

Your NFC

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A WEEKLY
NEWSLETTER FOR
THE PEOPLE OF THE
NEWBERG
FRIENDS CHURCH
COMMUNITY

FROM ME TO YOU

by Cindy Johnson
coordinator of senior ministries



It's hard for me to believe I have been on staff as coordinator for senior ministries for a year this month, a position the Lord opened up and has used to bless me in many ways.

John and I moved to Newberg in 1985 with two young boys—Jamie, 5, and Mark, 3—for John to teach at George Fox. I was a stay-at-home mom until the boys were in school, then began working at Friendsview Retirement Community (in what was then called the infirmary) while John was home in the evenings. Later I worked as a medical assistant and eventually took a position at Providence Newberg Hospital. All told, I worked in the medical field for 20-plus years.

Caring for young and old alike has been a huge blessing. I have found that my love for reaching out to hold a hand, pray, and walk through a difficult time is truly a gift from the Lord.

After I retired from Providence Health Systems, I had more time to spend with my grandchildren, something I had longed to do. When this position opened up I thought about applying but did not think I would qualify. But my daughter-in-law urged me to look into it. So I did, and now I enjoy the best of both worlds!

I have been truly blessed to be involved with “my” Just Older Youth—visiting, eating lunch with them, praying with them, helping hang some pictures as we visit. I listen to their concerns, whether everyday things or health matters. I listen as they tell me about their growing-up years, their recent years, and their adventures.

Even more blessings include the JOY Breakfasts (which occur on the first Monday of every month at J's Restaurant for food and one-on-one fellowship) and the day trips that Arnie Mitchell coordinates to various locations of interest, such as the tulip festival and the bird refuge.

I also enjoy time with my teammates at our Tuesday-morning meeting and lunch. It's such a joy to get to know each one better as we share the life of the church through prayer for the congregation and planning events.

Yes! I am truly blessed.

The
Art Wall
is resting
while we enjoy
Community Time on
the lawn.
Send your Art Wall
suggestions to Sherry
or Elizabeth.

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Your **NFC** THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Summer Sunday school for 3s through 5th grade during the 9am service only (always nursery and 2s every week, both services). Regular schedule for middle/high school and adult Sunday school. See an usher or greeter for specific class info.

9am | worship gathering

10-10:45am | Community Time | on the lawn

10:15-10:45am | library open

10:45am | worship gathering

Monday, August 5

JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, August 7

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, August 9

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, August 10

Men's prayer meeting | 8am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room

Plan Ahead

August 18 | baby dedication | contact Michelle Akins 503-538-8381

August 18 | Dessert with Debby Thomas | 7pm | social hall | Bring a dessert to share and come hear about the ministry of the Thomas family in Rwanda.

August 24 | cemetery work day | 9am-noon | contact Elizabeth Sherwood at 503-537-8800

August 25 | children's ministry orientation | 10:45am | Room 132 | option one of two orientation opportunities

August 28 | children's ministry orientation | 7pm | Room 132 | option two

September 8 | Kick-Off-the-Fall Picnic | noon | on the lawn

September 8 | all-church business meeting | 6pm

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

See God?

The worship gatherings this Sunday will offer more open space than usual to share with the community how you are recognizing the movement of God in your life.

Newberg Friends Church
a GROWING community
LISTENING to Christ
CHANGING in the Spirit
LIVING OUT love

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Night Labyrinth Walk

Come join us for a candle lit walk at the labyrinth at North Valley Friends Church.

Everyone Welcome!

Date: Thursday evening, August 8th
 Time: 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Location: North Valley Friends Church,
 4020 N. College Street, Newberg, OR

Labyrinth facilitators will be available. For more information contact Debbie Headley at [503 547-7993](tel:503-547-7993) or d.headley@comcast.net.



Love INC Updates AUGUST 2013
 IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

It's time to MENTOR

Through the Relational Ministry program, individuals and families have an opportunity to set goals, learn valuable skills, and be made aware of both church and community resources. In this program, spiritual and emotional support is shown to all that attend by pairing them with a mentor.

Each mentor agrees to an ongoing, planned partnership that focuses on helping the client reach specific goals over a designated period. A typical Thursday night in Relational Ministry starts with 45 minutes of class and then 45 minutes of mentor time.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Real, active relationship with Jesus Christ
- Listener
- Compassionate
- Non-Judgemental
- Encourager
- Loving
- Accepting
- Creative
- Reliable

"I'VE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN A MINISTRY THAT HAS BLESSED ME THE WAY THIS ONE HAS."

-MARTHA CAMPSEY, MENTOR

GOALS OF MENTORING:

- To be a sound reliable friend
- To help clients take positive steps toward increased self sufficiency
- Teach and encourage problem solving skills
- Share the love of Christ
- Grow as Christians

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY!
 AUGUST 17TH 9:00 AM
 Free backpacks and school supplies
VOUCHER REQUIRED
 GodSong - 1025 Industrial Pkwy, Bldg. C
 Call 503-537-3999 to receive a voucher

BABY DEDICATION



Our next baby/child dedication is scheduled for Sunday, August 18. If you want to participate, please contact Michelle Akins.

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