

Your NFC

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

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☛ Ministry Happens

by Sherry Macy

The Memorial Care Ministry has a long history of women (and a few men) who love to serve families in our church who have lost a loved one. Way, way back when the telephone was our main source for communication, these dedicated women took on the task of calling other women, asking them to provide a casserole or a dessert for the reception that followed a memorial service. There were the food providers and there were the servers, and it required the efforts of both.



When Gertrude Ankeny retired from her years as overseer, she passed along to me a box that held some history of the memorial care ministry—a bit of cash and a log of who provided what, when, and



for whom. A true archivist would have found a way to keep the box, but this notorious deaccumulator took a picture (and filed it for *ten years*) for such a time as this! You can see for yourself the rich history of service represented in this one NFC ministry. Many among us can remember dear Leona Aebischer and dear Ruthanna Hampton; many can also remember being

fed and served by our beloved Gertrude and Harlow Ankeny.

Times changed and with it the mode of communication. I used e-mail to recruit a team of women who were willing to *on occasion* bake three dozen cookies or serve at a memorial reception in the social hall. Along with this came the change to simplify our receptions to offering only coffee/punch/cookies, a loss to those who remember the full-meal receptions but a joy for those family members who feel the relief that this will be done *for* them during a time of stress and planning for the service itself.

Twenty-five women quickly agreed to this simple commitment—not to bake or to serve but only to be asked. When the need arises, I simply send a blind e-mail to the team. Each team





member knows that if the request doesn't fit her life and times, she can simply ignore the note, confident someone else will step up this time and that there will always be another chance to say yes.

You know what? In ten years we have made only one last-minute emergency run to Nap's! And that was because I had underestimated the need. No kidding—our memorial care team faithfully carries out the ministry to which they've been called. They might think of it as baking a few cookies now and then, but the families they serve see it as much more. Ann Howe and Terri Bowen are usually (but not always) the ones who want to serve. This means offering the better part of their day, because it involves coming early to make coffee and punch, arranging cookies on trays, laying



out the table design, attending the (sometimes long) service, heading downstairs on the final song to light candles and uncover cookies, keep a close eye to refill coffee/punch/cookie trays, assess when is the right time to start clearing, freezing leftover cookies, washing accessories, gathering tablecloths to launder, and waiting for the last guests to leave before locking up.

I'll bet that just made you tired, but I list these steps to illustrate this is no small ministry. We aren't splitting logs or teaching Sunday school, but our team works in beautiful unity, sharing individual gifts to provide a place of comfort and conversation for families in loss, one at a time.

Years ago, a church in Michigan provided for my children and me a comforting space to greet those who came to celebrate the life of someone we had just lost. The memory of being served so kindly and well on that

unusual day stays with me, motivating me to "pay it forward." If you feel similarly or just like to bake cookies, there's room for you on the memorial care team. Just [e-mail me](#) (or call me at the church office—we still use phones) and I'll add your e-address to the group. When the next need is known, I'll blind copy you, and you can respond or ignore! That's how we roll.

PS: Yes, men can bake cookies and serve! Step up and be the trend changer.

An Invitation for All!



This Sunday—There's still room!

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 limitations only 100 guests may attend.

Please sign up at the welcome center, call the NFC office (503-538-8381), or e-mail office@newbergfriends.org.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

James 2



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

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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 28

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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?

Wednesday, September 30

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, October 1

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

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

Friday, October 2

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

Read ahead: James 2

Taize gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

Plan Ahead

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!

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?”

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TWIN ROCKS
friends camp

Friends Women Retreat
October 2-4, 2015

Theme: Fixing Our Gaze

Our speaker this year will be Dr. Doreen Dodgen-Magee, licensed psychologist in Portland. She is an author as well as a frequent guest lecturer in professional, medical and parenting circles; she offers continuing education for psychologists, medical professionals, educators, and administrators.

We are also excited to have Debby Thomas join us as our missionary-in-residence! She and her family are transitioning back to the United States after serving many years in Rwanda.

