

# Your NFC

a weekly newsletter for the  
people of the  
Newberg Friends Church  
community

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## ● All in a Day's...Life

by Priscilla Jeffery



Returning to Newberg and NFC in 2010 after being gone since 1956 was like coming home. My family moved here in 1941 so my elder sister, Marion, could live at home while attending the least expensive Christian college in the state. Earnest Christians, my family had no knowledge of Quakers. After several weeks at another church, we braved the unknown and visited NFC. That week Levi Pennington showed up for a pastoral visit at our home on West Illinois Street. He brought tricks and candy in his pockets for my younger brother and me, and his warm, engaging presence let us know we had found our church home. Mother taught a ladies' Sunday school class, and my brother Paul and I grew up with Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, and Twin Rocks. I knelt at this altar more than once; one time Gervas Carey gave me advice I have treasured, "Keep short accounts with God."

I sang my first sacred solo, "O Rest in the Lord," in the NFC sanctuary and directed my first choir there as well. This happened the year before Leon and I were married in the same sanctuary, and I am grateful for the formative years, the spiritual growth, encouragement, and opportunity this church afforded.

Mother was librarian at Pacific College while the men were in alternative service during World War II, and I often went to Wood-Mar after school to browse and select books to read. I was a book and library devotee beginning around age five but resisted the idea of a career so tame and bland. My resistance lasted until age 35 when Kent (WA) School District pulled me from a fifth-grade classroom to be the first elementary librarian in the district. It was a wonderful career for me, serving everyone, helping children and teachers find what they wanted, answering questions, teaching how to use libraries, reading (and singing) picture books to little ones, encouraging all to read.

After a hiatus of nearly 20 years I'm finding it fun to be in a library again, at Friendsview. The work is challenging also, as the nearly 6,000-book collection was put on computer this year.

When I was a senior at Newberg High School, a teacher said, "Oh, don't go to Pacific College! You'll marry an Idaho farmer!" I did both, but my Idaho farmer became



an elementary school teacher, as I was. We raised three sons and now have eight grands and two great grandchildren. In retirement we built a home together in Riggins, Idaho, enjoying 15 years there before Leon's heart attack in 2007.

My birth family was missionary-minded, with one sister in Irian Jaya (now West Papua) 40 years as a translator, and the other in Belgian Congo 25 years, nursing. Leon and I had 5 and 3, respectively, two-week work trips to Latin America with World Gospel Mission's Men With a Vision, with the encouragement and leadership of Gene Hockett—high points in our lives. Missions are a primary focus for me.

It has been a blessed life with many interesting experiences. What engages me today is the imma-

nence of God. He is so present, so actively involved in my life that I am frequently laughing in wonder and surprise. I do not know whether to call it *God's Choreography* or *Random Acts of Godly Kindness*, but day after day he lets me know he is there, taking care of things. "The joy of the Lord is my strength."

With compromised eyesight, I must be selective with reading, and now choose mostly what will enrich my spirit, my connection to God. Favorite authors include C.S. Lewis, A.W. Tozer, Oswald Chambers, Tolkien, Dorothy Sayers, Wendell Berry. I am learning to follow Jesus Christ more closely. He walks with us, and we walk in his joy. My joy is enhanced by being part of NFC, expanding his kingdom as we enjoy and glorify God together.

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT BAUMAN AUDITORIUM - NOVEMBER 23

10 AM—COMMUNITY TIME

COFFEE, DONUTS, FRESH-PRESSED APPLE CIDER

BAKE SALE BENEFITING THE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PHILLIP KISLA'S FUN PHOTOBOOTH • CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE

10:45 AM—WORSHIP

While you  
enjoy your  
Thanksgiving  
break,  
your

Your  
NFC editor  
will as well.  
See you back  
here on  
December 5!

**Remember and honor your loved ones. Order a Christmas plant today!**



Yes, I would like to help decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season by providing \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s) (\$7.50/ea) in honor or memory of a loved one. I give it...

