

Your NFC

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

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☉ Ministry Happens

by Kathy Schlittenhart

The Shalom Sunday school class has a long and colorful history. The story begins way back in the early 1950s with about ten in attendance. Hubert and Vivian Thornburg, much-loved members of the NFC community, were the original leaders of the class. I interviewed Vivian, now 93 and living at Friendsview, for information about the class's history. As many of you know, Hubert went to be with the Lord a couple of years ago.



As they began the class, Hubert and Vivian saw that often the people who came needed prayer, so they decided to do something different: they put an empty chair at the front of the room so that if anyone had a prayer request to share, they could come and sit in the chair. They called it the "Prayer Chair." That chair became a very important part of the class, and over the years they saw many wonderful answers to prayer.

Vivian recalled one Sunday when a man came forward and sat in the chair and requested prayer for a friend of his in California, a young woman who was near death. He was distressed for her because she was young and very gifted. The class prayed earnestly for her and she was healed. Three weeks later she came up to Newberg to visit the class who had prayed for her to thank them for their prayers. That was a day of celebration for the class and greatly increased their faith in the power of prayer. Vivian said that was just one of many memorable answers to prayer that they saw in the class.

As Hubert taught, the class grew until at one point there were eighty in the class and they had trouble finding a room to meet. So the church asked that they split the class in two. Vivian said that was a difficult experience because all of them had grown very close, not only on Sunday, but fairly often they met for holiday events, parties, and other events. They had fun together. The mission of the class was "caring for others," a mission they lived out as part of NFC's growing community.

Over the years the class size changed, sometimes larger, sometimes smaller. Then in 1978 Hubert and Vivian were called as pastors to a Friends church in Salem, so they were gone for about ten years. When they returned, they again taught the class until about the year 2000 when they retired and later moved to Friendsview. *cont'd*

At that time the Shalom class changed and morphed into what it is today. The members elected not to have a teacher but to have a round-table discussion class with each person sharing. It's actually a Quaker-style Bible study class now. We choose a book of the Bible and focus on one chapter each Sunday. We bring our reference books and commentaries so that we can research questions as we discuss the chapter.

We have lively discussions interspersed with thoughtful silence at times. No theological issue is off limits, but we tread with sensitivity and grace through controversial issues; we don't argue. Biblical history, the character of God, doctrine, the meaning of words, and references to other Scriptural passages

are interwoven throughout our discussion. People have come and gone, and currently our class is somewhat small, but I love being part of the Shalom class; we all look forward each week to focusing specifically on a chapter of the Bible with its vibrant message for today. Our goal is for the Holy Spirit to be our teacher. We are nearing the end of Isaiah at this time and have decided that our next book to study will be 1 and 2 Thessalonians. Anyone is welcome to come and join us. We meet in Room 238 at about 9 a.m. or a little after. If you would like more information about the class, you may contact Mark Martin, Kati Voth, Susan or Kuen Lee, or me. This is one of the many places at NFC where ministry indeed happens.



NEWBERGS

An Evening of Jazz

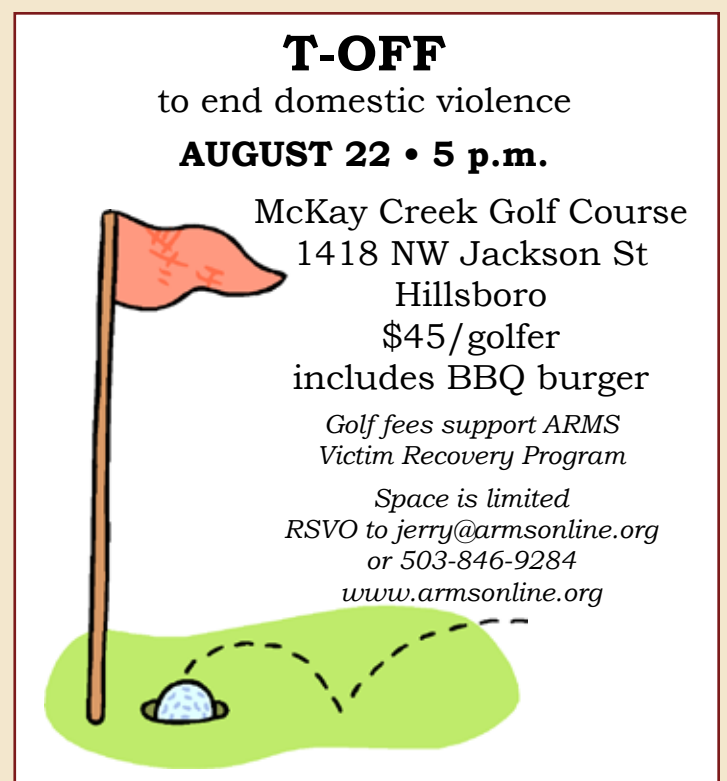
@ Chapters
First Friday
August 7
6pm - 9pm



Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a few volunteers willing to paint in the Friends House* and Friends Center. Contact [Arnie](#) or [Elizabeth](#).

*formerly the Youth House



T-OFF

to end domestic violence
AUGUST 22 • 5 p.m.

McKay Creek Golf Course
1418 NW Jackson St
Hillsboro
\$45/golfer
includes BBQ burger

*Golf fees support ARMS
Victim Recovery Program*

*Space is limited
RSVO to jerry@armsonline.org
or 503-846-9284
www.armsonline.org*

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Micah 6:1-8



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

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buildings manager

Dan Ritter

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all publications items
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What's Ahead

SUNDAY

9am | worship gathering

9am | Summer Sunday school schedule

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

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:30am | Agape Sunday school class

10:45am | worship gathering

Monday, July 27

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, July 29

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, July 31

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 2

Read ahead: Hebrews 10:19-25

Taize gathering | 6pm

Plan Ahead

August 3 | JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older

August 13 | Children's Ministry Cultivation (CMC) | 7pm | Room 132
| Education, training, and discussion to promote the growth and
development of children's ministries at NFC

August 16 | unprogrammed worship begins | 9am | Barclay C

September 2 | Children's Ministry Cultivation (CMC) | 7pm | Room 132

September 7 | NFC office closed for the holiday

September 10 | Children's Ministry Cultivation (CMC) | 7pm | Room 132

September 13 | resume full children's ministries schedule

September 13 | Kick-Off-the-Fall Picnic | noon | NFC lawn

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

INVITATION

**You are invited to join the Children of the Light
Sunday school class this week to hear Jessy
Hampton share about her two years serving with
Mennonite Central Committee in the Holy Land.
The class meets in Barclay A at 9 a.m.**

Need Sheet

Needed:

- New lead administrator at CS Lewis Academy and his wife are looking for a house to rent in the Newberg area. If you have a home you want taken care of, please call Michael or Cindy Wenger at 510-557-3555.
- Newberg Church of Christ has a family looking for a 3-bedroom home or townhouse to rent in Newberg, prefer north side of town to avoid changing schools. There are 4 children, age 1 through entering high school. They can afford up to about \$1,200 a month. Contact Jodi Stamos at jstamos81@gmail.com or her cell 971-216-9227.
- Ping pong table for NFC's international student ministry. Contact Elizabeth Sherwood at 503-538-8381 or elizabeth@newbergfriends.org.
- Looking for an acoustic guitar or electric guitar with an amp for a disabled young man who is looking to learn how to play. Please contact Tara at 971-264-0813 (Chehalem Youth and Family Services).

Available:

- Free upright piano. You haul. Contact Elizabeth Sherwood at 503-537-8800 or elizabeth@newbergfriends.org.

For Sale:

- 1994 Toyota Camry. Runs well. High miles and shows its age on the outside, but well maintained and everything working. Records available last three years and more. Very reliable. \$1,350. Call Jeanne for info at 503-537-9781.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: 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: August 12 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

online at newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/



unprogrammed worship

9:00 Sunday mornings

Barclay C

Beginning August 16

Come worship with others as we take time to listen, pray, and be open to God together. This is a chance to be attentive to Christ who is among us and has come to teach us all. We will start this gathering by reading a short passage of scripture and then be still with God as we listen and respond to the Spirit.

If you need more info or are interested in being a part, contact [Brandon Buerkle](#).