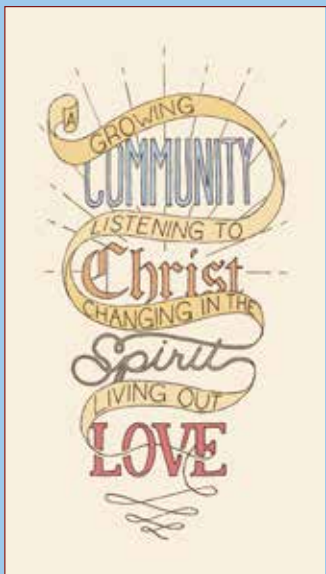


Your NFC

a weekly newsletter for the
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Newberg Friends Church
community

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☉ Ministry Happens

by Mary Harwood

"God's idea was to give to us
and make givers out of us."

—Gregg Koskela, *Generous Giving*
sermon from July 2015

About 17 months ago, I was given the most incredible gift in the form of a beautiful, healthy baby girl we named Elizabeth. I immediately fell madly in love with her. At first I was reluctant to let others hold her, wanting to soak in every sweet moment that I could, knowing that her time as a baby would pass all too quickly. I soon realized, however, that she brought more joy and happiness than I alone could receive. This precious gift could be shared. When I saw a request in the Need Sheet for volunteers with children, I eagerly looked into the opportunity.



Elizabeth and I have been providing "Baby Therapy" in the health center at Friendsview Retirement Community since she was eight months old. Each Monday afternoon you will find Elizabeth and her friend Simon surrounded by their adoring fans in the memory care unit. We lay out a blanket and spread toys on the floor while the residents line up their chairs around us.

When we first started going, Elizabeth sat in my lap, playing with toys and observing everyone around her with her beautiful brown eyes. Over the months the residents have watched as she started crawling, pulling herself up on their walkers, and taking those tentative steps of early walking. Now she is running around like she owns the place, collecting stuffed animals or excitedly pointing out the parakeets, showing off her sign language and first words. The babies' antics bring smiles and laughter to everyone in the room. After "Baby Time" with the group, we pay visits to a few residents in their rooms, giving us a chance to build relationships with them one on one.

I will admit that having your baby be a community volunteer is



not always easy. Sometimes when our weekly commitment comes around I grudgingly wake her up from an afternoon nap; other times I just feel the exhaustion that comes from being a mom and

don't want to make the effort. However, I believe this ministry is important, and I am glad to do it for the residents, Elizabeth, and me.

For the residents: Think about all the things you do in a week, the places you go and the people you interact with. For those in the health center, the world seems to get smaller and smaller as the physical and mental effects of aging take hold. A resident once told me, "Our whole life is this room." To this I replied: "That's why we bring life to you!" Even a moment with these babies seems to lift spirits and bring joy.

For Elizabeth: I see budding characteristics in Elizabeth that are encouraged by our volunteering: she is confident and outgoing, not scared of older people or new situations. The greatest thing I hope for Elizabeth, though, is that this experience helps her to grow up knowing that she is a beautiful, precious child of God, able to bring blessings to others just by being the person she is! Sometimes all it takes is showing up and letting God work through her.

For myself: I have a special place in my heart for the elderly. Many of my earliest memories are of accompanying my dad on pastoral visits to the older members of our church, who adopted me as their "Little Mary" and showered me with love. I could see how much our visits meant to them. It is a blessing that I now get to continue this ministry with my own little girl! I've also learned that "a joy shared is a joy doubled." I don't need to hoard my time with



Elizabeth, because sharing her has only made my joy increase. Our visits to Friendsview give me a chance to pause and savor the small miracles of Elizabeth's development, experiencing the excitement of her growth with a cloud of witnesses.

