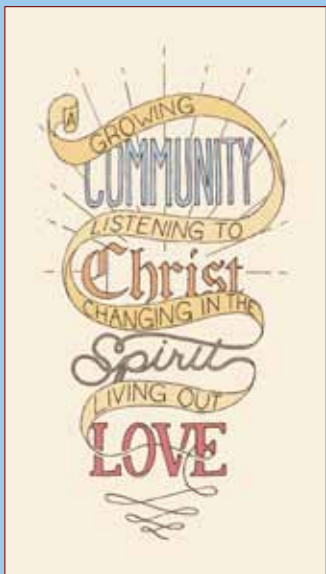


# Your NFC

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

January 2, 2015



## From Me to You

by Gregg Koskela, lead pastor

I've been watching with joy and a bit of awe over the last few weeks as so many people from our church prepared and then served a meal to Edwards Elementary students and their families. Five different families came and left with a full stomach, a bag of food for their homes, and free books for the kids. We didn't know how many to expect.



Since it was a new idea, our team was ready for more. To me, this is just right at the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus: ready to serve, not sure of the results, trusting that being willing was the true measure of obedience.

Days before the cooking started, Susan Hampton shopped in bulk for the meal's ingredients. On Monday, December 29, I watched from the sidelines (not wanting to infect anyone with my Christmas cold) as Susan Ankeny took the

lead, serving with many volunteers in the kitchen. Di Murphy and Debbie Doolin gave books away. Fairlight Morelli, Ginny Birky, Elizabeth Sherwood, Nancy Fawver, Elyse Fawver, Aubrey Koskela, Scott Ankeny, Don and Jane Huwe, Sharon Hubbell, and Kirsti Doolin served and cooked and cleaned.

The whole thing started with a request weeks ago from Edwards Elementary, wondering if a church in the area might be willing to offer a meal during the Christmas Break when regular systems of help weren't available. Elizabeth Sherwood met with several at the school and in the community, figured out a plan, and then mobilized the many willing volunteers. People such as Lori Allen took charge of various parts: collecting oatmeal or books or canned food. For a couple of weeks in the office, we watched



countless people drop things off in Barclay C. On Sunday, December 28, Erinn and Ron Hampton's and Bethany and Brian Lee's families stayed after church to organize all the donations into bags to be distributed.

All of the meal leftovers



went to Zion Lutheran Church, to serve at the warming shelter they are hosting this week. The extra (non-perishable) food bags will be distributed next Friday at Edwards Elementary via YCAP.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed!

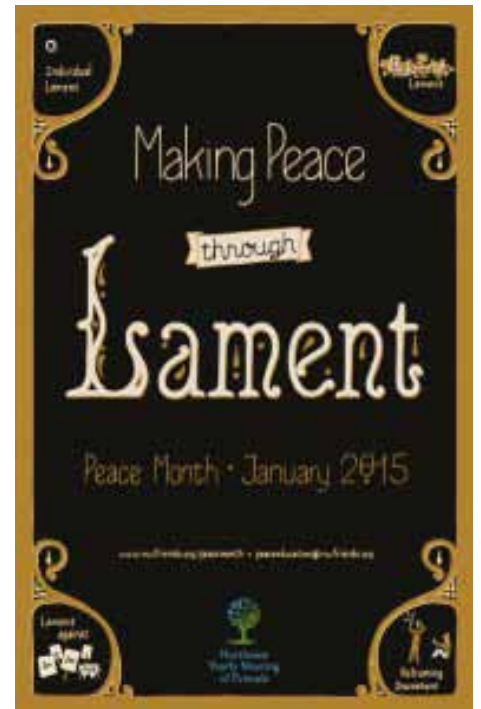
I don't mean to minimize the ones I haven't mentioned...each person who donated or gave time or money made a difference, and we are grateful! Perhaps the best part of this experience is that we now have open doors with the principal and the counselor at Edwards...and who knows what future opportunities to serve this will bring?



The following people from NFC attended **Summit**, a leadership conference for young adults from Evangelical Friends yearly meetings around the country. Pray for them as they process the experience and continue growing the new relationships they made.

