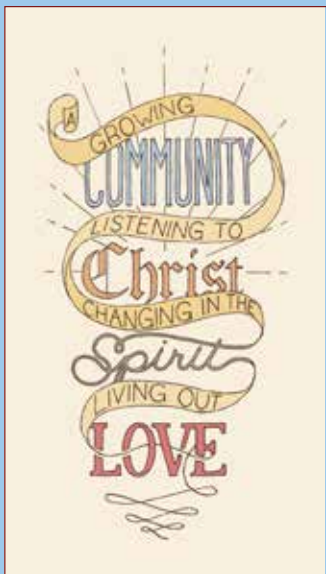


Your NFC

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

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☉ All in a Day's Life

by Janelle Engle

These last 15 months have been some of the richest months of my life. By *rich* I mean it has been a time when amazing goodness and grace are juxtaposed with intense sadness and pain. As many of you know, I married Frank Engle in May 2014. Only seven months later, we lost our son Aaron, who had struggled for years with bipolar disorder.

I am new to Newberg, except for the four years between 1978 and 1982, when I attended George Fox College (now University). After graduation, I went back to Spokane, Washington, where I was married, had two sons, and received my master's degree in counseling psychology from Gonzaga University. Almost 30 years later, in 2012, Frank Engle and I reconnected when my parents, Paul and Martha Puckett, moved into Friendsview. Frank and I started communicating over e-mail. FaceTime made it possible for us to *feel* like we were not far away, and Alaska Airlines made it possible to not be far away quite as much. On May 31, 2014, we were married in the chapel on the Whitworth University campus with our four sons at our sides.



L-R: Aaron, Tim, and Frank Engle, Janelle, Evan, and Luke Thayer

You might wonder why we married at Whitworth. I had been the director of counseling services at Whitworth University for 21 years. As director, my role at Whitworth was to see many students throughout the school year that were struggling in some way with college life. Besides counseling for homesickness, I typically helped students with depression, anxiety, relational issues, stress management, love sickness, self-esteem issues, and many other issues. But another part of my job was much more difficult. I assisted the Student Life staff in determining the prognosis of students who struggled on the edge. This included diagnoses related to personality disorders, bipolar disorder, and sometimes, psychoses. I had the difficult task of determining the need to send someone to the hospital to be evaluated right away, to assist the student in finding support among the community of counselors in the Spokane area, or, in tandem with the Student Life vice-president, to make a recommendation about whether to send a student home to get treatment.

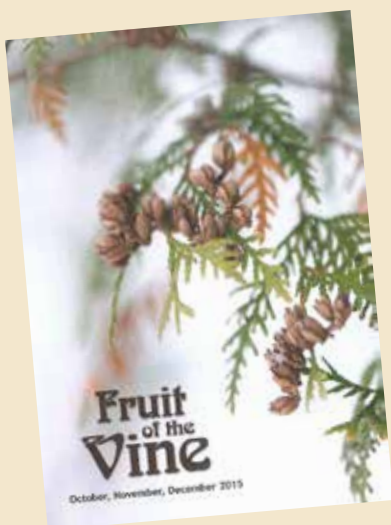
I loved my years at Whitworth University. I had wonderful, deep friendships with good people there, and it was hard to leave. I knew,

though, that I was entering into marriage with one of finest people I have ever known (and I was right)! In addition, I knew that many people with whom I went to George Fox were still in or around the Newberg area. One day, when talking about my move with a colleague, he said to me, "It's good that you are going back to be with 'your people.'" I thought it was interesting he put it that way, but I realized his view was insightful. (This colleague also countered my announcement of a new chapter unfolding with, "That's not a new chapter; it's a new book!") I had been in the Presbyterian church for 20+ years and we had often discussed the theological differences between the two denominations. I really appreciated learning about the Reformed tradition, but he knew I was from a long line of Quakers.

Almost immediately, even before moving back to Newberg, I was reminded of who "my people" were. With Frank working at Friendsview, and my parents having moved there, he and I seemed to be an interesting topic of conversation. I was known throughout Friendsview before I knew anyone there! After we married, I quickly felt comfortable in the services at Newberg Friends because of the genuine welcome from

the pastoral team and some of you who knew Frank and Patsy Engle well. Then, after Aaron's death, we were embraced by so many of you. You immediately coordinated efforts, cooking dinner for us for nearly a month! As you brought the delicious meals, I was reminded of the gentleness that so many of you exude. You were present with us in a way that made us feel included and loved, but not intruded upon; your humility and grace were unsurpassed. The amazing love and care that you have bestowed upon the Engle family has been and continues to be a wonderful reminder that being here, among "my people," is one of the gifts God lavished upon me when I decided to marry Frank and move back into the Newberg community. It has been a wonderful gift to me to remember our Quaker ways and to participate in our Quaker community even as our family has experienced intense joy and heartbreaking sorrow throughout this last year.