As a new mom, I have had to change my life in many ways. I have said "no" to a number of opportunities, wanting to focus my time and attention on my daughter. Though I want to give generously, it is easy to say that I will wait until I have enough free time and energy to do so. In his sermon, Gregg said, "Start somewhere....Look for those moments when you can generously give to someone else, where you can help someone in need." Baby Therapy has been a blessing to me by providing an opportunity to give generously right where I am in this season of life. Through this ministry I continue to see that sometimes it is the littlest things (and people) that bring the biggest blessing.

Mary Harwood loves the outdoors, creating and sharing delicious meals from local food, and contra dancing. She is a volunteer at Chehalem Cultural Center, Tualatin Wildlife Refuge, and Friendsview. She and her husband, Corban, have attended NFC for three years.



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.



Pastoral Team

Michelle Akins
children and family ministries

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spiritual health and care

Cindy Johnson
seniors ministries

Gregg Koskela
lead pastor

Eric Muhr
youth ministries

Elizabeth Sherwood
administration

Nolan Staples
worship ministries

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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 | 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 31

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, September 2

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B
Children's Ministry Cultivation (CMC) | 7pm | Room 132

Friday, September 4

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6

College/young adult gathering begins | 9am
Taize gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

Plan Ahead

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 12 | wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery
on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508
September 13 | resume full children's ministries schedule
September 13 | Kick-Off-the-Fall Picnic | noon | NFC lawn
October 5-7 | pastoral team retreat | NFC office closed

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

Dear Fellow NFCers,

A great many of you attended the congregational meeting on August 23. As clerk, I thank you all for coming out and participating in a difficult discussion. After announcing that we would try to conclude by 8 p.m., the meeting ran past 9 p.m. Given the nature of our discussion, running late was perhaps inevitable, but I apologize for the inconvenience this caused some of you.

The meeting was not able to agree to the proposed minute from our elders. Therefore, NFC did not appeal to the Yearly Meeting Administrative Committee to reconsider the release of West Hills Friends from Northwest Yearly Meeting. We understand that several other churches have made such an appeal. We members of Newberg Friends will be in prayer for the Administrative Council as they consider the appeals of the Yearly Meeting Elders' decision.

I regard the August 23 meeting as a step in what will probably be a long process of discernment and study in NFC on the topic of human sexuality. The NFC Elders have stated a desire to facilitate further reflection on the issue of human sexuality. I expect the process to be long because our disagreements on this topic are complex. As we move forward in this season of study and discernment, I hope that we will deepen our ability to speak truthfully and lovingly.

With genuine love,
Phil Smith

Happy September Birthday

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| 1 Isabelle Adams
Kyle Headrick | 13 Michelle Akins
Frank Engle
Dallas Hampton | 23 Joyce Owens |
| 3 Alan Akins
Aidan Czarnecki
Byran Lee | 14 Kasey Fish | 25 Michelle Groves
Sicily Hampton
Marc Shelton
Elizabeth Todd |
| 4 Gene Hockett
Joan Littlefield | 15 Esther Mae Hinshaw | 26 Autumn Click
Esther Muthiah |
| 5 Rick Comfort | 16 Erin Johnson | 27 Kimberly Lanier |
| 6 Ann Howe
Lyle Wheeler | 18 Claudine Staples | 28 DeLoris Field
Christy Wilkins |
| 7 Betty Ankeny
Andrew Kaye | 19 Flora Allen | 29 Everett Clarkson
Dale McLeland |
| 8 Meg Huwe | 20 Samantha Budd
Heather Denton | 30 Bonnie Arbogast
Sylvie Denton
Malachi Muthiah |
| 9 Kemper Hampton
Naomi Wilson | 22 Dan Hampton
Jane Heater
Kari Libby
Josh Nauman
Leila Ralphs | |
| 10 Brook Puckett | | |

Need Sheet

Needed:

- The International Friends Gathering Place could use an electronic keyboard (the kind that sits on a stand). Also a ping pong table. If you have either to offer, please contact Loren Van Tassel at lorenvantassel@gmail.com or 503-537-7971.
- The Cadd/Everly family is looking for someone with a smaller motorhome who would be willing to donate its use for a couple of hours on the evening of September 12 as a pre-wedding staging and waiting area for a bride (Hannah Everly) and her maids at Crabtree Park in Dundee. Also needed: working strands of white Christmas tree lights. They will be labeled and returned. To offer one or the other, please contact Lu Cadd at lulucadd@gmail.com or 503-537-2133 or 503-550-8931.
- Looking for a 21- to 24-foot RV pull-behind trailer in good condition. Price: under \$5,000. Contact Linnea Stahlnecker at 503-538-3483, 503-710-4350 (cell), or dannea@frontier.com.
- Chehalem Youth & Family Services needs an acoustic or electric guitar, fender amplifier, guitar cord, guitar strap, and package of picks. These are for the residential youth in our care. Any donation would be greatly appreciated! Contact Shirley M. Long at 503-901-3665 or slong@cyfs.net.
- Mature, single female with geriatric nursing experience seeking economical housing - room rental, house sitting, roommate, live-in caregiving. Call 971-832-2619.
- I've been offered a beautiful RV hook-up in an idyllic setting. Now I just need to find an RV to rent privately, from a Christian family, because the cost of renting from a company for 3 - 6 weeks is impossible for me! Also, I still need a car. If someone can help me with either need, please e-mail me, Shelley Cadd, immediately at hoochenqu@yahoo.com.
- Young professional woman looking for a room to rent. She comes with a little house-trained dog. She works full time during the week so is only home evenings and weekends. Would prefer to live with a young family (she adores kids), or like-minded young pros. Please call or text Courtney at 503-703-7367.

Available:

- For rent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, newly remodeled 1,350 sq ft house for rent, walking distance to downtown Newberg. Washer and dryer hook-ups, outdoor sunroom, storage shed, well insulated/new windows throughout, forced air electric heat. Limitations: obscure location, difficult driveway access, and no garage. \$1,050 mo rent, pet fee (outdoor dog) \$500, cleaning fee \$500. (1/2 refundable) Call Craig for more information: 503-250-0068.

For Sale:

- Moving sale: Saturday, August 29, 9am-3pm. Quality antique and contemporary furniture, miscellaneous auto and garage items. 1012 Hillsdale Dr., Newberg. Questions, call Dennis or Joan Littlefield at 503 812-6095 or 503 538-8081.

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: September 9 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

Kick-Off-the-Fall Picnic

September 13, 2015

@ noon

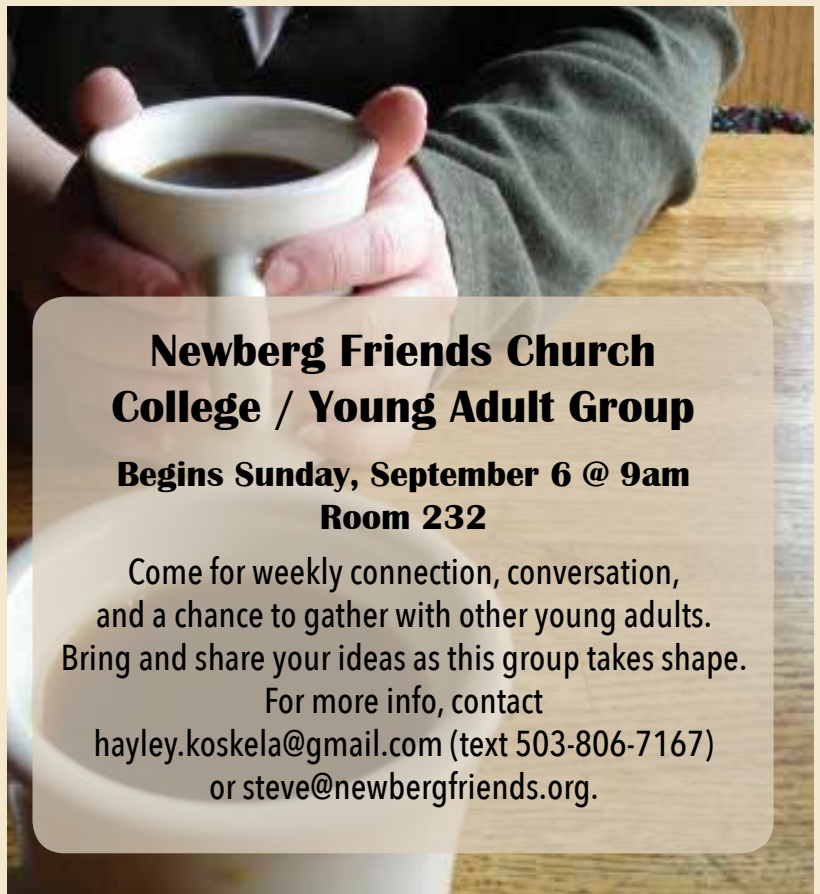
Burgers/vegieburgers and drinks will be provided!