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| 1) Stephanie Andres    | 13) Michael Fawver   |
| 2) Connor Magee        | 14) Tiffany Graham   |
| 3) Thomas Magee        | 15) Bethany Muhr     |
| 4) doreen dodgen-magee | 16) Dan McCracken    |
| 5) Rachelle Staley     | 17) Eric Muhr        |
| 6) Mark Thomas         | 18) Sam Swan         |
| 7) Amy Watson          | 19) Matthew Staples  |
| 8) Becky Ankeny        | 20) Mikayla Kinnaman |
| 9) Tami Ankeny         | 21) Nolan Staples    |
| 10) Natalie Koskela    | 22) Juan Velazquez   |
| 11) Dave Woolsey       | 23) Morgan Evans     |
| 12) Judy Woolsey       | 24) Jamie Johnson    |

## Peace Month 2015



*Begin reading the NWYM Peace Reader today!*

**Peace Daily Reader Link**

**READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY**  
**Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 4:3; John 18:36**



**Pastoral Team**

**Michelle Akins**  
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**Steve Fawver**  
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**Cindy Johnson**  
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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

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

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

**10:45am** | worship gathering

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

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

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

**Monday, January 5**

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

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

**Tuesday, January 6**

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

**Wednesday, January 7**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

**Thursday, January 8**

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

**Friday, January 9**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

**Saturday, January 10**

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

Aaron Engle memorial service | 10am | Newberg Friends sanctuary

**Sunday, January 11**

Congregational business meeting | 6pm

**Plan Ahead**

January 26 | 3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance) | 6:30pm | social hall

January 26 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center  
| featuring Christine Stanfield, WGM in Uganda

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

## Elizabeth Todd: “I want to see.”

Ramallah Friends School groups serve in the community, this one at a care home singing Christmas carols. I noticed four kids in the front row having very different experiences.

Do you see it? One is not quite present, two do their duty with cheerless gusto, and one is fully present in an encounter that brings deep gladness.

When I look at the faces of this woman and her young visitor, my heart feels the invitation. I too want to be present in the eternal now, to see people around me. But there are times my purported duty is all I muster. And I miss something precious—seeing truly.

“Lord, when did we see...?”

“I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it for me” (Matthew 25: 39-40).

In 2015, I want to see.



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## Happy January Birthday

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Harlan Wooldridge | <b>11</b> Ginny Birky     | <b>18</b> Lenna Ragsdale   |
| <b>2</b> Nicole Fawver     | Kyle Fish                 | Lois Smith                 |
| Sami Molina                | Ava McNeal                | Heidi Tschan               |
| Norma Yoder                | <b>12</b> Josh Bannister  | <b>19</b> Paul Fodge       |
| <b>3</b> Aaron Dunlop      | Susan Hampton             | <b>20</b> Bethany Lee      |
| Jacob Graham               | <b>14</b> Jake Hardy      | <b>21</b> Esther Johnson   |
| Bev Payton                 | Beth Nistler              | <b>23</b> Brian Craven     |
| <b>4</b> Hudson Hutchinson | <b>15</b> Jolee Akins     | Mike Foster                |
| <b>6</b> Tim Hyatt         | Debbie Hawblitzel         | John Johnson               |
| Merrill Johnson            | Kelly Shelton             | <b>24</b> Marcille Comfort |
| Zach Maurer                | Eliana Swan               | Elizabeth Sherwood         |
| Janette Stoltzfus          | <b>16</b> Brandon Buerkle | <b>26</b> Tim Engle        |
| Brad Wood                  | Gary Fawver               | Christian Hampton          |
| <b>7</b> Nancy Brown       | Joshua Passmore           | <b>27</b> Rick McNeal      |
| Floyd Schrock              | Gib Rickey                | <b>30</b> Mark Anderson    |
| <b>8</b> LaJuan Hampton    | <b>17</b> Alda Clarkson   | Gary Brown                 |
| Sandy Prewitt              | Susan Doak                | Sam Farmer                 |
| <b>9</b> Louisa Buerkle    | Ron Stansell              | Manfred Tschan             |
| <b>10</b> Twila Tschan     |                           | <b>31</b> Lesta Hockett    |