Crafts, workshops, and a silent auction are also being planned. Proceeds of this year's auction will help fund a retreat for the pastors' wives of Rwanda Yearly Meeting.

Cost: Standard – \$153; Deluxe – \$196; Own RV – \$120

[See retreat brochure here.](#)



Happy October Birthday



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| 1 Jim Miller | Maddie Huwe | 25 Bob Holveck |
| 3 Lauren Anderson | Elma Johnson | Jerry Mann |
| Caitlyn Graham | 10 Abby Brown | 26 Phyllis Morse |
| Beth Muthiah | Caleb Wall | Linda Sartwell |
| 4 Priscilla Jeffery | 12 Mark Passmore | Mark Thompson |
| Clarissa Meakin | 15 Mikayla Farr | 27 Nora Adams |
| 5 Susan Fawver | Sarah Goodfellow | Tim Graham |
| Ethan Johnson | Don Staples | 28 Abram Dunlop |
| Lori Meissner | 16 Janet Lyda | Skyler Hutchinson |
| 6 Ron Hampton | Sally Moore | Jenevieve Hutchinson |
| Sarah Kelley | 19 Duane Comfort | May Wallace |
| Connor Russom | 20 Elyse Fawver | 29 Adair Goss |
| 7 Gertrude Ankeny | 21 Rich Allen | Rusty St. Cyr |
| Sam Hardy | 22 Connie Magee | 30 John Hutchinson |
| 8 Rebekah Stoltzfus | 23 Brittany Harmon-Watilo | 31 Jamie Boros |
| 9 Wanda Beebe | Carolyn Staples | Mark Martin |
| Brian Doak | Harold Trollinger | |

Need Sheet

Needed:

- Margaret Fell WMF will host an international tea, and ladies, you're invited! If you have a tea set from another country you would be willing to loan as a centerpiece, please contact Linda B. at byrd.l.c.7@gmail.com or 503-550-2536.
- We (the Thomas family) recently moved from Rwanda, Africa, to Newberg. Due to the generosity of many people we have almost everything we need to start our new lives here in Newberg. There are still a few items we are looking for. If you have these items and would be willing to sell them, please contact Debby at 720-375-2909. Lawnmower, weights (for working out)—either dumb bells or adjustable weights or kettle bells—bikes (adult ones), tall lamps that shine on the ceiling.
- I would like to borrow a 10-, 12-, or 14-foot stepladder to repaint eaves. Contact Jennifer at 503-550-0440 or JJPmom2000@hotmail.com.
- Needed for TRFC's Homeschool Outdoor School Family Camp: 25 clean, empty, individual water bottles; empty clear 3-liter soda bottle; fitted full sheet. Contact Linda B. at 503-550-2536 (text or call) or byrd.l.c.7@gmail.com.
- Looking for someone with experience installing tile to assist with a small backsplash project. If you have the experience and equipment, I'll gladly cover the cost for supplies. Also need to borrow a Mac compatible external CD drive. Please contact Linda B. at 503-550-2536 (text or call) or byrd.l.c.7@gmail.com.

Available:

- The Friendsview Residents Garage Sale will be held Friday, October 2, from 8am to 4pm and Saturday, October 3, from 8am to 2:30pm. The sale is held in the basement of the Friendsview facility at 1301 Fulton St. Items for sale include bedding, furniture, kitchenware, books, puzzles, shoes, clothing, walkers, and all kinds of miscellaneous items. Great prices! Everything ½ price on Saturday or you can fill a bag for \$3. Call 503-487-6323 with questions.

For Sale:

- In my downsizing efforts, I now have lots of plastic storage containers (with lids) of all (mostly very large) sizes. I would also like to sell a Cinderella dress (long formal) size 10-12 (?); a formal that would make a wonderful Halloween costume; elite garment bag; animal cage (approx 2' x 2' x 2 ½'); bagel toaster; Christmas decorations; winter coats; piano bench; baskets of all sizes; etc. Make offer. E-mail dmcoleman@frontier.com or phone 503-538-4318.
- '91 Chevy Corsica, runs well. Call 503-537-5468.

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: October 7 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

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