Your NFC

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

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Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

Who Do You Meet at Mr. Mai's?

by Nora Adams

Mr. Mai's is a Christian coffee shop and English Club center located perfectly for Wayne and me, just a half city block from our hotel and one of the Wuhan University (China) entrances; on the other side, a

half block from one of the three new subway lines.

On average, Wayne and I spent one or two evenings a week for eight weeks volunteering at Mr. Mai's as two of the native English speakers who come to hold conversations with any and all comers. There has



been at least one Mr. Mai's location in Wuhan for the last 15 years.

Who might one meet during English Club? One was a brand new university freshman who traveled an hour by subway—not an unusual trip length for some of Mr. Mai's regulars. She was a long way from home and enjoyed hearing about my life and family and seeing photos. At the end of our time, she asked for a hug, a very un-Chinese thing to do.

Another day Wayne met two 20-something guys who declared their firm belief that this generation of young women wanted only to get married to gain a husband with a good income for her to spend and to have someone to boss around. It is true that the current saying is commonly accepted: No apartment, no car, no wife. The one-child policy made for a scarcity of females of an appropriate age, and those who exist often have parents who want to make certain of their daughter's security and their own—later, when help is necessary. So parents of sons must spend the equivalent to ten years average professional's salary to buy a concrete box of an apartment and more to get the finishing touches like appliances and flooring. The possibility of renting a new place generally is not available. That purchase is after going into debt over buying a new car for the son as well.

Two young mothers enjoyed the safety of talking with sympathetic strangers. One chose to share concerns about her husband's parents having moved in to help with the baby and her resolve never to show them her distress over potential conflicts or about her husband's work hours from nearly dawn until late at night. The other wanted Wayne's advice on how to protect her 3-year-old from other children's hard hitting when their mothers did nothing. *cont'd page 2*

At Mr. Mai's one might also run into our own Marilyn Harmon or co-teacher William Allen with a whole class of young men, their students, on a teacher-sponsored outing to practice English, despite the 40-minute journey by bus and subway.

The remarkable thing is that NFCers don't have to travel about 24 hours, door to door, to meet these interesting Chinese students and young professionals. Approximately a hundred similar folks can be found on the George Fox



University campus, and most would be thrilled to be invited to an American home for a meal and a chance to become friends.

Nora and Wayne Adams recently returned from Wuhan, China, where Wayne taught research methods in the social sciences for one of the top ten universities in China. Nora enjoyed time with longtime friends from GFU exchange professor days. Now they are doing a trial run as snowbirds in Phoenix, AZ, with their newest granddaughter (just six weeks old) and her family.





Heaven's Gain

Anna Church died on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Family members at NFC include **Bob** and **Darlene Church**. A private memorial service will be held with family at Friendsview Retirement Community.

Here's an easy way to update your directory/database information ONLINE! Just



and take care of this small but important task?
note: only one representative per household needs to do this.



Pastoral Team

Michelle Akins children and family ministries

Steve Fawver spiritual health and care

Cindy Johnson seniors ministries

Gregg Koskela lead pastor

Eric Muhr youth ministries

Elizabeth Sherwood administration

Nolan Staples worship ministries

Support Staff

Denise Lyman bookkeeper/receptionist

Sherry Macy admin assist / communications

Arnie Mitchell buildings manager

Dan Ritter buildings manager

Mark Thompson cemetery sexton



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Please direct all publications items to Sherry Macy.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY Isaiah 40:1-11

What's Ahead

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 • small group to explore Nathan Foster's book Barclay C
10−10:45am • Community Time in the social hall and library • blood pressure checks Room 234
• 2015 directory photos Room 234
10:15-10:45am library staffed
10:45am worship gathering 11:45am 2015 directory photos Room 234
3pm high school volleyball open gym Friends Center
5pm Bible quiz practice Youth House 6pm Story Slam 6pm NFC sanctuary a night of enjoying some
great story tellers and community with each other
Monday, December 15
Intercessory prayer 9am Barclay C
Strong For Life 10:30am Barclay B 3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance) 6:30pm social hall
Margaret Fell WMF 7pm Spaulding Oaks Community Center featuring
Cara Copeland, A Family Place
Tuesday, December 16
High school youth group 6:30pm Youth House
Wednesday, December 17
Strong For Life 10:30am Barclay B
Middle school youth group 6:30pm Friends Center gym Small group to explore Nathan Foster's book 6:45pm Barclay A/B
WBFpm 7pm Barclay C
Thursday, December 18
Women's Bible Fellowship 8:45am social hall
Friday, December 19
Strong For Life 10:30am Barclay B
Saturday, December 20
Men's prayer meeting 8am Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room
Sunday, December 21
Read ahead: Isaiah 61:1-11
Plan Ahead
December 24 annual candlelight Christmas Eve services NFC sanctuary 5pm/6:30pm/8pm
December 25-26 NFC office closed for the holiday
December 29 Christmas Break Event 2-4pm FC gym an afternoon of playtime, organized games, movie and popcorn for children age 3 through 5th grade
NFC's Calendar on the Web!

