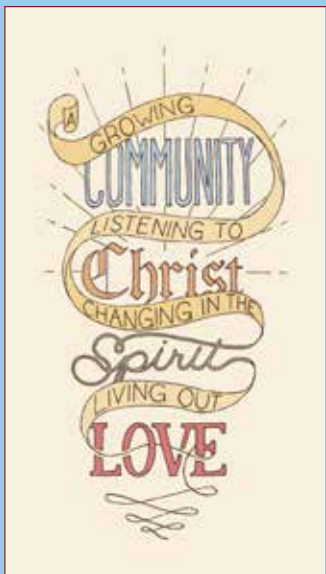


Your NFC

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

November 6, 2015



From Me to You

by Steve Fawver, spiritual health and care

I have exciting news to tell you all! No, we are not expecting.... But we *are* anticipating a celebration of life in a different way. The elders at NFC have approved a four-month sabbatical from April 18 to August 18 of 2016. Below is the letter I wrote almost a year ago as we began this process to consider a sabbatical. I am excited to say that we



Elders Request Sabbatical for Steve Fawver

To the elders of NFC,

December 12, 2014

I would like to request time to take a sabbatical. The following prayer is one that I wrote in connection with Sabbath by the Sea. This is a prayer that we use as we try to create space for individuals to come away and be with God. How can we create space for them to be free, rest, renew, and spend extended time with God in the beauty of creation?

A Prayer of Rest:

God, you invite us into your Sabbath rest.

A rest that is free and unencumbered by expectation, performance, or "oughts."

A rest that is open and safe and pure.

A rest that is anchored in your deep sustaining love, power, and hope.

May we let go and receive your blessed rest.

May we let go and open ourselves to the river of life that is flowing with freedom and power.

May we let go and settle into your trustworthy arms as your rest envelops us with love.

I have been drawn to this prayer as it relates to my own desire and longing for a sabbatical. Although I try to build the rhythm of Sabbath into my regular life I have been finding myself drawn toward taking some extended time to be "free and unencumbered by expectation and 'oughts'" as this prayer names. I long to have some months of a different pattern and schedule in which I can rest, step back from the daily flow of ministry, and even be in some different locations. I think this would be healthy for my own self, my family, and the NFC community as I have time to stop and be with God.

What I propose is to take 4 months of time away from ministry at Newberg Friends in the summer of 2016 (this will be my 25th year at NFC and Diane and my 25th wedding year as well). I would like to plan on being gone for April–August. If the elders approve me taking a sabbatical I will apply for the Lilly Endowment "National Clergy Renewal Program" (same grant Gregg received in the summer of 2013). I have already done some initial exploration with the Lilly Endowment staff and know I meet the criteria for application.

If we receive the Lilly Grant it has funds to cover some of the staffing needs here at NFC while I am gone. There are various models we might use in this regard. We can talk more if the sabbatical is approved. I appreciate you all considering this and look forward to meeting with you on Monday. If you have questions for clarification that you would like before we meet, feel free to email me or give me a call. Thanks for your important ministry here at NFC. I appreciate all you do.

In Christ,
Steve Fawver

did receive a grant from the Lilly Endowment that will cover some staffing expenses during my absence as well as some funds for our family to travel during this time away. These four months will include:

- A Monastic Life Retreat at the Trappist Abbey in Lafayette. I will don my robes, move to the Abbey, and live with the brothers for a month. This will give me a chance to settle into a different rhythm of life for the first month of the sabbatical.
- Time to be with family, rest, and explore some of God's creation here in the Northwest.
- A chance to explore our family roots in Scotland, Ireland, and Switzerland as well as our Quaker roots in England. We plan to not only see the sights but consider our "Wallace" roots around the area of Stirling, stay at Swarthmoor Hall (once home to George Fox and Margaret Fell/Fox), and travel through London and Paris en route to Switzerland. My great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather, Johannes Marolani, (born 1717) was a pastor in a little church in Versam that is still being used to this day. His body was buried in the floor of the church, and we look forward to visiting and exploring that area and other beautiful areas in

this country. I have always wanted to go to Switzerland, so this is a dream come true!



This is such a gift to our family and we are very grateful for the chance to take some extended time off and away. The plan is to increase other staff hours a bit and also bring a part-time intern to join the team during my absence. I look forward to being back "post-sabbatical" with new eyes and an open heart full of what God will teach while I am gone.



Go directly to EFM's Christmas catalog by clicking on the image above.



Interested in exploring ways NFC can support refugees?

Join us November 8, 5 p.m., in Barclay C. (Stay for Story Slam after the meeting.)

For more information contact Elizabeth@newbergfriends.org.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

James 5



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
admin assist / communications

Arnie Mitchell
buildings manager

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buildings manager

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Please direct
all publications items
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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 and library
• blood pressure checks | Room 234

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

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

10:45am | worship gathering

1:30pm | Bible Quiz practice | Friends Center Room 100

5pm | come explore ways to help refugees | Barclay C

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

Monday, November 9

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, November 11

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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, November 12

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

Friday, November 13

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, November 14

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

Wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

Sunday, November 15

Read ahead: James 5

Plan Ahead

November 18 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview classroom | this month features Eloise Hockett, Musembe Primary School

November 22 | Thanksgiving combined worship service at Bauman Auditorium | Community Time @10am; Worship @10:45am

November 23 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Dennis Littlefield, Tilikum

November 26-27 | NFC office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

November 28 | Young Friends Singers rehearsal | 10am | Room 246

December 6 | Taize gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

December 7 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room (please note new location) | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

NFC ALL-CHURCH WORK MORNING



Tomorrow,
November 7
9 a.m. to noon
ALL COMERS!

