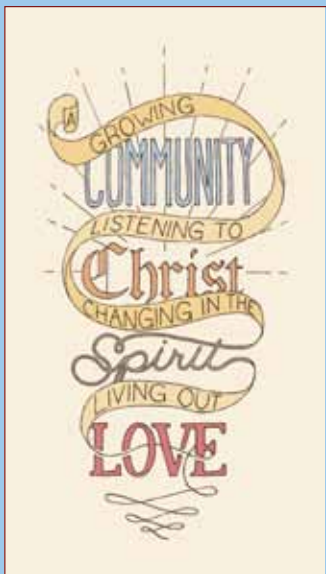


# Your NFC

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

December 5, 2014



## From Me to You

by Nolan Staples, worship ministries

I've been blessed to be in a position for the last few months that allows me to serve our community in a new way. I get to provide music for our gathered worship on Sunday mornings at NFC. I get to serve by taking time to plan and arrange and play music. I get to work to bring a variety of voices and timbres and styles to our singing together, with the goal of better representing our diversity and the diversity of God and God's kingdom. Fortunately, creating such variety isn't something I can do alone.



I've been learning something about being a servant: sometimes the best way for me to serve God and others is to ask for help. For our Thanksgiving service in Bauman, I wanted to bring something different in the music than we've had for the past few months. Being in the big auditorium at George Fox seemed a good opportunity for choir and brass, as the acoustics of that hall are well suited for voices and warm brass. As I began thinking about what it would take to have a choir and brass ensemble, I encountered some anxiety from the fact that I had never worked with these groups before and I wasn't exactly sure what it would take to pull these different musical pieces together. In my mind, the responsibility to pull together and lead these groups was all on my shoulders, and I was worried it might be more than I could manage or that it might not come out as well as I would like. After some time of waiting and praying and thinking about whether I should try to assemble these larger ensembles, I ended up asking Bethany Lee and Mauri Macy to collaborate with me. I'm so glad I did! With their help, the preparation became so much smoother, and I found I could better serve the musicians involved as well as our whole community. In asking for help I invited others to use their gifts of leadership, and it brought more life and energy to the music we prepared to offer to God and our community. I'm so thankful to be a part of a community in which I can ask for help, and it's easy and natural to serve alongside others.



# READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

**Psalm 80; Luke 1:46-55**



## **Pastoral Team**

**Michelle Akins**

*children and family ministries*

**Steve Fawver**

*spiritual health and care*

**Cindy Johnson**

*seniors ministries*

**Gregg Koskela**

*lead pastor*

**Eric Muhr**

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*administration*

**Nolan Staples**

*worship ministries*

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all publications items  
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## **What's Ahead**

### **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

• small group to explore Nathan Foster's book | Barclay C

**10-10:45am** • Community Time | in the social hall and library

• 2015 directory photos | Room 234

**10:15-10:45am** | library staffed

**10:45am** | worship gathering

**11:45am** | 2015 directory photos | Room 234

**3pm** | Equipo meeting | North Valley Friends

**7pm** | Taize gathering | NFC sanctuary

### **Monday, December 8**

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

WinterSky concert with Wendy Goodwin, Phil Keaggy, Jeff Johnson, and

Brian Dunning | 7 pm (doors open at 6pm) | NFC sanctuary | \$20/ticket

### **Tuesday, December 9**

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

### **Wednesday, December 10**

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 11**

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

### **Friday, December 12**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### **Saturday, December 13**

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

Art Everly memorial service | 10am | NFC sanctuary

Kids Christmas Party | 4-8:30pm | social hall | crafts, dinner, playtime,  
stories, and a movie for all children ages 1 to 10 years

### **Sunday, December 14**

Read ahead: Isaiah 40:1-11

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

### **Plan Ahead**

December 15 | 3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance) | 6:30pm | social hall

December 15 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community  
Center | featuring Cara Copeland, A Family Place

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



## ☛ Heaven's Gain


**Art Everly** died on November 21, 2014, at age 97. He had been attending NFC since 2000. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 10 a.m.




## ☛ Oh, Baby!

**Avery Drew** was born to **Nichole** and **Chad Drew** on December 1, 2014. Avery joins big brother, Austin.


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**2015 Directory  
 Photo Ops**  
**Sundays,  
 December 7 / 14 / 21**  
**10 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.**  
**Room 234**  
 (and January 4 for Friendsview residents)



**NFC Candlelight  
 Christmas Eve  
 Services**

**5 pm • 6:30 pm • 8 pm**

# The Winter Sky Tour

Monday, December 8, 2014  
7 p.m.  
Newberg Friends Church



Featuring  
Phil Keaggy with Jeff Johnson,  
Brian Dunning & Wendy Goodwin

\$20 cash/check

concert address: 307 S. College St, Newberg, OR  
general admission • doors open at 6 p.m.

