

Your NFC

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

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Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

by Kelsey Hampton



Sitting in a windowless office and staring at a computer all day is not exactly the most glamorous or exciting way to try and “live out love.” It’s also not exactly what I had in mind when I moved to Washington, DC, to begin a graduate degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution. But here I sit, in an office papered with maps of the Middle East and a calendar detailing all the meetings and due dates occurring this month.

I moved to DC in August 2012, scared to leave behind everything I knew and loved but excited to embark on a new intellectual adventure. Finally, I was going to combine my Quaker values of pacifism, social justice, and equality with my interest in the Middle East, current affairs, and global politics. Two years went by quickly, and next thing I knew my friends and I were graduating with Master’s degrees, ready to be unleashed into the world to change how governments and organizations address conflict.

But the reality of finding jobs that seem meaningful is more harsh and difficult than we imagined. I was one of the lucky ones who found a job quickly, and for a little over a year I’ve worked as part of the humanitarian team at InterAction, a coalition that represents American non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and advocates for better responses to conflicts and disasters. While I’m immensely grateful that I have a job and a steady paycheck that allows me to live in one of the most expensive cities in the country, the past year has seen me



The Umayyad Mosque in the Old City of Damascus, Syria. Completed in 715 AD, the mosque is now damaged and covered in rubble from the constant bombing of the Syrian government.

struggle to find meaning and value in what I’m doing. Sending e-mails and taking care of administrative tasks often doesn’t seem to make a difference to the people our member organizations (Mercy Corps, World Vision, the International Rescue

Committee, and more than 185 others) are trying to help on the ground in places like Syria, South Sudan, Yemen, and Pakistan.

Working in humanitarian response means being confronted daily with the worst of humanity—barrel bombs in Syria, militias wreaking havoc in South Sudan, atrocities committed by extremists in Iraq and Libya, attacks on civilians in Yemen and Gaza. In four years of war in Syria, more than 240,000 people have been killed and 7.6 million displaced from their homes; more than 3 million people are now refugees in neighboring countries. As many as 650,000 people live in areas under siege, some subjected to the daily terror of barrel bombs dropped from helicopters by the Syrian government. The sheer scale of the crisis is enough to baffle the mind and create feelings of powerlessness. Political stalemates and a lack of will at the highest levels of governments and the United Nations combined with the presence of groups seeking to gain from the conflict result in escalating violence and displacement.

Living out love is hard. Often it feels like we're not making an impact or changing anything. Living out love through my work is more complicated, more difficult, and more bureaucratic than I ever imagined. I sit in my office and read the latest news out of northern Syria and feel incredibly helpless in the face of the horrors of war. Sometimes I am so frustrated with dysfunction in my workplace, in the political system, and in the world that I write everything off and want to quit. Sometimes a glimmer of hope makes it bearable for a day or an hour. Often I have to remind myself that I'm contributing to the work of others, making it easier for them to do their jobs and implement programs that save or improve lives all over the world. Most days it is hard but necessary to pray the words of David: "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." (Psalm 27: 13-14) And so we wait, in hopeful expectation.



unprogrammed worship

9:00 Sunday mornings

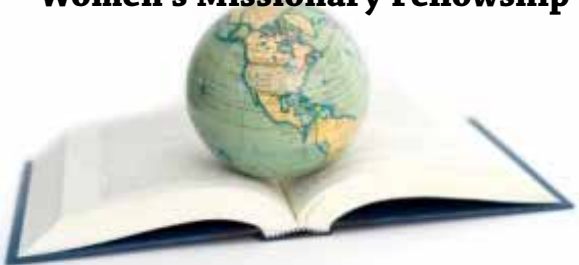
Barclay C

Beginning *this Sunday, 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](#).

Teaching Abroad / Margaret Fell Women's Missionary Fellowship



YOU'RE INVITED!

The Margaret Fell Women's Missionary Fellowship will kick off the new season on August 24 at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck meal in the NFC social hall. The meeting will combine with the Teachers Abroad gathering. Bring some food to share and your own table service. Everyone is welcome; come and bring your spouse and/or a friend.

Called Congregational Meeting

August 23, 2015 • 6 p.m.

Our Newberg Friends Church clerk, Phil Smith, has called a congregational meeting of NFC on August 23, 2015, at 6 p.m. to consider a minute proposed by the NFC elders, prepared after listening to concerns from NFC attenders and consultation with NFC pastors. The proposed minute makes reference to a letter from the Northwest Yearly Meeting elders, which can be found [HERE](#). The NFC elders' proposed minute follows.