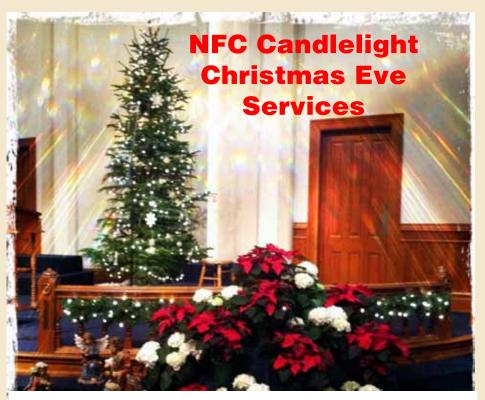


Join the Sandals Sunday school class the next two Sundays at 9 a.m. in the social hall as Bryan and Bethany Lee share about their year living on a sailboat with their family.



Christmas Giving Tree

Remember to return your wrapped Giving Tree gifts by **Sunday, December 21.**



5 pm • 6:30 pm • 8 pm





2015 Directory Photo Ops

Sundays, December 14 & 21 10 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Room 234

(and January 4 for Friendsview residents)

Friends, not only do we need updated photos for our directory, we need your updated contact information.

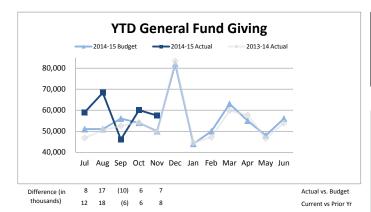
Please take a minute (there's no time like the present) to

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and update your info for the 2015 directory. Even if you don't *use* the directory, others in your community like to know how to reach you.

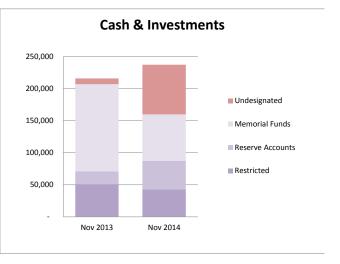
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Financial Recap for November 2014



YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds						
	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance		
Global Outreach	12,018	14,285	24,655	1,648		
Outside Ministries	5,043	4,496	4,571	4,968		
Compassionate Care	7,800	2,966	1,665	9,101		
NFC Ministries	8,144	3,055	2,092	9,107		
Scholarships	5,349	874	500	5,723		
Facilities	(66,561)	675	(58,207)	(7,679)		
Other Funds	15,208	6,247	1,626	19,829		
Memorial Funds	137,335	25,188	90,086	72,437		
Totals	124,336	57,786	66,988	115,134		

General Fund Year-to-Date					
			Ahead/		
	Actual	Budget	(Behind)		
Income	342,915	310,825	32,090		
Expense	(300,707)	(306,050)	5,343		
Net	42,208	4,775	37,433		



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



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.

The WinterSky Tour

featuring
Phil Keaggy,
Wendy Goodwin,
Brian Dunning,
and Jeff Johnson





Need Sheet

Needed:

- If anyone has any uncut and round log like pieces of wood that are either pine, spruce, or walnut we will take it off your hands! Or if anyway has said wood and is willing to let us borrow it, it will greatly be appreciated! We need the wood for wedding decorations. If you have any questions or inquires, email 'Salina Beier' at salina.beier@amity.k12.or.us.
- A stock pot (5 gallon preferred) in usable condition, free or for purchase. Please contact Sue at svpruitt@gmail.com or 503-314-9915.
- We have need of a babysitter who can come watch the kids for date nights and appointments, as needed. Henry is 6 years old and Adelaide is 3. We pay \$10 per hour and you will need to be able to drive, as we live 5 miles outside of Newberg. Please email or text me at 503-330-7259 or ursashaw@hotmail.com.

Available:

• For rent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with additional 1 bedroom, 1 bath "mother-in-law suite" on corner lot. Home is in excellent condition, has detached 2-car garage and fenced yard and is within close walking distance of George Fox University. \$1,400/month plus tenant pays all utilities. For more information, please contact Steven at 541-913-0498.

For Sale:

- Resolute Acclaim woodstove by Warnock Hersey. Call 503-538-4318.
- Firewood—cut, split, and seasoned. Mixture of maple and alder. \$180 cord you haul and \$220 delivered. If you need the wood stacked you can negotiate with the deliverer! Please contact Andy Baker, abaker@georgefox.edu. All money goes toward the Equipo 2015 trip. Thanks for your support!
- Light oak dining table, \$25; coffee table, \$15; 5-piece fireplace tool set (pewter), \$10. All in excellent condition. Call 503-538-4750.
- Recliner, swivel, and rocking chairs; file cabinet, 6 ft x 9 ft area rug; kitchen table with four chairs and matching cabinet; book shelf; washing machine, dryer, two upholstered office chairs; freestanding lamp; Tiffany lamp; tv stands; occasional tables; stacking tables; lawn mower, lawn edger; tools; gardening supplies; lawn chairs; window washing supplies; wheel barrow; wedding dress size 10; hammock; Christmas tree stand; Christmas decorations (garlands); hoses; etc., etc. Call Donna at 503-538-4318.
- Queen-size Harlequin sofa-sleeper, by Flexsteel. Tailor-designed with matching patterns, easy to open/close with a positive-lock mechanism. Mattress includes a middle lumbar feature. \$95. Call 503-538-9742.

To place a one-time free ad—•e-mail: sherry@newbergfriends.org
• mail: NFC, P.O. Box 487, attn. Sherry
• bring a written ad to the NFC office at 600 E. 3rd Street deadline: January 7• no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads online at newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/