

Your NFC

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

August 7, 2015



From Me to You

by Gregg Koskela, lead pastor



I'm just so proud of the people of our church.

We have had a challenging couple of weeks. We're part of a yearly meeting that is in disagreement about human sexuality and that has recently made the difficult decision to remove a church from membership. Yet even though our own church mirrors the wide spectrum of thought that our whole yearly meeting has, I've been impressed to watch so many of our people doing hard work to sort through emotions, show grace to each other, and seek to understand and find common ground. I've watched young adults step into their own, find their voices, and instead of running away from conflict or from decisions they don't like, are making deeper commitments to be part of our community.

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We've had our church's name on the front page of the local paper regarding horrible allegations from more than 20 years ago. Two people came up to me and said, "I don't know how to help...but just want you to know I'll be there Sunday." I'm so grateful for that. So grateful that people are willing to keep showing up, keep being a part of this community that I really do trust and believe in. (If you weren't at church last Sunday, [here is a link](#) to the announcement, [and here is a link](#) to the message I spoke.)

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We are having to live what we believe: that life is sometimes hard, that we cannot make all things work as we would like, but that through any circumstances, we have our Savior Jesus Christ as our foundation. We serve a God who chooses to be with us in the pain and the struggle. We are getting the chance to trust God's work in our community. We are testing the promise that "our light and momentary [or heavy and lasting] troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Corinthians 4:17).

God will prove faithful! And through this, we will become more like the one we follow, Jesus Christ.



READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Isaiah 40:27-31](#)



Pastoral Team

Michelle Akins

children and family ministries

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spiritual health and care

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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
• blood pressure checks | Room 234

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:30am | Agape Sunday school class

10:45am | worship gathering

Monday, August 10

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, August 12

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Thursday, 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

Friday, August 14

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, August 15

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

Sunday, August 16

Read ahead: Hebrews 10:19-25

Unprogrammed worship begins | 9am | Barclay C

Plan Ahead

August 24 | Margaret Fell Women's Missionary Fellowship potluck picnic | 6pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center, 1100 N Meridian | Bring some food to share at the meal and your own table service. Everyone is welcome; come and bring your spouse and 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 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!

☘ "I Do!"



Ray Warner married June May on Saturday, July 18, 2015. The long-time friends and now newlyweds live at Friends-view Retirement Community.



Night Labyrinth Walk North Valley Friends Church August 14, 8-10 pm

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NEWBERG

An Evening of Jazz

@ Chapters
First Friday
August 7
6pm - 9pm



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](#).