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.



Newberg Friends Church College / Young Adult Group

Begins Sunday, September 6 @ 9am
Room 232

Come for weekly connection, conversation, and a chance to gather with other young adults. Bring and share your ideas as this group takes shape.

For more info, contact
hayley.koskela@gmail.com (text 503-806-7167)
or steve@newbergfriends.org.

September 18-20, 2015

Men's Retreat



CLICK IMAGE FOR INFORMATION



There are two more opportunities ahead for you to attend a Children's Ministries Cultivation meeting 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.

Friends—

I am asking you to prayerfully consider committing yourselves to children's ministry this year. We begin with a full program (if we have the volunteers to provide it) on September 13. My hope is that the 13th doesn't hang out there like some ominous deadline – but instead is the starting point of an engaged, informed, beloved set of individuals coming forth to develop teams of volunteers that bless one another and the children they serve.

If you say "yes" to children's ministry this year, it is critical that you attend one of our Children's Ministry Cultivation (CMC) meetings - you can attend either September 2 or September 10 at 7pm, room 132. Yes, *all* volunteers, regardless of how often you plan to serve or how long you have served in the past, are required to attend one of our CMC meetings. If you cannot make it to one of the meetings, please contact me to set up a time we can meet one-on-one.

The second thing I need from all children's ministry volunteers is participation on our Doodle poll. This online tool helps me put together an accurate schedule for the month. The poll allows me to know everyone's availability in one place instead of searching emails, texts, and FB messages/posts. [Here's the link](#) to September's poll:

And last but not least – please email me with what area of children's ministry you'd like to serve. Here's a breakdown:

- Nursery Care - 2 adults and 1 youth per service
- 2s Class - lead teacher and 2 volunteers - or teaching team of 2-3 people during 1st service
- 3s Class - 2-3 volunteers to support Miriam Staples and fill-in with teaching as necessary during 1st service
- 4s Class - 2-3 volunteers to support Katherine Millage and fill-in with teaching as necessary during 1st service
- Kindergarten Class - 2-3 volunteers to support Pam Jackson and fill-in with teaching as necessary during 1st service
- 1st/2nd Grade Class - teaching team of 2-4 volunteers during 1st service
- 3rd/4th Grade Class - teaching team of 2-4 volunteers to join Kent Moore and Heidi Tschan during 1st service
- 5th Grade Class - teaching team of 2-4 volunteers to join Ken Howe during 1st service
- Children's Care - 4-6 volunteers to play with 3- through 5-year-olds during 2nd service
- Godly Play - 2-3 Doorkeepers (including Barb Mann), 2-3 Storytellers for Kindergarten through 5th graders during 2nd service.

I look forward to see what God is up to among us as we serve children with joy and worshipful spirits.

Michelle Akins
Pastor, Children and Family Ministries at Newberg Friends Church