

NOVA'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM SEP. 22:

Upcoming events/Dates to remember

Thursday, Sept. 26 — Elders Climate Action happy hour and postcard-writing party, 4 pm, at the Mogs' home

Sunday, Sept. 29 — VOICE assembly on mental health resources for youth, 3:15 pm, Fairfax High School

Saturday, Nov. 2 — All Souls' Day service at the Keyes' home

Sunday, Nov. 10 — Nova general meeting after liturgy at Kenmore

Announcements

1) Write a postcard, have a drink — Markie Harwood reminded us that this Thursday is the Virginia Elders Climate Action happy hour and “postcarding” party at the Mogs' home, 5104 3rd St N. in Arlington. You can participate in writing get-out-the-vote postcards for the Environmental Voter Project from 4 to 5 pm, followed by a happy hour and climate discussion from 5 to 7 pm. Markie said that Gloria needs RSVPs by Tuesday — you can email her at gloriamog@verizon.net

2) Sign a peace petition — John Reeder asked the community to consider signing a petition (or sending a letter) to Sen. Tim Kaine concerning the ongoing war in Gaza. The petition asks if Kaine supports an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and a partial halt in U.S. military aid to Israel if the Israelis refuse to agree to a ceasefire and begin peace negotiations. Nova members can print out the letter and mail it to Senator Kaine themselves. The text of the letter suggested by John is below.

3) VOICE meeting Sunday, Sept. 29 — Meg Tuccillo put in one more plug for Nova members to come to a VOICE meeting from 3:15 pm to 5 pm on Sunday, Sept. 29, at Fairfax High School, 3501 Lions Run, Fairfax. The subject of the meeting is mental health services in Virginia, especially for youth. VOICE hopes a large turnout will persuade local and regional elected officials to commit to funding better support systems and resources, such as behavioral health centers. Register for the event [here](#). You can also sign up [here](#) to help with logistics as part of the floor team. If you plan to attend, please let Meg know.

4) Prayers for Quinn — Meg let us know that she heard from Quinn Connors, who is hiking the Camino de Santiago, in northern Spain, and is experiencing altitude adjustment issues. She asked for us to send prayers for him.

5) Liturgy concerns — Meg also talked about the need to *not* take the square piece of gluten-free bread off the Communion plate — please make sure to leave it for Dianne Carroll; and Meg mentioned to need to be careful about the placement of the screens behind the altar so that they don't block the TV on the wall: it is important for some Nova members who have hearing loss to have a clear sight-line so they can read the closed-captions on the Zoom meeting; finally, Meg said it's important to have Communion ministers who represent both male and female members of the community.

6) Receipt for book donations — Pat Sodo wanted to say thank you to those who have donated books to the Women’s Prison Book Project. If you are interested in a receipt, Pat has written to the Project staff asking for the most recent version. They have moved, so the address on their form is no longer valid. (Yes, she’s been sending the books to the right place.) As soon as she hears back from WPBP, she will send out the receipt and correct it on the NOVA website (under Peace and Social Justice/Prison Book Donation Receipt).

7) Food for AFAC — As always, don’t forget to bring boxes of cold cereal (and other food donations) to liturgy at Kenmore on Sundays. Nova has been connected with the Arlington Food Assistance Center for all of the non-profit’s 35-year existence. AFAC is now serving more than 3,700 families every week. Please remember to bring a box or two of cold cereal, or peanut butter, canned tuna, canned soup (in pop-top cans), plain pasta or canned beans.

8) Job guarantee and get out the vote efforts —Tom Clarkson renewed his appeal to Nova to support an effort to get Congress to pass legislation guaranteeing a job to anyone who wants to work; and he has information about get out the vote efforts. See below for the complete text of Tom’s announcements.

The planner and presider for **next Sunday’s liturgy** will be Gloria Mog and Gino Correa OFM. The scribe for announcements will be Cathy Goldschmidt, who (as usual) needs written copies of announcements made.

— Submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

A) Here is the text of the letter John Reeder suggests sending to Sen. Tim Kaine:

Senator Tim Kaine

US Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Sept. 22, 2024

Dear Senator Kaine:

I am a registered Virginia voter and an advocate of a just peace in Gaza and Palestine. I would like to know your position on peace in Gaza with regard to the following:

Do you favor an immediate ceasefire in Gaza?