1. Newberg Friends Church appeals to the Yearly Meeting Administrative Council, asking that it reconsider the Yearly Meeting Board of Elders' decision to release West Hills Friends Church from NWYM membership.
2. We acknowledge that West Hills Friends Church is not in harmony with the Faith and Practice of Northwest Yearly Meeting, but state our belief that being out of harmony does not require exclusion from community and fellowship in this case.
3. We acknowledge and appreciate the Board of Elders' desire to facilitate further reflection on the issues of revelation and human sexuality, and our appeal serves those ends.
4. Our appeal of the decision is not a request to change our Faith and Practice statement on human sexuality.
5. The Board of Elders concluded that "our yearly meeting is unable to embrace our current diversity."
6. In making this appeal, we state our belief that ending affiliation because of an inability "to embrace...our diversity" at this time may harm our witness in the world.
7. Jesus prayed that we who follow Christ will love one another and be brought to complete unity (John 17:20-23).
8. In making this appeal, we state our desire to be in a yearly meeting that is willing to remain in community and fellowship while making further attempts to resolve differences in belief and practice.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Hebrews 10:19-25



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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Arnie Mitchell

buildings manager

Dan Ritter

buildings manager

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all publications items
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What's Ahead

SUNDAY

9am | worship gathering

9am | Summer Sunday school schedule

9am | unprogrammed worship begins | Barclay C

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, August 17

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, August 19

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, August 21

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, August 22

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

Sunday, August 23

Called congregational business meeting | 6pm | to consider an appeal of West Hills Friends Church decision

Plan Ahead

August 24 | Margaret Fell Women's Missionary Fellowship potluck meal | 5:30pm | NFC social hall (note change) | combined gathering with Teachers Abroad | Bring some food to share and your own table service. Everyone is welcome; come and bring your spouse and/or a friend.

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

September 7 | NFC office closed for the holiday

September 7 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room (please note new location) | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

September 9 | WBFpm resumes | 7pm | Barclay C

September 10 | Women's Bible Fellowship resumes | 8:45am | social hall

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!

living proof live SIMULCAST

Sept. 12, 2015
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Grace Baptist
Church, Newberg
Cost \$25
To register go to
gbcnewberg.org



Women's Bible Fellowship

*Growing Deeper Together in Christ to
Reach Out to the World*

Women's Bible Fellowship update

Women's Bible Fellowship (WBF) begins Thursday, September 10, at 8:45 a.m. in the NFC social hall. Our steering team welcomes new members and discussion group leaders. As always, we need great recommendations for childcare workers. If you have an interest in joining the steering team, learning more about becoming a discussion leader, or have an idea for a wonderful childcare provider, please contact [Michelle Akins](#). WBFpm will begin Wednesday, September 9, 7 p.m. in Barclay C. This evening option follows the same schedule/studies at WBF but does not provide childcare.

GROWING TOGETHER

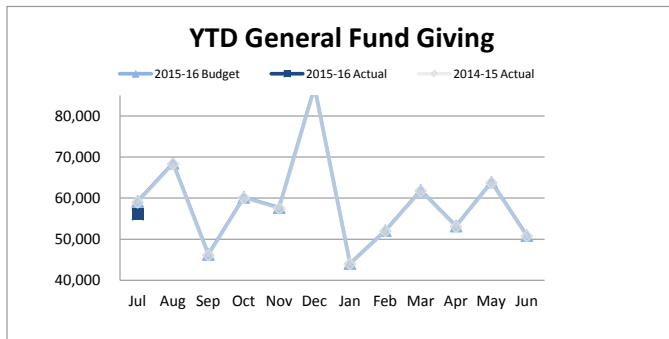


Did you miss last night's Children's Ministries Cultivation meeting? Don't worry! There are two other times available for you to attend before our full program of children's ministries begins on September 13. Join Michelle, children's ministries volunteers (required to attend), parents, and NFC community members for a one-hour meeting focused on our safety procedures and policies and promoting the growth and development of children's ministries at NFC. CMC will be offered Wednesday, September 2, and Thursday, September 10. Both options are held in Room 132 at 7 p.m.



Movers wanted! If you'd like to help move furniture for David, Debby, Breanna, Aren, Gwen, and Alandra Thomas—contact [Michelle Akins](#), 503-539-5041. We'll be gathering donated items from all around Newberg to move into their new home on Saturday, August 15.

