

# Your NFC

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

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## Ministry Happens

by Cheri Hampton and Sandra Fish

The end of May and June seem to be weeks and days filled with transition. For high school students this means closing the door on high school, saying goodbye to friends—some of whom they have known since early childhood—and making plans and decisions for adulthood. A number of years ago, as we contemplated our own children growing up, we began to think of how Newberg Friends has been so supportive of both of our families over the course of many years. We both have children who were dedicated as babies and children here at NFC.



At these baby dedications we as a congregation agree to help support and nurture our children as they grow up. We do this in so many ways. We pray for them and their parents, speak encouragement to the parents, give baby items, and help with adoption funding. We serve in the nursery, Sunday school, Godly Play, VBS, Bible Quizzing, youth group, and as NWYM Samuel School “Elis.” We help fund camp scholarships and participate in the camp programs as well as mission trips. We support their activities—attend, take pictures, donate to their school’s jog-a-thons, and buy fund-raiser “stuff.” We agree

*Each year, members of the senior class request a special dessert, and our planning committee figures out how to make it happen. This year’s top votes were for cheesecake, brownies, and pancakes. We didn’t have pancakes, but there was lots of cheesecake (and some amazing brownies)!*

to notice the children, greet them, and listen. We agree to keep them safe. We supply treats—lots of treats!



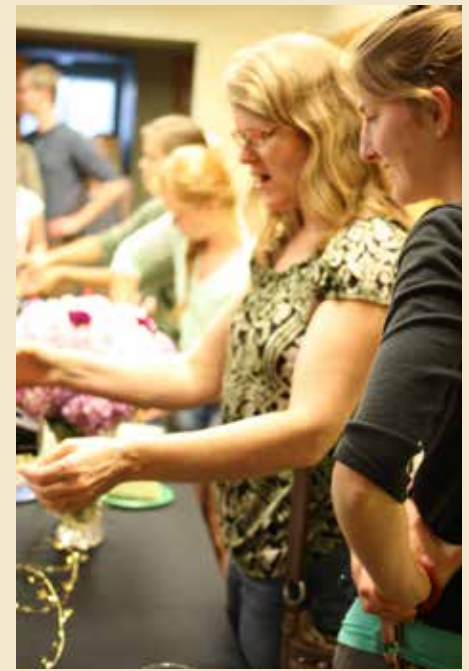
*A team of volunteers shows up hours before Senior Salute each year to decorate the social hall and prepare the food. This year’s set-up team included Shanna and Stephanie Andres, Sandra Fish, Bob and Cheri Hampton, and Celeste Stone.*

We began to wonder if there was some way

that we as a church could express our support and appreciation of our high school students and celebrate with them as they move on to the next chapter of their lives after high school. This reflecting led to the idea of a “Senior Salute,” a time for high school seniors to gather with their families and larger church family for a time of blessing and celebration.

For the past ten years we have been gathering on a Sunday evening toward the end of May. It seems good that, for most, this is the first of many celebrations that will occur as they move on from high school. Senior Salute has become a time of recognizing those graduating from high school and sending them off with a reminder that they are loved by their church family. Some would say that the special desserts are one of the highlights of the evening. For many, one of the favorite parts of the evening is the slide show made up of pictures of each graduating student. From baby pictures to senior pictures there are laughter and a few tears as we remember together God’s faithfulness and how fast these years have gone by. The festive atmosphere includes a time of worship through music and a time of listening to words of encouragement and challenge spoken from an adult who was part of NFC youth groups during their high school years. At some point in the evening, all of the seniors gather in the middle of the room and prayers of blessing are prayed over them.

Even though the seniors may not be attending NFC after they graduate from high school, through this event we can communicate continuing support of our kids as they move on. We hope it serves as a reminder that no matter where they go or what they do, NFC and the family here will always welcome them home. Whether they come back to stay or just to visit, we want them to bring their ideas, joys, struggles, challenges, hopes, and pain—whatever it is, we want to always be a place where they know they are welcome, accepted, and loved.



*Nancy and Nicole Fawver serve beverages, and Rebekah Stoltzfus scoops ice cream for the brownies.*



*NFC’s Class of 2015 includes Micah Stoltzfus, Tristan Kern, Nora Angus, Hayley Koskela, Mikayla Farr, Brynn Akins, Sabrina Denton, Isaak Swan, John Hampton, Kasey Fish, and Naivit Velazquez (not pictured). Eric Muhr, youth pastor, far right.*

# READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Colossians 2:6-7](#)



## 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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## 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 | on the social hall and library

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

**10:45am** | worship gathering

**2pm** | Gertrude Scott celebration of life | NFC sanctuary

### Monday, May 25 . . . . .

NFC office closed for Memorial Day holiday

### Tuesday, May 26 . . . . .

High school youth group | 6pm | Pavilion at George Fox (this week only)

### Wednesday, May 27 . . . . .

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

Exploring NFC | 7pm | Barclay A | 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 join us!

### Thursday, May 28 . . . . .

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

### Friday, May 29 . . . . .

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Saturday, May 30 . . . . .

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

### Sunday, May 31 . . . . .

Exploring Friends | 9am | Barclay C | Come explore what Friends (Quakers) believe and our historic roots.

Worship planning for June 14 | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

### Plan Ahead . . . . .

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

June 2 | NHS bacalaureate | 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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June 25 | VBS registration team orientation | 7pm | Barclay C

June 29-July 2 | Vacation Bible School

July 5 | Taize gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

July 6 | JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older

## NFC's Calendar on the Web!

## Exploring NFC

Wednesday, May 27

7-8:30 p.m. • Barclay A

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Led by **Gregg Koskela** and **Steve Fawver**.  
(click a name for more info)



## 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.

## INVOLVED IN MINISTRY THIS SUMMER?

**If you are going** to be involved in some sort of summer ministry (camps, overseas, etc), we would love to pray for you in our Sunday morning worship service on June 7. Please [send an email to Gregg Koskela](#) to let us know.

## Need Sheet

### Needed:

- We're searching for a 3-bedroom single-level home for rent in the Newberg or surrounding area. Our budget provides for up to \$1,200 a month. Please contact Nancy Meyers at 870-350-4172.
- I'm looking to move to the Newberg area with my family and need to rent a 3- to 4-bedroom home. I have one very well-trained small lab. End of July most likely. Good references. Please call Theresa at 971-237-0399.
- We would like to hire a mother & father's helper for a 16-month-old toddler, once or twice a week for a few hours at first. Please email [sjmharrison@gmail.com](mailto:sjmharrison@gmail.com) with a description of yourself and your experience or call 503 348 9717.

### Available:

- Friendsview Retirement Community Garage sale on June 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June 6 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the 1301 E Fulton Street Campus.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: [sherry@newbergfriends.org](mailto: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: June 10 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads  
online at [newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/](http://newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/)