God's love gives us strength to carry on as we continue to grieve losing our son Aaron. At the same time, we want to thank you, our community in Christ, for being the hands and feet of Jesus to us and carrying us in your prayers. We want to let you know that we couldn't be more grateful for you!



Fruit of the Vine is now available at the welcome center. \$5/ea. NFC writers include Joe Thouvenel and Becky Ankeny.

Garage Sale to Benefit Refugees Resettling in Portland

*Saturday, September 26, 8am-2pm
3001 N. Center Street, Newberg*

Prior to the sale, donations of items to sell will be accepted at the above address. Please, no furniture or other heavy items without first contacting Emily Wynsma at 443-745-7165 or sunflowers374@gmail.com.

Then don't forget to come and shop!

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

James 1



Pastoral Team

Michelle Akins
children and family ministries

Steve Fawver
spiritual health and care

Cindy Johnson
seniors ministries

Gregg Koskela
lead pastor

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youth ministries

Elizabeth Sherwood
administration

Nolan Staples
worship 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

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:30am | Agape Sunday school class | Barclay B

10:45am | worship gathering

1:30pm | Bible Quiz Practice | FC Room 100

Monday, September 21

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, September 23

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Middle school youth group | 6pm | Friends Center

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

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

Thursday, September 24

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

Friday, September 25

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, September 26

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

Sunday, September 27

Read ahead: James 2

Plan Ahead

September 28 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center, 1100 N Meridian St, Newberg. This month's speaker: Stu Willcuts, Peacemakers in Fields of Conflict: How can we help?

October 1 | Pre-K Fun Night | 6-7pm | FC gym | ages 3-5 yrs

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

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

October 24 | Margaret Fell WMF international tea | 7pm | NFC social hall | featuring Hayley Koskela, speaker

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

The NFC presiding clerk, Phil Smith, and elders' co-clerks, Beth La Force and Ron Stansell, submit the following for distribution:

At our business meeting on August 23, Newberg Friends Church did not come to consensus around a proposed minute to appeal the yearly meeting's decision to release West Hills Friends Church from membership in the yearly meeting. Eight other churches did present an appeal, so the yearly meeting's Administrative Council will now consider these appeals. We want to give you information about this process as we are able.

The yearly meeting's website has [some information](#) about the ongoing process.

In addition, we want to pass along to our congregation a letter from the yearly meeting presiding clerk, Mark Kelley:

Dear Friends,

On July 24, 2015, the Northwest Yearly Meeting Board of Elders met with the leadership of West Hills Friends Church and notified them of the board's decision to "release West Hills Friends Church from NWYM membership." The letter also mentioned an appeal process, which our Faith & Practice says must be started within 30 days of the board's notification.

The Faith & Practice paragraph that outlines of this type of appeal specifies that the appeal must come from "a local church." Since one of the issues in the elders' decision was compliance with Faith & Practice, I want to carefully adhere to the wording in Faith & Practice. In this case the wording leaves open the possibility that churches other than West Hills can appeal the elders' decision, which is what happened.

By the end of the 30-day period, eight local churches filed appeals with the Administrative Council, which is charged with hearing appeals. Thus, valid appeals have been filed, and the Administrative Council is working together to thoughtfully and prayerfully discern our response.

Faith & Practice also states that the Administrative Council may conduct an "investigation and hear . . . testimony." Local churches, local elders, or groups of members may submit testimony to me by October 1. We will accept individual testimony, but group and church testimony benefits from collective wisdom, and helps the Administrative Council discern the key considerations. My email address is mkelley55@comcast.net.

I will send out a separate email to you, attaching the appeals.

I thank you in advance for your prayers for the Administrative Council as they hear this appeal.

*Mark Kelley
Presiding Clerk, NWYM*

An Invitation for All!



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).

**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

Listening Life – Journey in James

Wednesday nights, 6:45-8:30 p.m.
Barclay A, September 30–December 9

A time to study James together and use this book as an opportunity to listen to Christ together. We will start as a large group and then break into 2 or 3 small groups for discussion, prayer, and encouragement. All are welcome.

Questions to consider:

- “What does it look like to show mercy and not favoritism?”
- “Are there ways I am acting, thinking, and responding with a judgmental attitude?”
- “How might I seek wisdom from God daily?”
- “Am I speaking words that hurt or words that heal?”

Contact Steve Fawver—steve@newbergfriends.org

☛ Heaven's Gain



Mary Barnett died on Friday, September 11, 2015, at age 90.

Mary began attending NFC with her husband, Bob, in 1970.

A service to celebrate Mary's life will be held tomorrow, September 19, 1 p.m., at Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel.



**Photo Review of
NFC's
Kick-Off-the-Fall
Potluck Picnic
by Gary Fawver**