Some tasks to accomplish:

- clean kitchen • paint
- rake leaves (bring a rake!)
- weed flower beds
- clean classrooms

NFC Story Slam

Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.

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



Ryan Brooks was named MVP for the 1A soccer league at the C.S. Lewis Academy play off game last Friday night. Sadly for him, C.S. Lewis lost 2-1 with 2 seconds left in overtime.



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT BAUMAN AUDITORIUM NOVEMBER 22

10 AM—COMMUNITY TIME

COFFEE, DONUTS, FRESH-PRESSED APPLE CIDER
BAKE SALE BENEFITING THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING
CREATIVE FAIR

10:45AM—WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Offering

“The Fr...ds Engl...h Cafe in Ram...h had our name on it before we arrived. We got to know and love being part of it and now run it, hosting Fr...ds’ deepening involvement and a forum for ongoing learning, service, and growth. So we offer it to you as the **Thanksgiving Offering**. With your help we will expand the programming we provide, find a more suitable location, and increase access for women. There is much to do and an open door before us. Will you join us? All gifts are precious.” (El...abethT...d)

Northwest Yearly Meeting has sent Friends to live and love and serve in Ram...h since 1869.

(We can't safely share information in this newsletter. So we invite you to stop by the welcome center on Sunday and pick up a printed flyer that fully describes this year's Thanksgiving Offering and how to participate.)

Newberg Friends Church CREATIVE FAIR

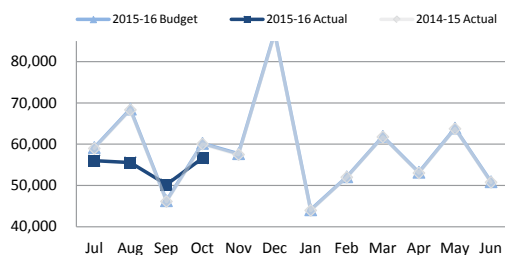
**Bauman Auditorium Lobby
Sunday, November 22, 10-10:45 a.m.**

Come share your creative side. Whatever God has gifted you to create, we want to see it! This is an event for all ages. If you'd like to have a space to display your creation(s) as a part of our Thanksgiving service community time, please contact Michelle Akins by November 20 so we can have enough table space for you. Send a description of your item(s) and a sentence or two about why you like to create in this way.

Contact: michelle@newbergfriends.org

Financial Recap for October 2015

YTD General Fund Giving



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Actual vs. Budget
Current vs Prior Yr

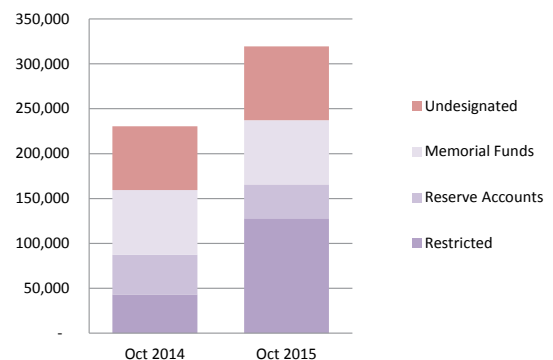
YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds

	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	922	9,775	9,850	847
Outside Ministries	4,968	4,097	4,097	4,968
Compassionate Care	9,730	2,505	1,296	10,939
NFC Ministries	10,285	996	722	10,559
Scholarships	7,281	604	2,184	5,701
Facilities	(2,612)	3,094	303	179
Other Funds	79,415	61,730	13,300	127,845
Memorial Funds	72,690	(1,178)	-	71,512
Totals	182,679	81,623	31,752	232,550

General Fund Year-to-Date

	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	238,396	255,550	(17,154)
Expense	(280,277)	(269,570)	(10,707)
Net	(41,881)	(14,020)	(27,861)

Cash & Investments



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



NEW!

Enrich your child's life
with theatre!

Available for ages
3-10 years old!

Our Dynamic Workshops will:

- ◆ Build confidence
- ◆ Increase communication
- ◆ Build self-esteem

Local Kids for Drama
Don't Miss Out! Only \$10/session!

The Elementary Elements: (ages 5 Kindergarten to 10)

\$60

Workshop days are Thursday November 19, Monday November 23, December 3, 10, and 17 from 4:30 to 5:30.

All workshops will be held at Kids for Drama Space at 200 S College St. The final time together before the performance on December 17th at 3 PM will be held at the Cultural Arts Center.

Theater Tots: (ages 3 to 5 still in preschool)

\$40

Drama playtime will happen from 10 AM to 10:45 AM on Saturday November 21, 28, December 5, and 12th. There will be a small celebration and performance for the families on December 12th. The classes and the performance will be held at Kids for Drama Space at 200 S College St.

**Register online at www.kidsfordrama.com or
by calling Barb at 503-545-9760**

Mention this flyer by 11/17/15 for a:

Complimentary Session*

Kidsfordrama.com

*One complimentary session per family

503-545-9760