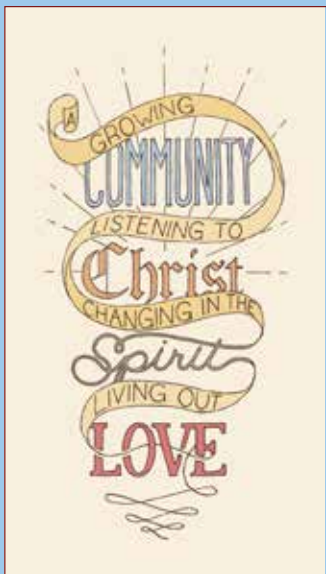


Your NFC

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

September 11, 2015



Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

by Lisa McMinn

Most weeks Inen and Louisa Buerkle come pick up their crate of vegetables from Fern Creek Farm with Brandon, their dad. Inen says things like, “Fern Creek is the best place,” and when he pops a tomato or green bean or berry in his mouth, he’ll say something like, “This



is beyond delicious!” I’ve noticed that the older he gets the more adjectives he adds. Inen, Louisa, and myriad other folks from Newberg and Dundee have become our neighbors in a rather profound way. We feed each other, as it were, and inspire each other to live well, to live out of our values.

Norman Wirzba, a theologian at Duke Divinity School, writes and talks about food and faith. In a recent interview he referred to food as God’s love made nutritious; God’s love made delicious. If God sustains the universe—and each one of us—and if all of life is in God and through God, then it seems Wirzba is identifying a simple and fundamental way that God loves us.

I suppose in this chapter of life my husband, Mark, and I would say that we live life locally by bearing witness to the simple profound love of God as experienced in food. Just now I’m sipping a glass of tomato juice, a byproduct of the San Marzano tomatoes I canned this morning. Sustained and loved by God sip by sip.

Speaking of eating, we live locally by eating twice a week with Lisby and Jon, our apprentices this year. Every Thursday after the morning harvest and after I make the Newberg Bakery run to pick up bread for CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) members with bread shares, we eat slabs of Bruce’s pizza made with his schiacciata



flat bread. On Tuesdays we eat dinner together, mostly from the garden, taking turns making the main dish and sides. This week Lisby added a peach and blueberry galette to her cucumber

yogurt salad and homemade flat bread. I added an eggplant tomato Indian dish, served with blackened and then stewed green beans.

We eat twice a year with our Fern Creek CSA family. An ice cream social marks the beginning of the season where we celebrate the arrival of strawberries. Mark makes ice cream and our members bring various toppings, along with blankets, chairs, bowls, and spoons. At the end of the season we host a potluck, and after dinner families head out to the pumpkin patch to pick out their jack-o-lantern. Every week in between we all eat God's love made nutritious, drawn out of Fern Creek soil.

Probably most of us would agree that eating ethically is neighborly in all sorts of ways (to neighbors both near and far away), even if we aren't sure how to do it. We know something about fair trade and direct trade coffee and chocolate, and we may or may not know much about the controversies around the NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operations), conventionally vs. organic farming issues, slaughterhouse conditions, and migrant worker issues. But what most of us know is that there are global issues of justice when it comes to food. They get complicated, run smack dab into issues of justice, politics, and bigger conversations like that over global warming—and they all deserve some good thought and attention.



But it is also good to be reminded that eating locally is also neighborly in all sorts of directions and one way to be less complicit in the complications of eating food from God knows where, raised and harvested in invisible (to us) ways.

Eating locally means we get to know and support the farmers and field and food workers who work and live among us, who set up tents at the farmers markets and roadside stands, and sell through CSAs like Fern Creek and Mustard Seed Farm. Eating locally might also mean we get to rub shoulders as we work side by side at one of the many community gardens speckled in our neighborhood, or find ways to share or receive the abundance from our own (or someone else's) backyard garden.

At Fern Creek we (that is, anyone inclined to pay attention) get to bear witness to God's love made tangible through food that comes up in spite of the mice that take out the early peas, raccoons that wreak havoc in the eggplant bed and consume 90 percent (no exaggeration there) of the table grapes, squirrels that eat down the lettuce, and deer that jump the deer fence and browse on beans. If I can get my head around it, I can manage to consider that all this food is God's love for them as well, even if we haven't yet worked out a good way to share it.

