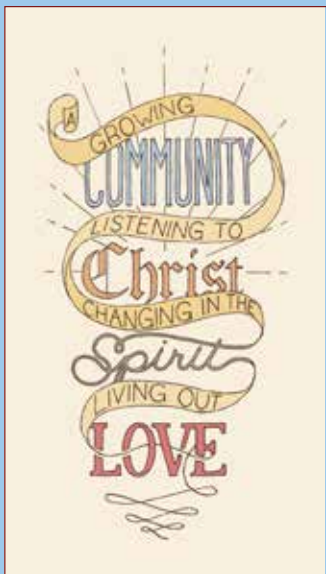


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Newberg Friends Church
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All in a Day's Life

by Gerald Lemmons

*"For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also."*

Luke 12:34

I've spent the last several months plowing through many drawers, boxes, and shelves trying to determine which items can be tossed and which are "treasures" I

want to keep. As a result, I have discovered many fond memories associated with these treasures.

One of the most important treasure groups were pictures of, cards received from, and items created by my family. Margaret, my companion for 59 years, and I met as students attending George Fox College (now University). Soon after graduation, I received a letter invit-

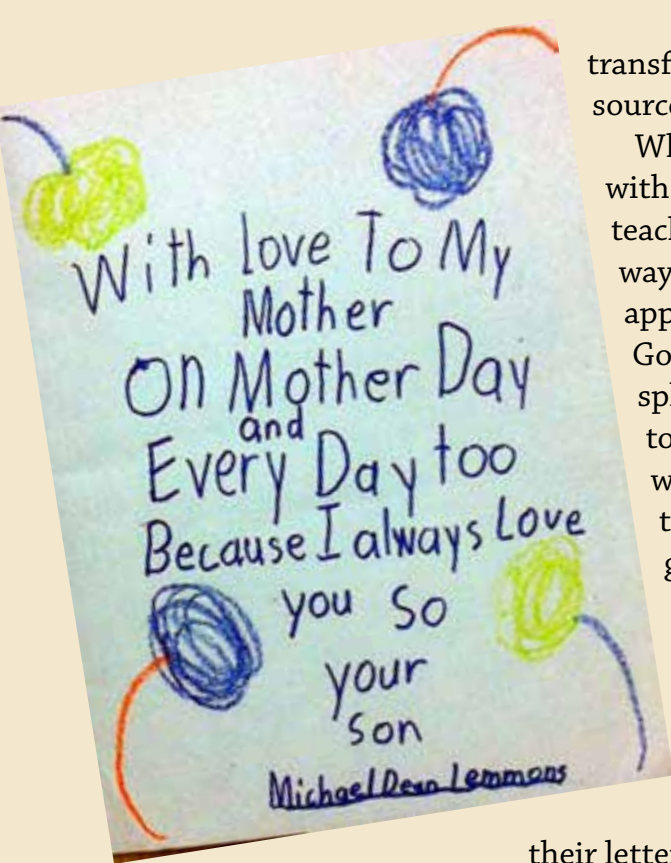


ing me to a two-year all-expense-paid sojourn in southern California and Korea. During my absence, Margaret and I communicated frequently. With no vacation time, I proposed to Margaret by mail, and we announced our engagement by proxy. Nothing like choosing Yearly Meeting Sunday to help publicize the event! Now, looking through our wedding book, I see the letter of proposal I sent to Margaret and a letter from her detailing the various comments of people as they noticed her flowers, and

then the ring. She continued teaching English at George Fox while I completed my term of service and returned to Oregon. The pictures brought back many memories of special events as well as the beauties of God's handiwork we observed as we traveled throughout all fifty of our United States and a few foreign countries.

It took a while for me to read through the letters, cards, and personal items our son and granddaughter created for us. However, it took longer to review the many pictures we snapped throughout the years. Maintaining communication with our son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, using modern digital inventions, is a highlight of my day. Are you surprised to know I finally learned how to text? I also discovered that taking pictures with my smartphone is much easier than using a box camera or an 8mm movie camera with a bar of extremely bright lights. Editing some of the old movies, which I have





transferred to DVDs, then sharing them with family and friends is a source of entertainment and joy.

While at George Fox College, Margaret and I felt a call to work with young people in the public school environment. As a classroom teacher and basketball coach, I found it necessary to develop creative ways to integrate my faith with the learning process, as it was not appropriate for me to “preach” to my students. I tried to portray God’s love in other ways. My objective was to always have an atmosphere of openness and availability so that students would feel free to not only talk about mathematics or basketball but also about what was going on in their lives. I emphasized to my students that they should treat each person with dignity and respect. My goal and commitment was to seek God’s guidance as I attempted to meet the daily challenges of encouraging and assisting my students as they developed their skills both in the classroom and on the basketball court. I appreciated reading once again the letters of encouragement from our former students as well as the words of admonition from some of their parents. I still maintain contact with several of these students and treasure

their letters and visits. One student occasionally dropped by to visit and share about his family. One day when he stopped by, I had something else planned, so I cut the visit short. That was the last time he stopped by. Although this incident still brings sadness to my heart, God has used it to teach me that people are much more important than things and schedules.