Would you support a temporary halt to US military aid to Israel if it fails to halt its war in Gaza and refuses to engage in peace negotiations as suggested by President Biden?

Earlier this month, Israeli armed forces dropped two-thousand-pound US-made bombs on a school serving as a UN refugee center and killed 19 people, including women and children and six UN employees. Israel is using US military equipment to kill civilians and UN employees engaged in helping refugees. I cannot support using US made bombs and equipment to kill innocent Palestinians or anyone else that I pay for with my US taxes.

I cannot in good faith vote for you without more information on your position on resolving this war in Gaza. Please let me know where you stand on these two peace issues in Palestine.

Name (Printed, signed)

Address

B) And here are the announcements Tom Clarkson wanted to include in today's email:

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Tuesday, Sept. 17 and Thursday, Sept. 19: VOICE virtual Act on Addiction Summit.

Thursday, Sept. 26: VA Elders Climate Action Happy Hour and Postcarding Party at Mogs' home.

Friday, Sept. 27 to Sunday, Sept. 29: Retreat for Persons Facing Serious Illness in White Post, VA.

Sunday, Sept. 29: VOICE Youth & Family Behavioral Health Assembly at Fairfax High School.

Saturday, Oct. 12: Nova Liturgy Workshop for all Community members at Redemptorist House, Washington, D.C.

Saturday, Nov. 2: All Souls Day Service of Remembrance at Keyes' home.

Thursday, Nov. 7 through Sunday, Nov. 10: Men's Cursillo in Arlington.

Sunday, Nov. 10: Nova general meeting after liturgy.

Inova, in partnership with VOICE, is offering a **virtual Act on Addiction Summit** to teach actionable steps to combat the worsening addiction, fentanyl and youth behavioral health crises. Fatal overdoses in Virginia now surpass deaths from motor vehicle accidents and gun violence combined, according to the Virginia Department of Health. Webinars are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and Thursday, Sept. 19. Register for Sept. 17 [here](#); and for Sept. 19 [here](#).

Nova members are invited to join the Virginia Chapter of Elders Climate Action for a **Happy Hour and Postcarding Party** at 4 p.m., Thursday, September 26 at Gloria and David Mog's home, 5104 3rd St. N., Arlington. Come write Get Out the Vote postcards for the Environmental Voter Project from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Then break for happy hour and climate discussion from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Those who wish can stay after for more postcard writing. RSVP: gloriamog@verizon.net.

Father Tuck Grinnell let us know about a **Retreat for Persons Facing Serious Illness** and their caregivers from Friday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Sept. 29 at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA. There is no cost to participate. More information is in the attachment. Register at retreat@ccda.net.

VOICE will hold a **Youth & Family Behavioral Health Assembly** from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, at Fairfax High School, 3501 Lions Run, Fairfax, on the important subject of mental health services in Virginia. Nancy Veldhuis urges as many Nova members as possible to attend. The focus of the session with local and regional officials is to highlight the community's need for improved behavioral health centers. VOICE hopes that a large turnout of concerned citizens will convince elected officials to commit to funding better support systems and resources. To quote Nancy, "We need a sizable turnout from Nova to do our part for this important campaign." Register for the event [here](#). You can also sign up [here](#) to help with logistics as part of the Floor Team.

Nova's Liturgy Workshop is for all Community members from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12 at Redemptorist House, 3112 7th Street NE, Washington, D.C. Following the workshop, Fr. Francis is hosting a Happy Hour Reception and tour of the historic Redemptorist House, which he has refurbished over the past several years.

Also in October, the **liturgy lottery for 2025** begins. Jeanne Clarkson encourages everyone to think about which dates they would like to sign up to plan liturgies, especially those who want to lead community-led liturgies.

Anne Passin and Gloria Mog will lead us in a candlelight **All Souls Day Service of Remembrance** at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at Sally & Joe Keyes' home, 4555 26th St. N, Arlington. We'll remember all those who have died, with special time for Community members lost in the past two years. Wine and Cheese Gathering will follow.

Fr. Tuck also mentioned a Men's Cursillo beginning after dinner on Thursday, Nov. 7 and finishing after a potluck dinner on Sunday, Nov. 10 at Missionhurst in Arlington. Anyone interested should contact Tuck, and he will pass on the application and sponsor them for the weekend.

Plan to stay after liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 10 for a **Nova general meeting**.

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Next Sunday is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The planners are Charley Miller, OFM, and Marlene Shade. Alicia and Phil Cackley are the scribes.

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Save the Date: **All Souls Service of Remembrance** to honor the losses our community has experienced in the past few years. Saturday, November 2nd, 4:00 p.m. at the home of Joe and Sally Keyes in Arlington. Wine and Cheese gathering afterwards.

From the Peace and Social Justice Team:

Bill and Peggy Meyer brought to Dianne their concern about their cleaning lady, whose son needed a security deposit and rent money immediately in order to return to UVa for fall semester. He is a good student in his senior year with a scholarship for tuition, internship experiences, and likely good prospects for a job after graduation. But he fell behind on his expenses after missing his spring semester for health reasons. Joe Formoso wrote a check to cover the \$3,200 of immediate need, and the committee asked Joe to make arrangements to cover his rent through December, and to ask the student to investigate possible help through UVa for the future. Also, Meg will write a contract calling all of this a loan to be repaid after five

years. If you would like to make a donation toward this student's needs, please contact us. Thank you.

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4. SOLAR POWER

[Solar United Neighbors of Virginia](#) is a non-profit co-op that helped me to install solar energy on my house a few years ago. They can connect you with a reliable solar energy installer and answer your questions about the financial costs and benefits of solar panels. Their website is <https://solarunitedneighbors.org/>.

FROM SEP. 1:

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Friday-Sunday, September 6-8: NOVA Annual Retreat, Bon Secours, Maryland

Sunday, September 15: Book Group meeting at the Goldschmidt's home following the liturgy

Sunday, September 29: VOICE Meeting 3:15- 5:00 p.m. at Fairfax High School

Following the liturgy today, Community members were invited to enjoy "First Sunday" snacks. To commemorate the first liturgy in the Season of Creation, we reconvened to discuss steps that we can personally take to care for the environment and mitigate climate change. Joe Keyes initiated the discussion by describing recent actions that he and Sally had taken. He called the talk, "**Decarbonization - Toward Environmentally sensitive use of power; One couple's journey.**" He discussed their installation of solar panels, home insulation, installment of a heat pump, and their purchase of a plug-in hybrid vehicle. They were moving toward the goal of electrifying everything in their home and running it all from sun power. Follow-up suggestions regarding solar installations noted that there is a cooperative that can help with the selection of and contracting with installers. (Tom Clarkson). Other topics included composting and the need for advocacy for systemic as well as personal change. For example, John Reeder is part of an advocacy group seeking changes to the building code in Arlington. Other possible action steps include joining groups such as Elders for Climate Action, Third Act, and Network for Catholic Social Justice.

Here is a link to the TED talk given by Hannah Richie, the UK environmental data scientist referenced by Joe: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KI3VVrggKz4>

NOVA's Annual Retreat will start this coming Friday. Please refer to Anne Passin's recent email for check-in details and directions to the Retreat site. You are reminded to bring snacks, etc. to share at informal gatherings during the weekend. Also bring one or two portable outdoor chairs if you can. The Retreat ends on Sunday after lunch.

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Next Sunday is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The liturgy on September 8th will be held at the Bon Secours Conference Center. There will be no liturgy at Kenmore. The planners are the Retreat Planning Team and Father Ken Himes, OFM. Linda Christie will be the scribe. Unfortunately, she is unable to attend the Retreat so please submit your announcements for September 8th to her via email (unless it is a repeated one from this week).

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FROM AUG. 25:

Calendar:

Wednesday, Aug. 28 – [Poor People's Campaign Get Out The Vote Canvass](#).

Sunday, Sept. 1 – Agape and brief program following first liturgy in Season of Creation.

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 6-8 — Nova retreat, at Bon Secours retreat house, Maryland (No liturgy at Kenmore)

Sunday, Sept. 15 — Nova Book Group meeting at the Goldschmidts' home, after liturgy at Kenmore

Sunday, Sept. 29 — VOICE meeting, 3:15-5 p.m., Fairfax High School

Announcements:

NOVA joined PAX today for liturgy with our dear Joe Nangle, OFM, and with discussion and refreshments following. Joe, in his homily, celebrated the unity of our two communities and the decision more than 60 years ago to follow Vatican II with love, not fear. And he challenged us to meet Pope Francis' call for synodality in the same spirit.