I don't mean to suggest that food is easy to grow—it requires a lot of work and intelligence on the part of farmers—but I choose to believe that food grows predictably and abundantly because God's sustaining grace infuses the process. The Market, where members come pick up their crates every week, is abundant this time of year, so abundant that we have to find creative ways to share God's tangible love. Besides our preserving frenzy, Lisby and Jon and some of our members have taken the opportunity to preserve tomatoes and beans and to make pickles, relish, and pesto to eat throughout the year. Friendsview folks have been served up Fern Creek beans and squash, and parents, children, and friends have received bags of produce leftover after Market day.

How do I live out love locally and globally? One way, and perhaps the most fundamental, is by bearing witness to God's sustaining grace and love evident in food, and by inviting others to eat mindfully, considering how we can share the tangible love of God to neighbors both near and far with our food choices.

Lisa McMinn—her newest book, To The Table: A Spirituality of Food, Farming, and Community (Brazos Press), is due out in January.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

James 1



Pastoral Team

Michelle Akins

children and family ministries

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spiritual health and care

Cindy Johnson

seniors ministries

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lead pastor

Eric Muhr

youth ministries

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What's Ahead

SUNDAY

Sunday school for children and adults — for times and classroom information, find "Educational Opportunities" at each entrance, each "Info Center," at the welcome center, or ask a greeter to help you.

9am | worship gathering

9am | unprogrammed worship | Barclay C

9am | college/young adult gathering | Room 232

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 | Barclay B

10:45am | worship gathering

Noon | Kick-Off-the-Fall Picnic | NFC lawn (see page 4 for more info)

Monday, September 14

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, September 16

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview classroom | speaker Joanna Cox,
International Students Inc. campus staff

Middle school youth group resumes | 6pm | Friends Center

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

High school youth group resumes | 7:30pm | Friends Center

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, September 19

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

Sunday, September 20

Read ahead: James 1

Plan Ahead

October 1 | Pre-K Fun Night | 6-7pm | FC gym | ages 3-5 yrs | \$2/child, \$4 family max

October 4 | Taize gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

October 5 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

October 5-7 | pastoral team retreat | NFC office closed

October 15 | K-2 Fun Night | 6-7:30pm | FC gym | dinner, games, and stories for children K through 2nd grade | \$2 per child, \$4 family max

October 22 | 3:4-5 Fun Night | 6-8pm | dinner, games, and a mission presentation for children in 3rd-5th grade.

NFC's Calendar on the Web!



☘ Heaven's Gain

Everett Clarkson died on September 3, 2015, at age 85. He had been a member since 1996. Family members at NFC include his wife, **Alda**, and brother, **Marvin Clarkson**. A memorial service was held last Wednesday, September 9.

☘ New Members



Welcome to the **McDonough** family, transferring their membership from North Valley Friends Church. Pictured are **Jeff** and **Kim** (full membership) and their children **Janae**, **Keian**, **Jameson**, and **Kaream Corbett-Furgal** (associate members).

AGAPE

The Agape class invites you to join this quarter's study of the major prophets, taught by **Dick Sartwell** and **Ron Stansell**. They meet in Barclay B on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!

**BEGINNING
FALL
2015**

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



MARRIAGE ENCOURAGEMENT GROUPS

Read, Share, and Pray

For a number of years, NFC has hosted 3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance). This year we are trying something new to build relationships and strengthen marriages. We are encouraging all married NFC attenders to commit to a group of 4-5 couples September through May. You may meet in your own homes, reserve a space at the church, or even decide to gather at a local coffee shop. Simply, find the place you feel comfortable to read, share, and pray together. We'll help you connect with a group, provide study materials to guide your conversations, and offer ideas for facilitation.

CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS AND/OR TO FIND A GROUP.
STEVE@NEWBERGFRIENDS.ORG OR MICHELLE@NEWBERGFRIENDS.ORG

Kick-Off-the-Fall Picnic

September 13, 2015

@ noon

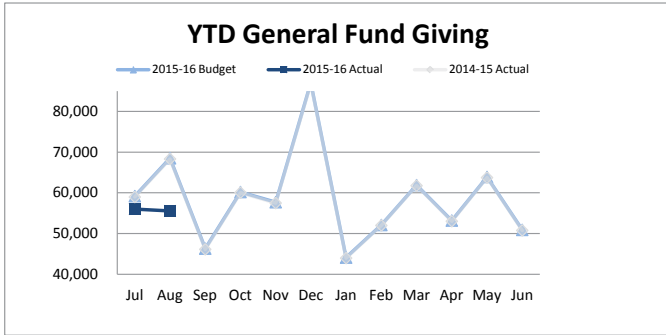
Burgers/veggieburgers and drinks will be provided!

Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

(\$ donations accepted)

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

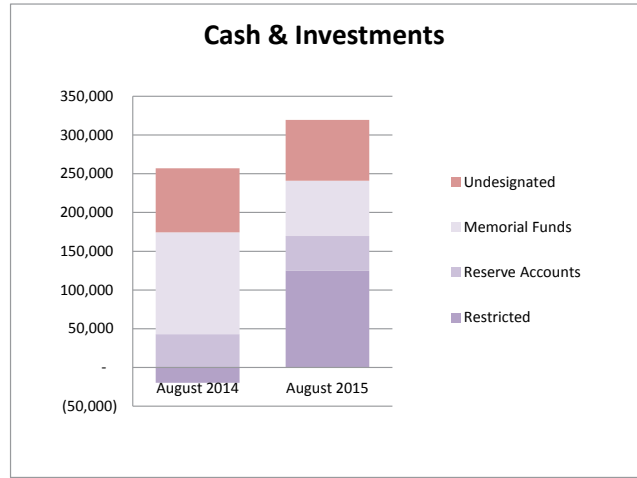
Financial Recap for August 2015



Difference (in thousands) (3) (13) Actual vs. Budget
(3) (13) Current vs Prior Yr

YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds				
	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	922	4,500	4,681	741
Outside Ministries	4,968	1,656	1,656	4,968
Compassionate Care	9,730	745	782	9,693
NFC Ministries	10,285	50	320	10,015
Scholarships	7,281	304	2,184	5,401
Facilities	(2,612)	2,894	-	283
Other Funds	79,415	17,431	3,197	93,649
Memorial Funds	72,690	(1,185)	-	71,505
Totals	182,679	26,395	12,820	196,254

General Fund Year-to-Date			
	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	121,981	138,450	(16,469)
Expense	(133,539)	(133,300)	(239)
Net	(11,558)	5,150	(16,708)



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



Night Labyrinth Walk North Valley Friends Church September 11, 7-10pm

contact Debbie @ d.headley@comcast.net for more info
North Valley Friends, 4020 N College St, Newberg, OR



La Iglesia Evangelica Los Amigos invites the NFC community to a meal on Sunday, September 27, at noon in the Friends Center. Due to space confinements only 100 guests may attend. Please sign up at the welcome center or call the NFC office (503-538-8381).

Need Sheet

Needed:

- Recent graduate looking for additional work helping families in Newberg part time with child-care. Very experienced, background checked, and trained in highly related field. If interested please contact freeman@newberg.k12.or.us.
- Chehalem Youth & Family Services is opening a new location and need a few furnishings: a coffee table, small table and chairs, and a fold-out sofa/bed/hide-a-bed. Contact Shirley Long at 503-538-4874 Ext. 1001.
- I need a double/full-size bed frame and box spring. If anyone has extras or would be willing to part with the items for a low price, please call 651-815-2524. Thank you!

Available:

- I'm Andrew Kaye and I teach both guitar lessons and drum lessons at beginning and intermediate levels with a wide range of styles such as: acoustic, blues, jazz, rock, metal, worship and more. I have experience and have been playing both instruments for 10 to 12 years. Weekly lessons, \$10 for a 30-minute lesson and \$15 for an hour lesson. Contact me at akaye12@georgefox.edu.

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

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

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