

# Your NFC

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

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## From Me to You

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Since the move of C.S. Lewis Academy from the Friends Center to their campus on North College, we have wrestled with the question of what to do with the 2nd Street building and the 12 rooms that became vacant. Immediately upon the move of the academy, two groups moved into three of the rooms. The Sunday school program of Los Amigos was able to expand and settle into the large room south of the chapel on the second floor. Young Life, an outreach ministry to adolescents, began renting two rooms for their office and program. NFC youth and children's ministry continued to use the gym and the amphitheater room; sports teams and events continued to be booked in the gym. However, classrooms remained unused, and the question of stewardship of that empty space was being asked. We gave tours to several outside groups interested in renting the space, but hurdles (i.e. fire code) kept us from moving forward.

Then last month an unexpected group approached me regarding use of the Friends Center. Our very own middle school Sunday school teachers came to the conclusion that their class of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders had outgrown the space available in the Youth House. They wanted to explore the options if they moved their class over to the Friends Center. Could they have a couple of large rooms to gather the entire class together as well as a handful of small rooms set up for small-group discussions? The quick, enthusiastic answer was "Yes!" Next, the trustees heartily agreed that the space requested for the



Sunday school class could be refurbished and redecorated to be welcoming and student friendly. Six classrooms will now be

used for youth ministry! While we continue to find ways to be good stewards of the Friends Center, it is wonderful to know that the space will be used in serving the needs of the growing youth group.

# READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Mark 9:33-37](#)



## 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*

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*buildings manager*

Dan Ritter

*buildings manager*

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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

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

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

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

**10:45am** | worship gathering

**6pm** | Sharing about India | social hall | Hayley Koskela will share stories and pictures from her year as a foreign exchange student in Indore, India.

### Monday, June 8 . . . . .

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Wednesday, June 10 . . . . .

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Middle school youth group | 6:30pm | Woolsey home

### Friday, June 12 . . . . .

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Saturday, June 13 . . . . .

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

NFC wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

### Sunday, June 14 . . . . .

Read ahead: 1 Timothy 5:23; Ephesians 5:15-20

Congregational business meeting | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

### Plan Ahead . . . . .

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 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

## NFC's Calendar on the Web!

## Father and Son Retreat June 12-14 and June 26-28, 2015



Retreat speaker: Steve Fawver, along with his son, Isaac; his dad, Gary; his brother, Michael; and his nephew, Gabe.

Fathers and Sons (1st grade and up) come out for a fantastic fishing weekend at Tilikum. Highlights include a weekend fishing tournament, musical and spiritual worship, swimming and canoeing on the lake, experiencing team-building on the Challenge Course, and lots more! Best of all, dads will have an incredible opportunity to impact their sons and both can build lifelong memories together.

For more information or to register, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Remember JUNE 22!

*(Tilikum and VBS registrations are both due by June 22.)*

- **Tilikum registrations** can be found at the welcome center or the info tower by the nursery or in the NFC office. [Michelle](#) is also able to email the info directly to you. We will need approximately five volunteers age 16 or older to be a counselor at Tilikum, spending time with our kids at camp for the week, July 20-24. Please contact [Michelle](#) if you would like to volunteer.
- **VBS registration** is online this year: [Click Here!](#) Hard copies of the form are available at the welcome center if needed. Please pass this link on to friends and neighbors who might want to attend VBS.
- **VBS volunteer registrations** are also online. [ALL volunteers must register](#), even if you've let [Michelle](#) know you want to help. We need lots of Safari Guides (youth age 11 and older and adults) to lead children to the different stations of VBS, and we'll need a crew of nursery workers for the babies and toddlers of our volunteers. Safari decorations and sign makers are also needed! Please contact [Michelle Akins](#) directly if you are able to create a VBS banner for our sanctuary.

## ...and remember JUNE 22!



**Abuse Recovery  
Ministry & Services**

Now available in our community:  
a faith-based support group  
for women who have  
or are experiencing  
domestic violence or abuse of any kind.  
Please call 503-846-9284.



Beginning July 5 we will transition from our full children's ministry program to our scaled-down summer schedule. This will mean a break for most Sunday school teachers and larger combined classes.

Brynn Akins and Miriam Staples will lead the Pre-K 3s-5s class in Room 124, and Michelle Akins will be looking for a teaching team to help her with our Kindergarten through 5th grade class in Room 121. Both classes will start at 9 a.m. Nursery care will continue to be available during both services and is for children through age 2.

There will not be additional programming for children age 3 and older during the 10:45 a.m. service. Families are encouraged to worship together in the sanctuary.

Each week our nursery, Pre-K, and K-5th grade class will need three volunteers. Adults and youth helpers age 11 and older are encouraged to let Michelle Akins know their availability this summer by filling out the "Doodle" poll [HERE](#).

## — June Sunday School Updates —

- ✓ 5th graders will transition to **middle school Sunday school** on June 14. Please contact [Michelle Akins](#) or [Eric Muhr](#) for more details.
- ✓ **4s Sunday school class** will combine with the 3s class in Room 124 beginning June 14.
- ✓ Our last day of **Godly Play** until September will be June 21.
- ✓ An end-of-year meeting for all **children's ministry volunteers** will be held June 21 at 10:15 a.m. in Room 132. Please plan to attend if you have helped in any capacity this school year.

## 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.



## Congratulations, Nate and Susannah!

Congratulations to **Nate Nauman** and **Susannah Anderson**, who completed the entire Stamps for Camp packet and each earned \$30 toward camp at Twin Rocks this summer. Nate and Susannah memorized 9 verses and read 37 scripture passages!