Election canvassing — Tom Clarkson needs about 10 more volunteers for the [Poor People's Campaign Get Out The Vote Canvass](#) from 5:15 PM to 7:30 PM on Wednesday at Gates of Ballston, Arlington, 4th St N and Glebe Road. Please sign up [here](#) using [Signup Genius](#). More details from Tom below.

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1. [POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN GET OUT THE VOTE CANVASS](#): About 10 more volunteers are needed for the [Poor People's Campaign Get Out The Vote Canvass](#) on August 28 from 5:15 PM to 7:30 PM, at Gates of Ballston, Arlington, 4th St N and Glebe Road. Please sign up [here](#) using [Signup Genius](#).

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Sunday, Aug. 25 — joint liturgy with Pax community, 9 a.m., in McLean (No liturgy at Kenmore)

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 6-8 — Nova retreat, at Bon Secours retreat house, Maryland (No liturgy at Kenmore)

Sunday, Sept. 15 — Nova Book Group meeting at the Goldschmidts' home, after liturgy at Kenmore

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Liturgy 9 AM with Pax: Next Sunday, August 25 we will join Pax for liturgy with Joe Nangle OFM. There will be no liturgy at Kenmore. Fr. Joe is looking forward to seeing Nova friends again. Pax meets at St. Luke's Serbian Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean. There will be coffee and discussion following the Pax liturgy, so please plan to stay to exchange ideas and reflect together on issues affecting both intentional eucharistic communities. The liturgy will be Zoomed webinar-style (i.e., no interaction by those joining on-line).

Nova Tables for Six — Nova's Tables for Six is set to resume in September, with a sign-up deadline of August 20. If you have not participated in the past but would like to join the program and get to know community members better, or if you wish to change your availability, please let Sally Keyes, Cece Michelotti, or Cathy Goldschmidt know soon. The plan is to form the groups

and notify interested participants by September 1st. The organizers hope participants will find at least three dates to get together before the end of the year.

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Election canvassing and jobs guarantee efforts — Tom Clarkson is once again asking Nova members to consider helping with election canvassing that will take place August 28 in Arlington. And he is renewing his call to support efforts to get a jobs guarantee through Congress. For full details, see below.

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FROM AUG. 11:

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

Sunday, Aug. 25 — joint liturgy with Pax community, 9 a.m., in McLean (No liturgy at Kenmore)

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 6-8 — Nova retreat, at Bon Secours retreat house, Maryland (No liturgy at Kenmore)

Sunday, Sept. 15 — Nova Book Group meeting at the Goldschmidts' home, after liturgy at Kenmore

Sunday, Sept. 29 — VOICE meeting, 3:15-5 p.m., Fairfax High School

Announcements

1) **Liturgy with Pax Aug. 25** — Meg Tuccillo reminded us that in two weeks we will join Pax for a joint liturgy, celebrated by Joe Nangle, at 9 am ("Yes, we're not so old that we can't get to church by 9 o'clock," Meg said) at St Luke Serbian Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, in McLean. No liturgy will be held at Kenmore that Sunday. There will be coffee and discussion following the Pax liturgy, so please plan to stay to exchange ideas and reflect together on issues affecting both intentional eucharistic communities. The liturgy will be Zoomed webinar-style (i.e., no interaction by those joining on-line).

2) **Nova Tables for Six** — Nova's Tables for Six is set to resume in September, with a sign-up deadline of August 20. If you have not participated in the past but would like to join the program and get to know community members better, or if you wish to change your availability, please let Sally Keyes, Cece Michelotti, or Cathy Goldschmidt know soon. The plan is to form the groups and notify interested participants by September 1st. The organizers hope participants will find at least three dates to get together before the end of the year.

3) **VOICE meeting Sept. 29** — Nancy Veldhuis has let us know that VOICE will hold an important meeting Sunday Sept. 29, from 3:15 to 5 pm, on the subject of mental health services. She is urging as many Nova members to attend as possible. The session will be held at Fairfax High School, 3501 Lions Run, Fairfax, Virginia. The focus of the session with local and regional officials is to highlight the community's need for improved behavioral health centers. VOICE

hopes a large turnout of concerned citizens will convince elected officials to commit to funding better support systems and resources. Nancy: “We need a sizeable turnout from Nova to do our part for this important campaign.”

