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NEWSLETTER FOR
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FRIENDS CHURCH
COMMUNITY

ALL IN A DAY'S...LIFE

"The Nurse"

by Linda Sartwell

It had been a long day, and evening had finally come. The room was dimly lit from the lights at the nurse's station in the hallway, and I rested on the cot in the pediatric hospital room, where Elissa slept soundly.

Elissa had seen many doctors and hospital rooms since she was born with a rare birth defect called cystic hygroma—lymph and blood-filled cysts in her tongue, cheek, and throat area. The first doctors to examine her had never seen it, much less treated it.

After many doctor visits and two surgeries, she had grown to a happy 4-year-old but now had nephritis in the kidney and was sent to the Cleveland clinic for a biopsy. On this night I was awakened by "The Nurse."

She whispered, "Are you Mrs. Sartwell?"

Startled, I said, "Yes, why... is Elissa OK?"

"Oh, I'm not her nurse, but I heard there was a child here that had cystic hygroma—and I knew I just had to come and see you. You see, I was born with cystic hygroma, and I am 38 and a registered nurse. I just wanted to tell you there is life with this condition, and the doctors are learning so much more about it."

Wow! What you don't know—and what that nurse did not know—is that many times I would say "If she could just live to be 5; if she could just live to be 8," and here was a nurse who was 38! Sometimes I wonder if "The Nurse" was an angel, but I know for real she was a nurse in the night who brought this mother hope and encouragement. She could not stay long; but she had delivered her message; she had been an "intentional encourager."

A few weeks ago, Elissa called and said a strange thing happened to her. She told me she was part of a Facebook group of people all around the world who have cystic hygroma. A mother posted that her young daughter was being called "Fat Face" at school and was very discouraged. The mother did not know how to help her daughter and wondered if there was another who might be able to give them some encouragement or help from their own experience.

Elissa said to me, "Yeah, I know what that's like." I had not realized she had been called names. I knew people had asked us if she needed a root canal or if she had the mumps, but I did not know she had been called names. (cont'd)



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She continued to tell me, “Yes, there were some on the playground that called her “Fat Face”. But she decided to stay inside during recess and help the teacher or study more or practice her math facts. She decided she would become “smart” and then she would be known as the smart girl and not Fat Face. And it worked. When she won the spelling bee or the math facts, her classmates saw her as smart rather than Fat Face.

So Elissa e-mailed the mother on Facebook and introduced herself as a professor at SBU in Bolivar, telling her she would love to talk with her daughter. She told me she wanted to challenge this girl to find something she really likes to do and become very good at it. She will then be known for that and not by the appearance of her face.

In the coming months, Elissa—who, by the way, just turned 38—is going to be “The Nurse”—an intentional encourager. She is going to provide hope for the mother and share with this precious child how she herself handled the name calling and became known for who she was—not what she looked like.

I’m sure there are people all around us for whom we could be “The Nurse.” Let our ears and eyes be open as we follow God’s nudges in being an intentional encourager to those who need some healing words.

Linda Sartwell and her husband, Dick, are parents of two daughters and grandparents of one sweet granddaughter. Linda oversees the mail operations at George Fox University. She is also a charter member of NFC Bells.



**Live a Life.
Leave a Legacy.**
QUAKER FOCUS WEEK

Next week is Quaker Focus at George Fox University. This year’s theme is “Live a Life, Leave a Legacy,” and they’ll be remembering GFU’s history and Quaker heritage, and honoring Arthur Roberts as part of the event.

Events include:

- “Intellectual Feast”—hosted by the Department of Religious Studies, featuring historian Ralph Beebe (4 p.m., Tuesday, October 22, Hoover 250).

- Morning chapel with Jamie Johnson and featuring a filmed interview with Dr. Roberts, (10:40 a.m., Wednesday, October 23, in Bauman Auditorium).

Both meetings are open to the public.

PRESSING NEED

We still have need for several volunteers to join our children’s ministry team. If you feel called to participate in teaching, listening, and worshiping with children, please contact **Michelle Akins** /503-538-8381.

Our most pressing needs for this month (October 20 & 27)

- 1st/2nd grade -2 teaching assistants
- 3rd grade -2 teachers
- Jr. Girls (4th/5th grade) - 1 teaching assistant
- Jr. Boys (4th/5th grade) - 1 teacher / 1 teaching assistant

Fun Nights

Each evening features a biblical theme and a simple pizza dinner with veggies, fruit, and a little something yummy for dessert. We play large-group games together and listen to stories.

If your child wants to attend any one of the Fun Nights scheduled in October, please contact **Michelle Akins** to RSVP. This helps with meal planning. Friends, neighbors, and visitors are always welcome.

Fun Nights are open to the whole community. The cost is \$2 per child, \$4 family/ max (1st time visitors are free).



K-2 Fun Night:
October 21,
6-7:30 p.m.,
Friends Center
Gym



3:4-5 Fun Night:
October 28, 6-8
p.m., Friends Center
Gym. Missions
focus will be Brynn
Akins and Hayley
Koskela sharing
about their time

serving in a Ugandan orphanage last June.

Your **NFC** THIS WEEK

READING ASSIGNMENT FOR OCTOBER 20

Matthew 9:9-13; Galatians 2:11-16

SUNDAY

Sunday school for children and adults — for times and classroom information, find “Educational Opportunities” at each entrance, each “Info Center,” at the welcome center, or ask a greeter to help you.

9am | worship gathering

10–10:45am | Community Time | in the social hall and library

10:15–10:45am | library open

10:45am | worship gathering

7pm | high school youth group | youth house

Monday, October 21

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

K-2 Fun Night | 6pm | Friends Center gym | dinner, games, and stories for Kindergarten through 2nd graders

Wednesday, October 23

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Middle school youth group | 6:30pm

Listening Life: “Sacred Compass” | 6:45pm | Barclay B

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

Thursday, October 24

Women’s Bible Fellowship | 8:45am | social hall

Friday, October 25

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

5 o’clock gathering

Saturday, October 26

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

Cemetery volunteer work morning | 9-noon | contact Elizabeth for info

Sunday, October 27

Reading assignment: Hebrews 13:18; Colossians 1:15-23

Plan Ahead

October 28 | 3:4-5 Fun Night | 6pm | Friends Center gym | dinner, games, and missions stories for 3rd through 5th graders

October 28 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Dorothy Sherman’s update on China teachers

November 3 | Daylight Savings Time ends | set clocks *back* one hour

November 4 | JOY breakfast | 8am | J’s Restaurant | for seniors 55+

November 8 | WBF Craft Night | 7pm | Barclay A | Bring your own supplies (needlework, card making, etc.) and join us for a time of fellowship and crafting fun! Snacks welcome.

November 9 | wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

November 24 | combined Thanksgiving worship service at Bauman/GFU

December 8, 15, 22 | directory photo opportunities

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CHANGING in the Spirit
LIVING OUT love

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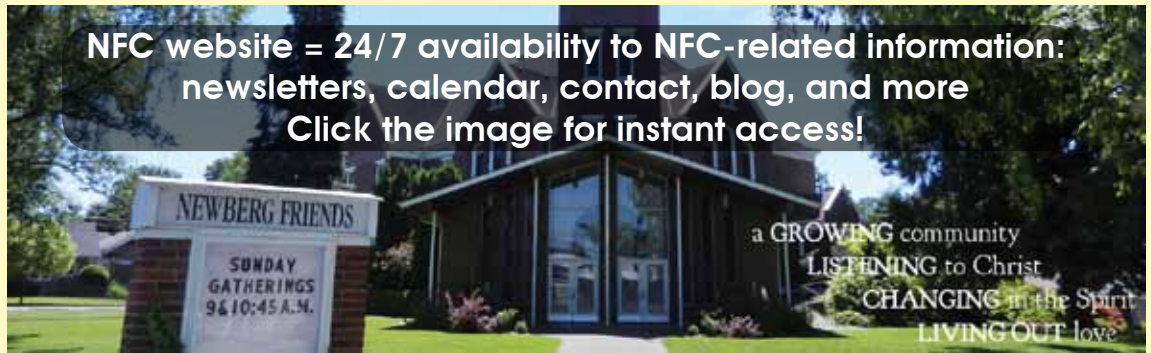
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NFC’s Calendar on the Web!

HEAVEN'S GAIN



Mary Dade died on October 12, 2013, at age 95. She had been a member of NFC since 1995, transferring from Netarts Friends. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, October 16, to honor Mary's life.



NFC website = 24/7 availability to NFC-related information: newsletters, calendar, contact, blog, and more
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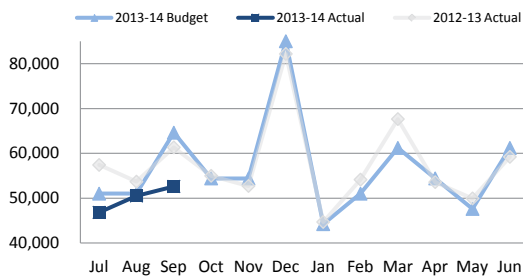
Share Your Extra Bibles

Bible Foundation's Annual October Bible Drive

Bibles freely go to many places, including hospitals, nursing homes, rescue missions, homeless shelters, street ministries, remote villages around the world, and more. Gather up the Bibles you're no longer using and drop them in the basket marked "Bibles" in the ramp entrance by the library.

NEWBERG FRIENDS CHURCH FINANCIAL RECAP • SEPTEMBER 2013

YTD General Fund Giving



Difference (in thousands) (4) (1) (12)
(11) (3) (9)

Actual vs. Budget
Current vs Prior Yr

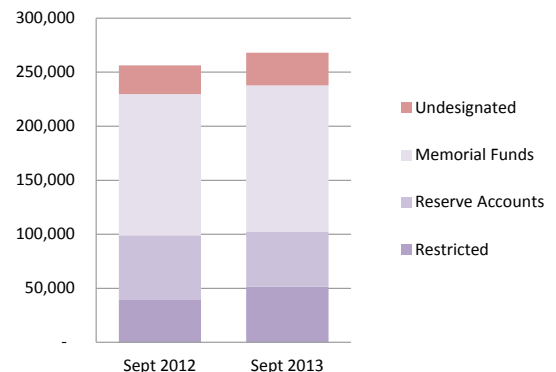
YTD Donor Restricted Funds

	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	1,575	8,095	8,095	1,575
Outside Ministries	4,968	2,999	2,999	4,968
Compassionate Care	4,819	1,725	1,524	5,020
NFC Ministries	5,437	2,555	420	7,572
Scholarships	5,574	450	1,742	4,282
Facilities	6,195	200	245	6,150
Other Funds	34,570	1,526	14,111	21,985
Totals	63,138	17,550	29,136	51,552

General Fund Year-to-Date

	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	158,853	175,636	(16,783)
Expense	(175,941)	(183,247)	7,306
Net	(17,088)	(7,611)	(9,477)

Cash & Investments



A complete financial report can be found on the bulletin board in the library.