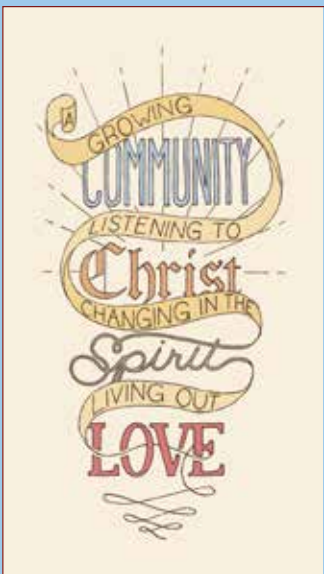


Your NFC

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

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☛ All in a Day's Life

by Vicki Tschan



Almost 21 years ago, I left the retail business to join George Fox University as the Federal Perkins Loan coordinator. The main reason for making the change was I wanted to be closer to home and have steady hours so that I could be more involved with raising our daughters, Twila and Heidi. The university has been a very supportive community and an enormous blessing for my family. Although my duties have stayed relatively the same, there have been many changes at the university over the years. Currently, my job title is “student accounts specialist.” The Perkins Loan repayment program continues to be a major part of my job; however, I spend a significant amount of time working with departed students who owe money to the university. Consequently, I am a bill collector!

It has been my experience that George Fox University attracts intelligent, talented, committed, driven, and all-around good students. Some are Christians and some are not. Some are easy to deal with and others are not. Some do not want to be found and others appreciate it.

On a daily basis, I may be a detective trying to find someone, a budget manager trying to figure out how to squeeze out a \$50 monthly payment, or a happy cashier processing incoming payments. My greatest joy is helping students whose debts have become severely past due. Many times these students are overwhelmed and just don't know where to begin to be able to get their finances in order. It is my goal to help them get to a place where they can manage their finances and make sound financial decisions going forward.

As I think about my students, one of the success stories I remember happily includes a GFU graduate who was behind on his \$2,000 Federal Perkins Loan. When I was researching his financial status, I found he was behind on all his federal student loans. Instead of a \$2,000 problem, he actually had a \$15,000 problem. The graduate had moved three times and had not notified the lenders when he moved. He wasn't trying to shirk his responsibilities, but he didn't know who to contact or where to start. I was able to get him in contact with his lenders, give him the tools to negotiate reasonable repayment schedules, and tell him how to repair damage done to his credit report. This graduate has returned to the Newberg community and has raised his family here. He is a reputable businessman and has been a credible witness for our Lord. I rejoice in his success and am thankful for having had the opportunity to help him!

Because I work with former students who have delinquent accounts, I joke that it is not a good thing if I know your name. My duties have

led me to call members of the NFC community, my husband's former soccer players, and friends of my daughters. Sometimes these phone calls are a little weird. However, knowing these students did not intentionally miss their payments motivates me to try to help them find a solution to resolving their debt. It is not the university's or my intention to add guilt or additional burdens. It is my responsibility, however, to hold students accountable for the financial commitments they have made to the university. Unfortunately, not all students cooperate, and it forces me to send accounts to outside collection agencies. This is my least favorite part of the job.

Vicki has been married to Manfred for 31 years and is the mother of Twila (25, currently a graduate student at George Washington University) and Heidi (23, a 2014 graduate of George Fox University). She also has numerous inherited sons from Manfred's 20 years of coaching soccer at GFU. Vicki was born in Roseburg and was a member of Winston Missionary Baptist Church (9 miles south of Roseburg). She has attended NFC since moving to Newberg in 1988, has served on the NFC stewards, and assisted in the nursery and vacation Bible school. She has volunteered at Love INC and provides a monthly meal to the Newberg women's homeless shelter. Vicki and Twila are both cancer survivors and have been blessed with good health these past few years. In her spare time Vicki enjoys sewing, reading, and Jazzercise.

Many people have a life verse. Mine is Proverbs 2: 27-28: Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help. If you have what your neighbor asks for, don't say to him, "Come back later. I will give it to you tomorrow." (*International Children's Bible* given to Twila in 1997 by children's pastor, Gregg Koskela.) I think these verses complement the book of James that we are currently studying, and they also help me when I have a student on the phone who needs help and doesn't know where to begin. I hope as a representative of the university and as a Christian, I practice these verses daily.