Purchase tickets at the Newberg Friends Church office  
(600 E 3rd St, Newberg) or call 503-538-8381  
to reserve them at the door.

## The Christmas Giving Tree Is Here!



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\* Christmas Tree Fundraiser



\*2015 spring  
serve trip to  
Mexico

Sunday mornings—  
December 7  
December 14  
at NFC, donation basis

# DECK THE HALLS!

Come to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on December 6, beginning at 1 p.m. (note time change!) Contact **Barb Mitchell** with questions (503-476-6263) or just show up!

## NFC Story Slam

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

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



# 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 PLANT OFFER EXTENDED ONE WEEK! -----

**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 8.*

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

## advent taize prayer

this season is all about waiting for the Light, what might it be like to begin the season with this intentional posture in mind? waiting, listening, attending, being with.

there will be space for this and more at taize prayer  
december 7, 7:00 p.m.  
newberg friends church

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for more  
information

## Happy December Birthday

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|--|--|--|
| <b>1</b> Sarah Foster<br>Karlee Wilson                                     | <b>10</b> Rick Hutchens<br>Nataly Passmore                   | <b>20</b> Howard Macy                                      |
| <b>2</b> Denise Baird  | <b>11</b> Tiffany Graham                                     | <b>21</b> Colin Hyatt                                      |
| <b>3</b> Davida Brown<br>Susan Hutchinson<br>Alice Maurer                  | <b>12</b> Sam Morland  | <b>23</b> Suzanne Kern                                     |
| <b>5</b> Karen Angus<br>Doreen Fertello                                    | <b>13</b> Marvin Clarkson<br>Reta Stuart<br>Loren Van Tassel | <b>24</b> Craig McIndoo<br>Kristen Russom                  |
| <b>6</b> Ardys Alteneder   | <b>14</b> Ben Hampton<br>Eva Headrick                        | <b>25</b> Russ Ragsdale<br>Matthew Staples<br>Kathy Thorne |
| <b>7</b> Beth Bagley<br>Karl Birky<br>Maribeth Hampton<br>Richard Meissner | <b>15</b> Rick Muthiah                                       | <b>26</b> Jill Beals<br>Aaron Hutchens                     |
| <b>8</b> James Clark<br>Casey Rosback                                      | <b>16</b> Bob Hanson   | <b>28</b> Anna Lee   |
| <b>9</b> Andrew Boros<br>Carolyn Phipps                                    | <b>17</b> Chris Angus<br>Becky Ankeny<br>Billie Conant       | <b>29</b> Cara Copeland<br>Steve Fawver                    |
|  | <b>18</b> Lori Allen   | <b>30</b> Kristee Hampton<br>Gary Hankins                  |
|  | <b>19</b> Phil Smith<br>Noah Stone                           | <b>31</b> Dave Tussing                                     |

# Sabbath <sup>by</sup> the Sea

I want to personally invite each of you to consider taking some time to come away and be with Christ this coming January. I have the opportunity to work with an exceptional group of people (including many NFCers) as we lead week-long and half-week retreats at Twin Rocks Harbor Villa on the beach in Rockaway, Oregon. Sabbath by the Sea is spacious, restful, and open for you to be with God. Bracketed by simple morning and evening prayers, the schedule leaves you free to explore, walk on the beach, nap by a fire, read, eat scrumptious food, and spend time with Jesus. Groups are limited to 12 participants.

Not everyone can get away for a whole week, so we offer opportunities to come from Monday to Thursday or from Thursday to Sunday. Those who work during the week can take one day off on Friday and still have a good chunk of time to pray and listen to God. I invite those who have attended a January retreat in the past to consider going again and taking someone with you who might need time and space in life right now.

**Visit the web site** or give us a call! We will send you a brochure. The table is always set and Christ invites us to come away to listen, rest, and abide with him.

—**Steve Fawver**, pastor of spiritual health and care  
503-538-8381



## Daily schedule:

- 7:45- Pre-breakfast scripture & prayer
- 8:30- Breakfast
- 9:30- Morning gathering
- 10:15- Personal time
- 12:30- Lunch
- 1:30- Personal time
- 4:00- Optional spiritual direction
- 5:30- Dinner
- 6:45- Worship, highlights, and prayer
- 8:00- Sleep, play, relax, read...

## Leaders:

- December 29-January 4 – Steve Fawver, Martha Wood
- January 5-11 – Susan and Gary Fawver
- January 12-18 – Hank and Jo Helsabeck
- January 19-25 – Bethany Lee, Craig Davis
- January 26-29 – Marta Sears, Bethany Lee

*Worship singing will be led each week by Mauri Macy*