

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 <u>contributions for La Iglesia Amigos en Newberg</u> through 12/21. These funds will be used for individuals and families in need within their congregation. *Gifts can be made <u>via Tithe.ly</u>*, placed in the offering or sent to the office. Please be sure to include a clear memo.
- 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. Supplies can be left outside Colin's office door in the foyer.
- 3. If you'd like to <u>volunteer personally</u>, 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 <u>non-perishable food to distribute</u> here when asked. Please leave these donations in the bin in the foyer. Any unclaimed food will be taken to FISH.

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. <u>Click here</u> 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.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS | WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Please plan to join us for a regularly scheduled meeting for worship for business on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

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. If you have questions, please reach out to Gina.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE | 6:00 PM

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.

YOUTH EVENTS

- 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

On the first Sunday of Advent, we were invited to consider how we will embody HOPE this week. How are you doing with that? How are you leaning into God's intended future? Acting now in ways that align with the world God is seeking to create? My plan is to start gathering resources for a trip to Cuba, which I hope to take in January.

You are welcome to come by the Meetinghouse this week, as well, and add your prayers to the Advent Wall of Hope. You might even want to share with someone else what you are praying for and what you intend to do this week. A little bit of accountability and support can go a long way toward action.

Of course, if we are not careful, we might spark a movement of hope. By our willingness to actively partner in God's Kingdom come and God's will being done, it might inspire others to do the same. By our willingness to wait expectantly — yearning for and yielding to the signs of Jesus coming into our lives — it could rouse others who have given up and given in to despair.

In peace, Colin

THIS WEEK AT NORTH VALLEY

DEC	3	3:30pm	High School Hang Time - Chapters
		7:00pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
	8	6:00pm	Elders meeting
		6:30pm	Land Use Task Group meeting
	7	9:30am	Unprogrammed Worship
		10:15am	Fellowship Sunday
		10:45am	Programmed Worship
		3:30pm	Youth group - NVFC
	8	6:00pm	Buildings & Grounds meeting
		7:00pm	Basketball night - gym
	9	7:00pm	Finance meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2025-2026 Budget (July-June) General Fund Tithes and Offering				
Donations are accepted at northvalleyfriends.org				
Need more info? Email office@northvalleyfriends.org				
November 2025 Budgeted Tithes/Offerings	\$18,333.33			
November 2025 Tithes/Offerings Received through 11.30.25	\$18,112.69			
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	98.80%			
Fiscal Year To Date Budgeted Tithes/Offerings (Jul-Nov 25):	\$91,666.65			
Tithes/Offerings Received (Jul-Nov 25):	\$87,995.57			
Percent of Budget/Offerings Received (Jul-Nov 25):	96.00%			
Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:	\$3,809.78			

LINKS

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