FEED the NEED 2015

Join us in this effort to serve FISH
and the people of Newberg

We are Collecting:

- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Dried Beans
- Flour
- Oatmeal
- Oil
- Pork & Beans
- Soup
- White Rice
- Canned Beans
- Canned Corn
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Chili
- Peanut Butter
- Re-fried Beans
- Tuna

**BRING YOUR FEED THE NEED DONATIONS
TO THE CHURCH LIBRARY THIS SUNDAY!**

NFC's Art Wall



Whether or not you know **Tami Ankeny**, you will be fascinated as you journey with her, through photos and captions, from the Mexican border to the Canadian border on the Pacific Coast Trail. Please take the time to visit the art wall in the social hall any time from now through the end of November.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

James 3



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

Elizabeth Sherwood
administration

Nolan Staples
worship ministries

Support Staff

Denise Lyman
bookkeeper/receptionist

Sherry Macy
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Arnie Mitchell
buildings manager

Dan Ritter
buildings manager

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What's Ahead

SUNDAY

9am | 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 | in the social hall or library

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

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

10:45am | worship gathering

Monday, October 19

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, October 21

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview classroom | featured speaker
Shawn McConaughy

Middle school youth group | 6pm | Friends Center

Listening Life group — James | 6:45pm | Barclay A/B

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

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

Thursday, October 22

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

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

Friday, October 23

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

Read ahead: James 4

Plan Ahead

October 26 | Margaret Fell WMF international tea | 7pm | NFC social hall | featuring Hayley Koskela, speaker

November 1 | Daylight Saving Time ends

November 1 | Taize gathering | 6pm

November 2 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

November 6 | celebration of life for Don Lamm | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

November 8 | Story Slam | 6pm | NFC sanctuary | hear some of NFC's best storytellers

November 22 | Thanksgiving combined worship service at Bauman Auditorium

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

To the Congregation from the NFC Elders:

Since the called business meeting on August 23, the NFC elders have been exploring the next steps we would like to take. While our plan is not definite yet, we believe it is important for us to share some of our reflections and to name some of the challenges regarding the business meeting. As elders, we attempted to prepare for the meeting, but realize in retrospect we were not sure of our roles in the meeting. We had made the proposal and wanted to provide chances for others to speak; however, we now realize it felt confusing to some that we did not stand and speak specifically in support of the proposal or help at all with the flow of the conversation.

In preparation, we as NFC elders discussed that the called congregational meeting remain focused on the proposal to appeal the decision of the NWYM elders and not on the issues of homosexuality and/or same-sex marriage. This proved difficult to do in the meeting and some of the statements made were beyond the scope of the proposal to appeal the NWYM elders decision. Some of these remarks could be heard as judgmental or harsh to members of the community. We are sorry that this may have happened to you.

It is not possible to go back and unsay things that were said or to reframe the meeting to summarize and end at the hour planned. However, we as elders are unified in moving forward this fall with ideas and documents for your continued individual study. We feel strongly that the next step should include time to study scripture and the wise counsel of others in the Christian community. We will be outlining some of the details of our plans in the next few weeks with a call to those in the community to spend personal focused time in scripture and other reading/viewing this fall. We will be sharing suggestions in late October and into November. Our goal is to encourage those who are willing to read, study, and pray in ways that prepare us to meet together in love and humility in late winter/early spring for corporate study.

NFC Story Slam

Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.

*come to hear some of
NFC's best storytellers
recount their finest stories*



Young Friends Singers Sunday!

We're inviting children to help us lead in worship through music on Sunday morning, **December 20!** We will gather to learn music on the four Saturday mornings prior to December 20 (November 28; December 5, 12, and 19) in Room 246, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We ask that singers attend at least two of the four rehearsals, *December 19 required*. Children ages 4 through 5th grade are welcome to join us for this fun opportunity to sing some Christmas songs together! If you would like more information, contact Nolan Staples, Becky Ankeny, Davida Brown, or Liz Dillow.

Ignite^{the} Light Luncheon Imagine the Possibilities!



November 10, 2015

Networking 11:30 am
Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Chehalem Cultural Center
415 E Sheridan, Newberg

Register at CYFS.NET
Call 503-538-4874
Email events@cyfs.net



Please join us as a guest, table captain, or sponsor for this inspiring event in which stories of courage, hope, and healing bring clear proof that ordinary people can come together to create something extraordinary!



A Google search provided this image for *database*.
Is it what you pictured?

Have you moved or changed your contact information recently and forgotten to let the NFC office know? Well, all will be well when you [click here](#) with your updates.



Margaret Fell Friends Women
cordially invites you to an international dessert tea
featuring *Hayley Koskela*
October 26, 2015 • 7-9 p.m.
NFC social hall

RSVP by picking up a ticket in the library between services
or call Janelle Nordyke at 503-550-4114.