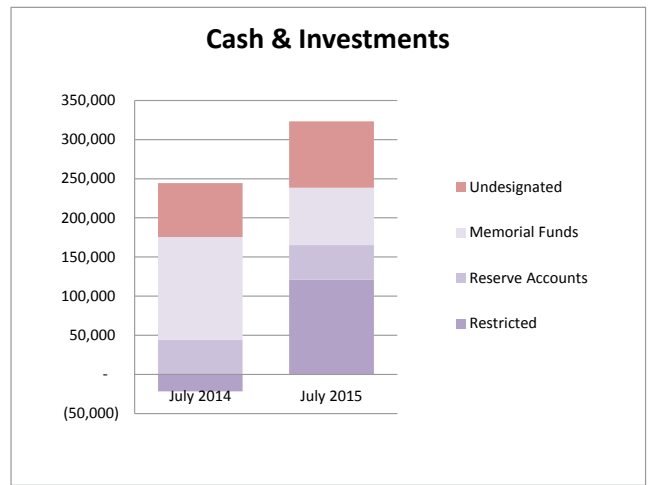
Financial Recap for July 2015



Difference (in thousands) (3) (3) Actual vs. Budget Current vs Prior Yr

YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds				
	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	922	2,525	2,781	666
Outside Ministries	4,968	822	822	4,968
Compassionate Care	9,730	340	700	9,370
NFC Ministries	10,285	25	320	9,990
Scholarships	7,281	150	742	6,689
Facilities	(2,612)	-	-	(2,612)
Other Funds	79,415	13,183	683	91,915
Memorial Funds	72,690	400	-	73,090
Totals	182,679	17,445	6,048	194,076

General Fund Year-to-Date			
	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	61,557	64,650	(3,093)
Expense	(65,872)	(66,085)	213
Net	(4,315)	(1,435)	(2,880)



A complete financial report can be found on the bulletin board in the library.

Kick-Off-the-Fall Picnic

September 13, 2015 @ noon

Burgers/vegieburgers and drinks will be provided!

Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

(\$ donations accepted)

Please bring your own tableware to help cut down on disposable products.

Visitors and college students, just bring your appetite.

September 18-20, 2015

Men's Retreat

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Need Sheet

Needed:

- Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is in need of volunteers to help with our Moppets program during our monthly meetings at Newberg Christian Church. Commitment is 1x monthly from 8:30-11:15, the second Monday of each month, September through May. If you love caring for children ages birth-5 and would like to be a huge blessing to the moms in our community, please contact Jenny Hodson at jennhodson@yahoo.com or 503-330-4013.
- GFU is expecting approximately 56 new international students this fall. Rather than house these students in empty dorm rooms during orientation, we are looking for about 25 families willing to have up to two international students stay in their home the nights of August 20 through 26. They would be with the families the entire weekend of August 22-23. Would you prayerfully consider serving as a host family during this year's orientation? If interested, please contact Alex Pia at apia@georgefox.edu or 503-554-2643.
- Randy and Edith Woodley of Eloheh Farm in Newberg are searching for a 9- to 12-month intern beginning in September, 24 hours per week. Remuneration includes: free housing (utilities not included) and 8 prepared meals per week (M-Th lunch and dinner). The intern will learn permaculture and regenerative design along with other farming techniques. Required skills/characteristics: No farming experience—but strength, integrity, tidiness, organization, willingness to learn, contentment in a rustic living situation, quick study, determination, self-initiator. Male or female may apply. Contact office@eagleswingsministry.com. Drug- and alcohol-free zone.
- I will be home for a holiday from my adventures teaching English in China August 28 through October 4. I need *an inexpensive room to rent*, preferably with a believing family in Newberg. I also hope to borrow a car, paying insurance and any expenses I might incur with it. Last time, renting a car for 5 weeks cost me \$2,000. I can't do that again! Hope to receive your offer soon! Contact me, Shelley Cadd, by computer Skype - 503-608-4805 or e-mail hoochenqu@yahoo.com.

Available:

- Health Rider treadmill, excellent condition, free to someone who will pick it up at a location in Dundee. Call 503-554-7539.
- Job opportunity for cook in Newberg early childhood program. 8-10 hours per week, \$11.25/hr. Interested individuals can get more information at www.lcsnw.org or Kim Kushner-Dominguez at 503-472-4020 x.230 or kkushnerdominguez@lcsnw.org, .
- Job opportunity for teacher interventionist in Newberg early childhood program. 20 hours per week, pay rate commensurate with experience. Interested individuals can get more information at www.lcsnw.org or e-mail Kim Kushner-Dominguez at kkushnerdominguez@lcsnw.org, 503-472-4020 x.230.
- Large car-top carrier, needs minor repair, free to someone who will pick it up at a location in Dundee. Call 503-554-7539.

For Sale:

- 19-inch flat screen TV, TV EARS and modem, good condition. \$100. Call Marvin Hampton at 503-538-3578.

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 26 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads