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Your NFC

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

Coming soon to the
social hall
Art Wall:

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FROM ME TO YOU

by Gregg Koskela,
lead pastor

Thank you!

That's really all this article is going to say, so if you're short on time, you can skip ahead to the other things. I am just thankful and grateful for this community called Newberg Friends Church.



Thank you for the ways you have shaped me. I started attending as a college freshman and experienced the nearness of God in ways I hadn't before. Some of you (and some who have already ended their time here on this earth) mentored me by example. As a brand new pastor at age 25, you trusted me with your kids and let me try to learn how to speak. You were patient with me when I came here, way over my head, at 34 to be lead pastor. You have let me walk with some of you through painful and holy moments. You have shown me the love of Jesus.

Thank you for allowing me the freedom of a sabbatical this summer. There were many days that I was here in Newberg, and you let me be Gregg when you saw me, without any expectations of the role of pastor.

Thank you to every one of you on the staff. I know (from what you've told me) of many ways you did extra things because I was gone. I even know some of the things you did that you haven't told me, ways you went above and beyond to serve because you love our church and you love the people here. It's a gift to work alongside people who love Jesus and love this church and offer your many gifts, talents, and skills.

The biggest unexpected gift of my time away happened in the last two weeks before I came back. I realized I really missed the people of our church! I don't come back out of duty or with a sense of dread—I come back with joy to the people and community I most want to journey with, following the Holy Spirit to do as God leads in our town and our world. May we do just that, with love and joy and freedom and passion.

Thank you!

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Your **NFC** THIS WEEK

READING ASSIGNMENT FOR OCTOBER 6

Genesis 38

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

4:30pm | Bible Quizzing practice | youth house

7pm | high school youth group | youth house

Monday, October 7

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

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Pre-K Fun Night | 6pm | Friends Center gym | dinner, games, and stories for preschoolers

Wednesday, October 9

Middle school youth group | 6:30pm

Listening Life: "Sacred Compass" | 6:45pm | Barclay B

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

Worship ensemble rehearsal | 7pm | Room 246 | all singers welcome

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

5 o'clock gathering

Saturday, October 12

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

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

Plan Ahead

October 12-13 | Feed the Need

October 14 | 3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance) | 6:30pm | social hall

October 18-20 | NFC hosts NWYM Quiz Meet

October 21 | K-2 Fun Night | 6pm | Friends Center gym | dinner, games, and stories for Kindergarten through 2nd graders

October 26 | cemetery volunteer work morning | 9-noon

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

November 3 | Daylight Savings Time ends

November 24 | combined Thanksgiving worship service at Bauman

December 8, 15, 22 | directory photo opportunities

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

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NFC's Calendar on the Web!



Sandals

Caitlin Corning, professor of history at George Fox University, will lead the Sandals Sunday school class in a four-part series examining key issues and people of the Reformation. All are welcome to join the Sandals class on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the social hall.

Pastoral Team Retreat 2013



**Abuse Recovery
Ministry & Services**

Now available in our community: a faith-based support group for women who have or are experiencing domestic violence or abuse of any kind.

Please call 503-846-9284.



Newberg Friends will host a **Bible quiz meet** on the weekend of October 19. That means we'll have more than 200 students, coaches, and parents coming to Newberg for the weekend. And we'll need help. Please let me know if you might be able to help with any of the following:

- **Housing:** 1) Provide floor space for groups of 4-6 (regular group) or 8-12 (large group). Most groups will sleep at your home on Friday and Saturday nights. Most groups have an adult chaperon and are all of the same gender. They will have their own sleeping bags and pillows. 2) Provide breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. 3) Although most groups have their own vehicle, some churches bring lots of groups on a bus. Let me know if you have a vehicle that you are willing to use to help transport a group to your home.
- **Officiating:** We need quizmasters (read the questions in a quiz round) and scorekeepers (keep score in a quiz round). An hour-long training session is provided at the church, starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 19. Quiz rounds end by 4:30 p.m. If you sign up to help as a quiz official, we provide lunch for you (and dinner if you want to stay and join us).
- **Meals/Kitchen:** We provide coffee, a mid-morning snack, lunch, a mid-afternoon snack, and dinner on Saturday, October 19. The food is ordered in, but we need help with setting up and managing the food line and cleaning up the kitchen. Let me know if you can help for a shift. I'll need 2 people from 7:30 to 11 a.m., 4 to 6 people from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 4 to 6 people from 4 to 7 p.m.

Please e-mail **Eric Muhr** or call me at 503-538-8381.

Share Your Extra Bibles



Bible Foundation's Annual October Bible Drive

Gather up the Bibles you're no longer using and drop them in the basket marked "Bibles" in the ramp entrance by the library. They'll go to many places, near and far.