

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 *Rachelle Staley*



I fly on airplanes a lot! I can likely tell you what are the best restaurants and coffee spots and where to find an outlet to recharge your phone with a comfortable chair in many airports. I often fly alone and entertain myself watching other people. I watch how people treat airline employees. I watch how people sprint because one plane got in late and they don't want to miss their connecting flight. Running with luggage and children through crowds is accepted in airports; anywhere else people would think there was a scary emergency. I've had flights canceled, delayed, and rerouted; in-flight u-turns; crazy amounts of turbulence (one time the coffee from the drink cart almost hit the ceiling); and many travel stories including suddenly riding in a car at 4 a.m. from Tulsa to Wichita with Irish strangers.

Surprisingly, I've learned a lot about working in ministry through my airport adventures. For example, agents at the airport work with whoever is right in front of them, solving whatever is needed, often not becoming overwhelmed by the crowds looming. This was especially helpful to me when I overslept and missed a flight in Guatemala. I've used this image when I feel overwhelmed by my inability to give

individual attention to the hundreds of students at camps. I focus on whoever is in front of me and give my full attention.

One time after being told about a long travel delay, I told the agent who rebooked my ticket, "I'm disappointed, but I know that little can be done, and I'm sorry for those who may yell at you." She said, "If you're bored you can watch the angry show with each person I help after you." Richard Rohr (one of my favorite theologians) said, "Anytime we are not in control we suffer." Rohr



then gave the example of being stuck in traffic. When we can release our lack of control to God, we can experience freedom in the suffering.

Another spiritually influential time in my travels where I lacked any control was during a time of horrific turbulence. Since I fly so

frequently I'm rarely afraid of the rattles and bumps. But this was different, and all I knew was we had to leave our seatbelts securely fastened until further notice. The flight attendants had to stay seated as we rattled and endured leapfrog through the skies. Next to me was an off-duty pilot catching a ride back home. He calmly read his book next to me while I thought of the imminent destruction ahead. "Well, if you're calm," I said to the pilot, "I'll stop preparing myself for a crash." He said, "This is nothing—you should see how we fly when we don't have passengers. Pilots don't work to avoid the choppy air when we're only transporting boxes." This reminded me of the bible verse that says, "Do not be afraid..." Sometimes I have to look to the understanding and experience of discerning people when I am overcome with my own fear.



May we all keep learning from whatever our days bring!

Exploring NFC

Wednesday,

May 27

7-8:30 p.m.

Barclay A

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!

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

(click a name for more info)

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Exploring Friends

Three-week Course—

Sundays—May 31,

June 7, June 14

9 a.m. • Barclay C

Come explore what Friends

believe. Led by **Phil Smith**

and **Steve Fawver**.

Open to all.

☛ Heaven's Gain

Gertrude Scott died on May 11, 2015, at age 90. She had been attending since 2003. Family members at NFC include her husband, **Norman**, and son **Chuck (Karen) Scott**. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 24, at 2 p.m.



Paul Stanfield died on May 13, 2015, at age 85. He had been a member since 1957. Family members at NFC include his son **Jeff (Christine) Stanfield**. A memorial service will be held on Monday, May 18, at 2 p.m.

College Scholarships for undergraduates will be available for those who consider NFC their church home and who attend Friends colleges or universities such as George Fox. Find an application at the welcome center, pick



one up from the church office during the week, or download it from [this link](#). Return your completed application by June 15. We ask that students reapply each year for this scholarship.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Luke 12:13-21



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

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administration

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worship ministries

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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

6-8pm | Senior Salute | social hall | celebratory dessert for NFC's graduating high school seniors

Monday, May 18

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Paul Stanfield memorial service | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

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

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

Thursday, May 21

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

3:4-5 Fun Night | 6-8pm | dinner, games, and a mission presentation for children in 3rd-5th grades | Friends Center gym

Friday, May 22

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 24

Read ahead: Colossians 2:6-7

Gertrude Scott memorial service | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

Plan Ahead

May 25 | NFC office closed for Memorial Day holiday

May 31 | worship planning for June 14 | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

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

June 2 | NHS baccalaureate | 7pm | NFC sanctuary

June 7 | Taize gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

June 13 | NFC wood ministry | Wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am |

Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

June 14 | congregational business meeting | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

June 22 | VBS orientation | 7pm | social hall | please attend this or June 24

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NFC's Calendar on the Web!

Open Invitation to Help Plan Worship

You're invited to bring your ideas and creativity as we experiment with a new way to plan our worship gathering. Join us in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 31!

Our congregation is very diverse, and each person best worships God in different ways. We believe inviting more people to participate in planning worship will best help us have variety in what we do on Sunday morning. On the 31st, we will plan the worship service for June 14. Bring ideas for songs, prayer experiences, and other ways for all of us together to participate in worship around this theme:

Does Temperance Have Any Value Today?

"Do you abstain from harmful, addictive, and unnecessary drugs – including alcoholic beverages, tobacco, marijuana, and cocaine– and from profiting through their use?" (#16c) Abstinence doesn't seem to be the main teaching of scripture...but we can look at reasons why abstinence came about. Alcoholism ruins lives and families; some protested supporting alcohol companies who were profiting at the expense of families being broken. Alcohol is legal and prevalent, marijuana soon will be. What will be your reasons for use or non-use? What boundaries will you put in place? How will you include your faith, care of yourself, and concern for impact on society in your choices? We will use these passages from the bible: 1 Timothy 5:23 and Ephesians 5:15-20.

Join us!

Vacation Bible School Is Coming!



June 29-July 2 • 9-11:30 a.m.

We hope to receive all VBS pre-registration for children and volunteers online this year by June 22.

[Register Children Here!](#)
[Register to Volunteer Here!](#)



**Hillsboro, OR
Evergreen
Christian Center
May 16, 2015**

**Join us at 8:40 a.m. for
the 5th Annual Stomp Out
Abuse 5K Run/Walk.**

**For details and
registration, [click here.](#)**