Other treasures found in my sorting were letters and cards from the many friends who have crossed our paths during 30 years in the Kelso School System and 44 years worshipping at the Rose Valley Friends Church. After moving to Friendsview in 1998, we have been blessed by some more great friends at Newberg Friends Church, George Fox University, Northwest Yearly Meeting, and Friendsview. I am thankful for the encouragement and compassion of each one of them.

Margaret loved books, especially murder mysteries, so I have a large collection on my book shelves. After 30 years of teaching mathematics, which required deliberate reading of “word” problems, I did not develop the necessary skills and interest to become an avid reader. But these books have become new found treasures. Catherine Marshall’s *A Man Called Peter* and *To Live Again* have been encouraging and challenging. My personal experiences paralleled many of the same ones Mrs. Marshall encountered. As I read these books, I learned that a person of her faith sometimes had difficulty with situations similar to mine, but as I read further, it became evident that she would first pray about the situation and then turn it over to God. The praying part is quite easy for me, but sometimes I find it a challenge to then trust God to work everything out according to his plan.



These treasures which I have encountered with my sorting project have brought back many fond memories, but Matthew 6:20 encourages us to “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” The treasures we have collected here on earth are enjoyable, but I pray that each of us will someday enjoy the ultimate treasure of eternal life.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[John 8:1-11](#)



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What's Ahead

SUNDAY

9am | worship gathering

9am | Sunday school for children and adults — for classroom information, find "Educational Opportunities" at each entrance, each "Info Center," at the welcome center, or ask a greeter to help you.

10-10:45am | Community Time | on the lawn, weather permitting

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:45am | worship gathering

10:45am | Sunday school for adults – Agape class

Monday, June 22

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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

Wednesday, June 24

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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

Thursday, June 25

VBS registration team orientation | 7pm | Barclay C

Friday, June 26

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, June 27

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

Sunday, June 28

Read ahead: Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Plan Ahead

June 29-July 2 | vacation Bible school

July 3 | NFC office closed for July Fourth holiday

July 5 | summer Sunday school begins

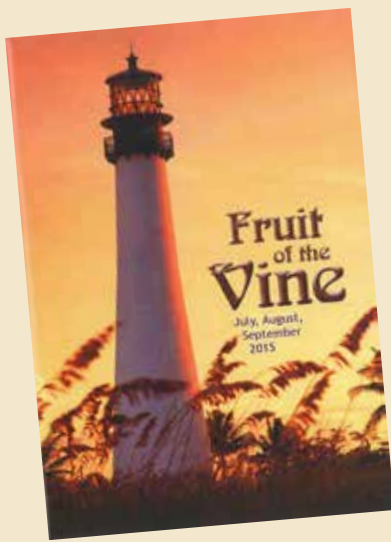
July 6 | JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older

July 12 | Outdoor Worship | 9:30am potluck brunch; 10:45 worship

July 12 | Taize gathering | 6pm

July 19-23 | Annual Sessions for Northwest Yearly Meeting | GFU campus

NFC's Calendar on the Web!



Fruit of the Vine is now available at the welcome center. \$5/ea. NFC writers include Bethany Lee, Ron Woodward, and Judy Woolsey.

kudos

... to Don Staples, named Newberg Public School's Outstanding Administrator

In his role as director of assessment, Don has skillfully led initiatives that spell change in the way the organization operates, including state testing, grade level math, and literacy assessments—all with a calm demeanor and a positive attitude.

... to Nicole Hyatt, Learning Resource Center Teacher at Joan Austin Elementary

for receiving the 21st Century Inspiration award

As a side note, **Bailey Sherwood** nominated Jeff Dale for Outstanding Instructional Assistant, and her letter was read at the awards ceremony. This Mountain View Middle School assistant's dedication to working with students challenged by disabilities inspired students and staff alike to share their high opinion of the work he does for kids every day.

YEARLY MEETING 2015

Join us for a family reunion of **Friends** from around the **Northwest!**

All ages will gather Sunday, July 19, through Thursday, July 23, on the George Fox University campus in Newberg, OR. Whether you come for just a banquet, evening service, the closing celebration, or the whole week, plan now to make Friends and Yearly Meeting 2015 part of your summer activities!

View details and register online at www.nwfriends.org/ym-sessions

Sunday Evening, July 19

- Banquets for grade school-age and up
- Friends Men and Women Banquets
- Keynote address from Becky Ankeny, superintendent, 7 p.m.

Monday-Thursday, July 20-23

- Meetings for worship and business
- Challenging workshops
- Youth gathering to discern, worship, and celebrate at the beach
- Greenleaf Friends Academy Reception
- Ken Redford will be our speaker, he has served in pastoral ministry with Meridian Friends Church for 21 years

CLOSING CELEBRATION – Thursday, July 23, 5 p.m.

The week will conclude with a banquet on Thursday night, featuring a celebration of the work done by local churches making an impact in their community, and the recording of new ministers. Join us for this fun event!

See the brochure at your church display table for schedule and workshop descriptions.
Get full information, pricing, and registration online at www.nwfriends.org/ym-sessions.

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