

## ANNOUNCEMENTS | JANUARY 21, 2026

### SMALL GROUPS SIGN-UPS START TODAY

How many of us wish we knew others at NVFC more deeply—even given that a lot of us are introverts? How many of us wish we had people beyond the few we sit beside that we could greet Sunday mornings with a greater sense of connection to their lives, knowing they also have more of one to ours? The Spiritual Formation Ministry Council\* is offering a variety of small groups this winter to help facilitate that, adding to a few ongoing ones.

These include a Bible Study, book group, gathering for intentional conversation over dessert, and another for conversation while crafting together. We imagine God wafting and weaving through the words and conversations, building our love and care, forming us evermore into the fullness of who we are as God's beloved. Check out the groups [Check out the groups here](#), where you can also sign up, and/or contact the facilitator if you have questions. If you don't see what you want offered, and want to suggest facilitating a group, I (Lisa McMinn) am eager to hear about it.

*\*Rick Muthiah, Sierra Neiman Westbrook, Kristin Sanders, Lisa McMinn*

### NVFC-VERITAS PEACEMAKING PROCESS - LISTENING SESSIONS

The Elders have discerned that the Spirit is calling NVFC to move forward in a peacemaking process with our neighbors at Veritas. Although we have cultivated a number of positive interactions with Veritas over the past year or so, there remains a tension between the two organizations that originated in our process of developing The Peace Trail Village. We feel called to begin a process of reconciliation with our neighbors, as a pragmatic step forward in our peacemaking tradition, with a further leading that our practice in this area may be instrumental in the future.

We invite all the congregation to participate in an intentional process of listening, in hopes that as a Quaker community of ministers who seek to follow Jesus Christ faithfully, whether new to NVFC or a tenured member, we can together lean into our mission and vision. Therefore, we ask folks to attend both Listening Session #1 and #2, due to the nature of the subject matter, as there is an inherent risk of developing misleading and partial truths, with limited participation.

Listening Session #1 has two dates to choose between, Sunday, January 25 at 6:45 pm or Monday, January 26 at 6:45 pm at the meetinghouse. **Materials will be emailed to attendees who have signed up to attend.**

Listening Session #2 will take place at 1:00 pm following a potluck after programmed worship on Sunday, February 1.

Please use [this Google Form to sign-up](#) and let us know which sessions you plan to attend so we can prepare accordingly.

### COMMUNITY POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

As part of the NVFC-Veritas Peacemaking Process, the NVFC elders will be hosting a community potluck before the listening session #2 on February 1, following the unprogrammed service. We would love for you to be included! You can volunteer [here](#) to set up before the potluck (this includes setting up tables and shares before programmed worship, prepare drinks, set out dishes, etc.) and/or after the potluck (running the dishwasher, returning chairs and tables, general cleaning). You can use [the same form](#) to indicate the type of food you'll bring to the potluck (though, of course, a dessert-heavy potluck is always welcome). Thank you for being part of this important process and the community time together.

### PEACE MONTH INVITATION FROM WEST HILLS

The Elders of West Hills Friends invite Quakers in the Portland area to join them in a daily Quaker Meeting with Attention to Peace at 7 PM on Zoom, through the remainder of January. You are welcome to attend, and also encouraged to help host by signing up below. [Here is the link to attend](#) and the [link to sign up for hosting](#). For more information, contact Gillian George at West Hills Friends: quakergil@gmail.com.

### YOUTH EVENTS

- TODAY 1/21 - **High School Hang Time!** Meet us at Chapters Books & Coffee for a low-key midweek hangout with games and conversation. Starting in February, we will shift to one Hang Time per month - every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm.

- Sunday 1/25 - **Donuts & Divina!** We'll share scripture, reflection, and donuts. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:00 am in the youth room.
  - **Future Events:** in February - indoor rock climbing event and a game night! Broomball on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Spring Break Mending Wings Trip: <https://slamtrips.com> with more information coming soon. We are looking for sponsors to support students being able to go.
  - **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](mailto:steph@northvalleyfriends.org).

### THIS WEEK AT NORTH VALLEY

JAN 21	3:30pm	High School Hang Time - Chapters
	6:30 pm	AC meeting
25	9:30am	Unprogrammed Worship
	10:00am	Donuts & Divina - youth room
	10:45am	Programmed Worship
	6:45pm	<a href="#">Listening Session #1</a> - sanctuary
	6:45pm	<a href="#">Listening Session #2</a> - sanctuary
26	7:00pm	Basketball night - gym

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[Community Potluck](#) | Feb 1  
 Listening Session #2 | Feb 1  
 Business Meeting | Feb 18  
 Chili Cook-Off | Feb 22

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

Donations are accepted at [northvalleyfriends.org](http://northvalleyfriends.org)  
 Need more info? Email [office@northvalleyfriends.org](mailto:office@northvalleyfriends.org)

<b>January 2026 Budgeted Tithes/Offerings</b>	<b>\$18,333.33</b>
January 2026 Tithes/Offerings Received through 1.18.26	<b>\$14,137.44</b>
Percent of Month's Projected Tithes/Offerings Received:	<b>77.11%</b>
<b>Fiscal Year To Date</b> Budgeted Tithes/Offerings (Jul-Dec 25):	<b>\$120,000</b>
Tithes/Offerings Received (Jul-Dec 25):	<b>\$123,244.14</b>
Percent of Budget/Offerings Received (Jul-Dec 25):	<b>102.7%</b>
<b>Emergency/Benevolent Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$759.78</b>

### LINKS

[Zoom Link for Programmed Worship on Sundays | 10:45 am](#)  
[Tithely Giving Form](#)  
[Laundry Sign-up | Newberg Drop-In Center](#)  
[Directory Update Form](#)