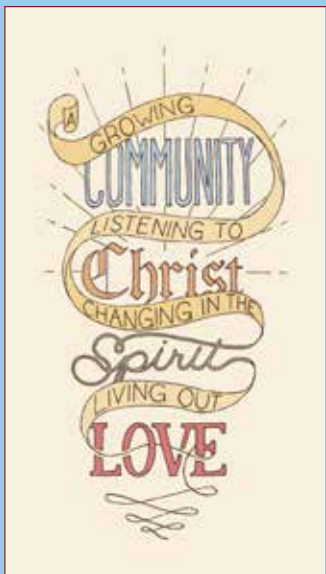


# Your NFC

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

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## From Me to You

by Nolan Staples  
worship ministries



I've been thinking about grace. Presently, I get to think about grace for myself as I struggle with the writing process! (Fortunately my value is not in my level of comfort as a writer.) It's great how the unbelievable gift of God's grace can come into play for something as silly and small as my writing troubles while at the same time be this huge, beautiful, outpouring of love that allows us to be in relationship with God and with one another. It's amazing!

A friend of mine recently did some word art for me after I sent her a phrase from Nathan Foster's book that had been rattling around in my head: "I desire to move with the rhythms of your grace." Now I have this beautiful reminder on my desk, helping me to center and tune in with God's rhythms.

I'm a music guy, so it's been fun to think about what it could mean to "move with the rhythms of God's grace." In music, it is rhythm that gives context to the sounds being made. Without rhythm, it becomes very difficult for musicians to play together. The rhythm provides a structure for musicians to understand each other and put their own musical ideas together to create a cohesive and beautiful sound. With rhythm guiding the music, it's possible for many different instrumentalists to come together and play all kinds of different sounds without the sounds clashing in unorganized chaos.



Isn't this also kind of like community? Each one of us has a different voice, and it's the rhythms of grace that allow us to be together without sounding like sixth-graders blowing through their instruments on the first day of band class. The beauty of us being together as community is that we are all so different, and with God's grace and love guiding us, our unique voices can blend into harmony. If we can focus on God's rhythms, we can move, groove, dance, and sing the music of Christ-centered community together. Let's keep showing each other how to move with the rhythms of God's grace.

# READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

## Psalm 84



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## What's Ahead

### SUNDAY . . . . .

9am | worship gathering  
9am | Summer Sunday school begins  
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 6 . . . . .

JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older  
Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C  
Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Wednesday, July 8 . . . . .

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Friday, July 10 . . . . .

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Saturday, July 11 . . . . .

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

### Sunday, July 12 . . . . .

Read ahead: Psalm 96  
Outdoor Worship | 9:30am potluck brunch; 10:45 worship  
Taize gathering | 6pm

### Plan Ahead . . . . .

July 19-23 | Annual Sessions for Northwest Yearly Meeting | GFU campus |  
Find registration forms at the welcome center or online.  
August 2 | Taize gathering | 6pm  
August 3 | JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older

## NFC's Calendar on the Web!



## Outdoor Worship

July 12, 2015  
@10:45 a.m.

## Potluck Brunch on the Lawn

@ 9:30 a.m.

Bring your own table service  
along with a brunch item  
and/or a box of cereal to share.  
Milk and coffee  
will be provided.



## 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](#).

☘ "I Do!"



On Saturday, June 27, 2015, **Melissa Stoltzfus** married Paul Winfield at Newberg Friends Church. The newlyweds will be living near Tacoma. Paul is an engineer serving in the army at Lewis-McChord. Melissa will continue her studies in GFU's PsyD program this fall, commuting to Newberg part of every week.

# 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](http://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!

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
[www.nwfriends.org/ym-sessions](http://www.nwfriends.org/ym-sessions)

## Yearly Meeting: July 19-23, 2015



At Newberg Friends, our community includes more than just the people who call NFC their home. We are part of a wider community of Friends churches in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Later this month, we have the chance to experience face-to-face community with some of these people at the annual sessions of our Yearly Meeting on the George Fox University campus. It happens right here in our town! People gather from all over the Northwest to experience worship and community, to learn and do business together. As the first church in our yearly meeting back in 1878, we have a special connection and responsibility to these other churches. Whether you are brand new to NFC or have been here for your whole life, we want to encourage you to live out this connection!

This year, we're inviting everyone to do three things:

### ***Go, Pray, Connect***

**Go:** Join the wider community on campus! There are many ways. Perhaps the easiest is to join one of the evening worship services every night from Sunday the 19th through Wednesday the 22nd in Bauman Auditorium. It's a gift to sing and worship with hundreds of others. Ken Redford, pastor of Meridian (Idaho) Friends Church, will speak during the week, while our own Becky Ankeny (superintendent of the yearly meeting) [will speak Sunday night](#). After the services, there are opportunities for ice cream and music and other fun ways to connect with others. If your schedule is free during the day, [there are excellent workshops](#) on a lot of different topics at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. [Middle school and high school students have their own programming](#) and stay in the dorms on campus, while Tilikum Day Camp is an opportunity for elementary students to build friendships with children from other yearly meeting churches. For those interested in all of the ministries of the yearly meeting, our morning business sessions give many reports from various boards and are open to all.

If you plan to attend more than one or two things, we encourage you to [register and pay the \\$30 registration fee](#) as a way to financially support the hundreds of people who travel from all over to be part of Yearly Meeting, taking vacation time to do so. It's a good way for us who have the benefit of having it right here to subsidize the cost for others.

**Pray:** Our gift to the wider yearly meeting can be to ask God to work through each person and each church and all the ministries of our yearly meeting. We want people in our churches and camps and in the places where Friends Serve Abroad to know and be transformed by Jesus! There are some challenging issues facing our yearly meeting, and we want to ask people to be praying during these Yearly Meeting sessions for God to lead us, unify us, and love and serve through us. We are looking for dozens of people who would commit to praying during one hour of Yearly Meeting. [Contact Steve Fawver](#) if you would be willing to do this.

**Connect:** Feeling connected and in unity with churches that we don't see every day requires us to build relationships. We don't have a lot of opportunity to do this...but Yearly Meeting is one of our best ones! Would you be willing to make the effort to connect with at least one person from another church during Yearly Meeting? Maybe it's introducing yourself after an evening worship session, and inviting them to "The Hoot" to listen to some live music. Maybe it's sharing a meal together. Maybe it's taking them to one of Newberg's coffee shops or restaurants and asking them what they appreciate about their church, and sharing the same with them. These one-on-one connections will help us all feel a broader sense of unity.

Thanks for considering these things! Feel free to contact any of the staff with any questions you have about Yearly Meeting. In many ways, we are "hosting" all of these people who gather at Yearly Meeting; let's show them our love and care!