...in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

...in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please clearly mark your check "Christmas plant." Put this slip and your payment in an offering envelope and place it in the offering plate or take it to the church office by Monday, December 1.

You may pick up your plant(s) following the 8 o'clock Christmas Eve service.



**Pastoral Team**

Michelle Akins  
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Cindy Johnson  
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**What's Ahead**

**SUNDAY**

Annual combined gathering at Bauman Auditorium (on the campus of George Fox University)

**10am** | Harvest Community Time

**10:45am** | Combined Thanksgiving Worship Service

**3pm** | high school volleyball open gym | Friends Center

**5pm** | Bible quiz practice | Youth House

**Monday, November 24**

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Nancy Thomas, Bolivian Friends History Project

**Wednesday, November 26**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

**Thursday, November 27**

NFC office closed for the holiday

**Friday, November 28**

NFC office closed for the holiday

**Saturday, November 29**

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

**Sunday, November 30**

Read ahead: Isaiah 64:1-8

**Plan Ahead**

December 1 | JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older

December 7 | Taize gathering | 7pm

December 8 | WinterSky concert with Wendy Goodwin, Phil Keaggy, Jeff Johnson, and Brian Dunning | NFC sanctuary | \$20/ticket

December 14 | Story Slam | 6pm | NFC sanctuary | a night of enjoying some great story tellers and community with each other

December 24 | annual candlelight Christmas Eve services | NFC sanctuary | 5pm/6:30pm/8pm

**NFC's Calendar on the Web!**



The EFM  
Christmas  
catalog is now  
online! Click  
on the image  
to access it.



**Tickets for the upcoming WinterSky concert** will be available for purchase during Harvest Community Time at Bauman Auditorium (10-10:45 a.m.) on Sunday. We anticipate a sell-out event. Bring a check (made payable to *NFC* with "concert" in the memo line) or cash with you—\$20/ea. The purchase of tickets is now open to the general public.

Tickets are also available at the church office (600 E 3rd St), weekdays 8am to 5pm. The concert will be general admission; doors will open at 6 p.m.

# EXP LOR ING

## Exploring NFC

Sunday, December 7

4-6 p.m. • Barclay C

*Exploring NFC is for anyone interested in finding out more about the NFC community or considering membership. Whether you are new or have been here for years, come and join us! We'll explore some of NFC's history, ways to find connections, and how to get involved.*

Led by **Gregg Koskela**  
and **Steve Fawver**.

*(click a name for more info)*



## Christmas Giving Tree Coming Soon! (November 30)

This year you'll find the Giving Tree in the sanctuary,  
by the Welcome Center.

**CHOOSE** a tag from the tree, **PURCHASE** a gift, **WRAP** it, **TAPE** the tag on the back of the gift, and **PLACE** the gift under the tree by December 21. The gifts benefit children served by Freedom in the Son (a ministry for children who have a parent in prison) and Yamhill Community Action Partnership's shelter here in Newberg.

**For more details, contact Denise Brooks or Kay Passmore.**

## Equipo\* Fundraiser Coming Soon!



\*2015 spring  
serve trip to  
Mexico

**Sunday mornings—  
November 30  
December 7  
December 14  
at NFC, donation basis**



**Upcoming 2015  
Directory Photo Ops  
December 7 / 14 / 21  
(and January 4 for Friendsview residents)**

## DECK THE HALLS!

Helpers needed to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on December 6, 2014, beginning at 10 a.m. Contact **Barb Mitchell** with questions (503-476-6263) or just show up!

## Bake Sale



### FUNDRAISER

Help support the  
**CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
Bake your favorite pies, cookies, breads, or brownies. Bring them to Bauman on November 23 by 9:45am. Please wrap your items in disposable containers and price your baked goods at \$10 or below. All sales will help NFC children, youth, and adults attend camps and retreats.



## NFC Story Slam

**Sunday, December 14, 6 p.m.**

*come to hear some of  
NFC's best storytellers  
recount their finest  
Christmas stories*

