

Your NFC

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

FROM ME TO YOU

by Eric Muhr, youth ministries

Every June, we take high school students on a weekend backpacking trip, a kind of wilderness experience. Every year, there is adventure, beauty, some difficulty related to the unexpected. And every year, I think about how this wilderness trek is a metaphor for life together.

In order to make sure nobody gets giardia, for instance, we filter our water with little hand pumps—for beverages, for cooking, for washing the dishes. It's a lot of water. Hours of effort. Work that takes place at the water source, away from the campsite, in the middle of where the mosquitoes are thickest. It's lonely work. And people don't tend to notice when the water's been pumped, just when it hasn't.



Once the water bottles are full, we hike to the ridge-line; that's where the views are best. But getting there is difficult, risky, uphill work. Some people get way out ahead of the rest of the group. Others fall farther and farther behind.

There are loose rocks, cheat grass, thistles. And we're all tired. It's easy to look up the hill and see only how far we still have to travel. Harder to remember to look back, take in the beauty, and marvel at how far we've come. And when we all make it to the top in time for that spectacular, heart-stopping sunset, we still have to climb back down to camp. In the dark.

After a long trek up and down the mountain, there is almost nothing better than a clump of biscuit dough, slow-roasted over a fire. But it's a long process, and the smoke gets in your eyes, and sometimes people bump your stick with theirs, leaving you with a bit more black on your biscuit than you'd hoped.

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Sometimes, a two-mile hike out to the river ends up actually being four. Sometimes, passing through a meadow filled with wild roses, bursting into bloom, leaves you with bleeding legs and arms. Sometimes, there are snakes on the trail. And ticks in the trees.

So what's the point? Why not stay home, play video games, order Abby's pizza?

Every year, on Saturday night, I ask myself these questions. Then, on Sunday morning, when everyone shows up at church, I remember that we survived this thing together. That in the midst of hardship, we took turns cooking, pumping water, washing dishes. We hiked out to the river and back.

We talked about school, about friends, about family, about scripture, about our questions, about our worries, about our fears, about the nature of God. And my story, a story that used to be just mine, has now intersected with all our stories through this shared experience of suffering, of silence, of a juniper tree just to our west on a distant ridge engulfed in sunset flame.



“I Do!”



Doug Beatty and Jessica Magill were married at NFC on Tuesday, July 1. Doug is the director of analytics at George Fox University.



**Abuse Recovery
Ministry & Services**

**For women experiencing
domestic violence or
abuse of any kind.
Please call 503-846-9284.**

Love INC Updates

JULY 2014

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



Just *one night* a month
makes *all* the difference!

Newberg has a growing population of people who are homeless. The mission of the Newberg Community Shelter is to help homeless women and children of our area get off the street and out of the elements. Volunteer

hosts show the love of Christ to each guest of the shelter.

What can *you* do?

HOST: You and your host partner (husband and wife or two women) would arrive at the shelter at 6 p.m. and check in the guests. A dinner is provided by volunteers. The guests usually do chores, hang out in the living room and watch movies. Everyone in bed by 10 p.m., and all the guests sleep upstairs. Hosts have their own private bedroom and bathroom on the main floor. The guests come back downstairs at 7 a.m., and everyone is out of the door by 8.

DINNER PROVIDER: Drop off a hot meal to the shelter once a month. The meal should feed twelve people (two hosts, ten guests).

CLEANING TEAMS: Groups of two or more people to clean the shelter once a month, any day of the week.

Click here to fill out an application to start serving!

Your **NFC** THIS WEEK

READ AHEAD FOR JULY 6

Ephesians 5:15-20 linked to biblestudytools.com

SUNDAY

Summer Sunday school for children begins today! Nursery care provided during 9am and 10:45am services. Pre-K (Rm 124) and K-5th grade (Rm 121) large-group Sunday school class provided at 9am only. Regular schedule for middle/high school and adult Sunday school. See an usher or greeter for specific class information.

9am | worship gathering

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

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:45am | worship gathering

Monday, July 7

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

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Beryl Woodward memorial service | 11 a.m. | NFC sanctuary

Wednesday, July 9

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, July 11

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, July 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

Sunday, July 13

Read ahead: Ephesians 1:15-23



Outdoor Worship

July 13, 2014 @10:45 a.m.

Potluck Brunch on the Lawn

@ 9:30 a.m.

Bring your own table service along with a brunch item and/or a box of cereal to share. Milk and coffee will be provided.

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

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a GROWING community
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LIVING OUT love

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