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Your NFC

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

FROM ME TO YOU

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senior ministries



Friends are essential in your life. Friends are essential in *my* life. A friend can be someone with whom you share secrets, sorrows, tears, laughter, or prayer. Sometimes you just sit with them and say nothing, and that's all right. A friend can be somebody you've known for a long time, and even if distance or schedules keep you from being together, you pick up right where you left off from the time before.

I have learned over my life that it is not how many friends you have, but that you have a friend that "loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17).

I have had the privilege of delivering little gifts from an unknown source to someone in the church I did not know until I started my ministry here. I have enjoyed getting to know her and to pray for her. She has told me how much she enjoys our short visits—either on the phone, e-mail, or person to person—and that she is so happy she has a new friend (me).

Sometimes we have to get out of our comfort zone and do caring actions—like driving someone to the pharmacy or delivering something to folks who have no car or having tea and conversation with someone—to find ourselves developing meaningful friendships.

Jesus commands us to love one another—not to judge, but to do unto others as we would have them do for us.



AN INVITATION!

Pastor Angel Diaz and the congregation of La Iglesia Evangelica Los Amigos invite the congregation of Newberg Friends Church to join them for lunch and conversation!

**October 5, 2014 • 12:15 p.m.
Friends Center gym**

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Your **NFC** THIS WEEK

READ AHEAD FOR OCTOBER 5

Colossians 1:3-6

linked to biblestudytools.com

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 | on the lawn (or inside)

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:45am | worship gathering

12:15pm | lunch with La Iglesia Evangelica Los Amigos | Friends Center | the entire NFC community invited to attend

5pm | Bible Quiz practice | Youth House

Monday, October 6

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

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

NFC office closed for annual pastoral team retreat

Tuesday, October 7

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High school youth group | 6:30pm | Youth House

Wednesday, October 8

NFC office closed for annual pastoral team retreat

Middle school youth group | 6:30pm | Friends Center gym

Grief Group | 6:30pm | Room 234

Small group to explore Nathan Foster's book | 6:45pm | Barclay A/B | first of ten sessions | contact Steve Fawver

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

Thursday, October 9

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

Friday, October 10

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, October 11

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, October 12

Read ahead: Matthew 6:1-4

Small group to explore Nathan Foster's book | 9am | Barclay C | contact Steve Fawver

Plan Ahead

October 14 | memorial service for Ellen Warner | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

October 16 | K-2 Fun Night | 6-7:30pm | FC gym | dinner, games, and stories for children K through 2nd grade | \$2 per child, \$4 family max

October 23 | 3:4-5 Fun Night | 6-8pm | dinner, games, and a mission presentation for children in 3rd-5th grade. \$2 per child, \$4 family max

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

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LISTENING to Christ
CHANGING in the Spirit
LIVING OUT love

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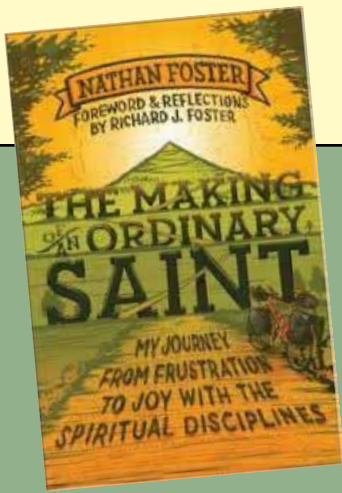
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Small Groups Starting Soon

Exploring Nathan Foster's book

The Making of an Ordinary Saint: My Journey from Frustration to Joy with the Spiritual Disciplines

Come join others as we help test and shape small-group and individual resources being written by the NFC community. We will meet and read Nathan's book as we invite Christ to change us, help us learn, and teach us together. Nathan invited us to work with him to write resources to be published early next year. Therefore, we need people to use these resources and help give them shape.

10 weeks starting October 8
Wednesday nights, 6:45-8:30 p.m. in Barclay A&B

or

10 weeks starting October 12
Sunday mornings, 9 a.m. in Barclay C

This is open to all, so come and be a part. If you can't do Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings but would still like to participate, you are welcome to gather a group to meet another time during the week. Contact steve@newbergfriends.org if you need more info.

HEAVEN'S GAIN



Ellen Warner died on Friday, September 26, 2014, at age 87. She and her husband, **Ray**, began attending NFC in 2006 and became members last year. A memorial service to celebrate Ellen's life is being planned for Tuesday, October 14, 2 p.m., at NFC.



THE PASTORAL TEAM will be away from the office Monday through Wednesday next week. Many thanks to **Brent and Polly Peterson** for sharing their beautiful beach home for the annual team retreat.



HAVE YOU SEEN one of the five Fred Meyer billboards around Portland featuring our own Farmers Brown, David and Nancy, and their Mustard Seed Farm? The "(over)grown" refers to the record-making size of their pumpkins (below, weighed and ready for market).





Twin Rocks Friends Camp Special Benefit Event
Sunday, October 12, 2014
4 p.m. (doors open 3 p.m.)
Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland

Celebrate Twin Rocks Friends Camp's rich heritage and help ensure a successful future!

Featured entertainment by Wendy Goodwin & Friends, men's a cappella group Rescue, and one-man dramatist Rich Swingle, along with fun and creative physical performing artists!

Click the image for details and to RSVP.

**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.

**For details,
visit the Bible
Foundation's
website.**

**AN
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John and Sangi Vanlalhriata, Indian Christians who have served with EFM for 20 years in Nepal, will be visiting in the Northwest for the first time this month. Prior to their years with EFM, they were a part of United Mission to



Nepal, a pioneering agency that served in Nepal for decades before any measure of religious freedom was granted. Since 1990 the number of followers of Jesus in Nepal has grown from fewer than a dozen to an estimated half million.

The Vanlalhriatas are scheduled to share on **Sunday, October 12**, in the Children of Light Sunday school class (9 a.m.), the Agape Sunday school class (10:30 a.m.), and Friendsview Vespers (4 p.m.). They will also be visiting Margaret Fell Friends Women on Monday, October 27, at 7 p.m. at the Spaulding Oaks Community Center.

You are encouraged to take one or more of these opportunities to hear the Vanlalhriatas and to get acquainted with a fine Evangelical Friends missionary couple who have worked long years under adverse circumstances with outstanding results.



YOU'RE INVITED to join the **Sandals Sunday school class** in the social hall every Sunday at 9 a.m. This week Carol Sherwood begins a three-week series on "Writing Your Story." The Bible validates the value of story as it relates to our journey through faith. For three weeks we will examine how our stories get written. What influences our story—our own decisions, decisions others make that influence us. In the final week, we'll focus on the story God wants to write for us.