4) **Election canvassing and jobs guarantee efforts** — Tom Clarkson is once again asking Nova members to consider helping with election canvassing that will take place later this month in Arlington. And he is renewing his call to support efforts to get a jobs guarantee through Congress. For full details, see below.

5) **Food donations for AFAC** — And, finally, don’t forget to bring boxes of cold cereal (and other food donations) to liturgy on Sunday. Nova has been connected with the Arlington Food Assistance Center for all of the non-profit’s 35-year existence. Summer is a time when many Arlington families need more help (because school is out and children don’t have access to school-provided breakfast and lunch). AFAC is now serving more than 3,700 families every week. Please bring a box or two of cold cereal, or peanut butter, canned tuna, canned soup (in pop-top cans), plain pasta or canned beans.

Next Sunday’s presider and planners will be Quinn Conners, O. Carm., and Linda and Jack Christie. The scribe will be Cathy Goldschmidt, who needs written copies of announcements made.

— submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

Here is the full text of Tom’s announcements:

1. [POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN GET OUT THE VOTE CANVASS](#)

About 10 more volunteers are needed for the [Poor People’s Campaign Get Out The Vote Canvass](#) on August 28, 2024 from 5:15 PM to 7:30 PM. Please sign up [here](#) using [Signup Genius](#).

2. [Please see this Google Document.](#)

“[Ways to Reach Poor and Low-income Voters](#)” for ideas for getting involved in the November elections. You have your pick of partisan/non-partisan, knocking on doors or working from home. **Please add** your own ideas directly to [this page](#) so that others can see them.

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Calendar

Wednesday, August 7 -- NOVA Lite Zoom Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, August. 25 - PAX liturgy, Joe Nangle, 9 a.m., in McLean

Sunday, September 1 - Agape following NOVA liturgy

Friday, September 6-8 - NOVA retreat, at Bon Secours, Maryland

Sunday, September 15 - Book Group meeting at the Goldschmidt's home following the liturgy

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A NOVA "Zoom-Lite" meeting will be held this week on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Steve Ruth invites anyone interested joining in a an informal discussion (described as "fun, a bit frivolous, and guaranteed to be easygoing and interesting") on a wide range of topics of the participants' choosing. Past topics s have included travel, books, movies, and sports. The meeting link is: <https://gmu.zoom.us/j/92105664580>

A reminder that the **deadline payment for the NOVA Retreat** is due August 19. The amount due is \$371 for a single occupancy room or \$514 for double occupancy. (Financial assistance is available.) Please make checks payable to Nova Catholic Community and give or mail to Anne Passin, 7208 Gordons Road, Falls Church, VA 22043.

The PAX Community has invited Nova to join them for liturgy, with Fr. Joe Nangle presiding, Sunday Aug. 25, 9 am, at St Luke Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean. There will be coffee and discussion following the liturgy, so please plan to stay awhile to exchange ideas and reflect together with our sister IEC. The liturgy will be Zoomed webinar-style for those unable to attend in person.

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The Nova Book Group will meet at Goldschmidt's home after liturgy on Sunday, September 15. We will discuss *The Kingdom, The Power and The Glory* by Tim Alberta. A light lunch will be served. If you plan to come, please let Cathy know by email before the NOVA Retreat.

Save the date: September 29, 3:15-5 p.m. for an important meeting of Voice at Fairfax High School - Nancy Veldhuis invites all community members to attend. In an email to community members yesterday Nancy wrote: "From time to time at NOVA we talk about the ministry of presence. Here is a time when your physical presence can go a very long way to benefit the underserved in our local area, especially our youth . . . Stand with our Youth and Families Assembly from 3:15 -5 pm at Fairfax High School, 3501 Lions Run, Fairfax, VA from 3:15-5pm VOICE is planning an assembly with local and regional elected officials to highlight our community's urgent need for improved behavioral health centers. gain their commitment, and mobilize community members to advocate for better support systems and resources. We need a sizeable turnout from NOVA to do our part for this important campaign." Refer to Nancy's email for further details.

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Liturgy Planner for **August 11 liturgy**: Charly Miller (presider), Clyde and Judy Christofferson. Nova Scribes: Alicia and/or Phil Cackley, who need announcement in writing.