

Your NFC

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

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Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

by Gary Fawver

As a boy growing up in northern Illinois I loved playing outdoors. In my teen years I attended summer camps and worked outdoor jobs. I counseled at a Christian camp one summer during college and thought: *What a great profession this would be.* Following seminary and a brief youth-director stint, I learned of a ministry that does summer backpacking in the mountains of Oregon with troubled youth. It seemed like a dream opportunity. That experience launched my outdoor ministry career. Through the years as I have worked with folks of all ages, my goal has been to help them “rediscover the outdoors.” Job 37:14 motivates me: “Listen to this, Job [Gary]; stop and consider God’s wonders.”



Our creator God instills in us interests and abilities unique to our personalities. Our lives are enriched as we find out what kind of person God has created us to be and develop those inner God-given strengths. We grow happier in life and more likely to reach our full potential. I am still in awe that God helped Susan and me be actively involved in the formation of Tilikum and in training leaders in camping across Russia and around the world. And for many years I was able to teach courses in camping at George Fox University as professor of outdoor ministries. Wow! To then complete a doctoral program on rediscovering the outdoors—double wow!

Nature is also my focus in photography; I call myself an advanced amateur. My hobbies give me satisfaction and give others joy and make them more aware of God’s creations.

So—has retirement put me on the shelf? Hardly. Since 2008 I have become active as a volunteer naturalist at the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge in Sherwood, Oregon. My time at the refuge continues to nourish my lifelong love of the outdoors. I find joy in seeing scouts, elementary school outdoor ed groups, families of homeschoolers, men on parole from jail, and others discover some “nature nugget” while we walk the trails of the refuge.



Since the 1970s, when I was director at Tilikum, I have ardently worked at introducing children in particular to the wonders of creation. One of our most popular winter programs at the refuge is Puddle Stompers for preschool children. After stories in the classroom,



the kids don green raincoats and boots with frog designs. Then out on the trail we look for the biggest puddles to jump in, filling boots and getting everyone wet. What fun! Why is this program so popular? Perhaps parents wish they could have jumped



in puddles when they were kids. But I hope these experiences will permanently lodge in the memories of children the fun of being outdoors, even in the winter.

This is the first time in all my years of outdoor ministry that I have worked in a totally secular environment. I've enjoyed just being myself, relating to children and others as a granddad who cares about

them and loves to be outside with them. I get to live out this fondness for the outdoors and my Christian worldview in a federal government refuge, working alongside people who for the most part do not share my Christian convictions or lifestyle. And yet I feel accepted and respected by my coworkers because of my enthusiasm and knowledge of working with children. I promote the ideals we have in common to make the refuge a positive environment; I do not preach or condemn. I do, however, pray.

Here is one example. Erin is manager of the refuge. During her first day on the job she watched me lead a group of Puddle Stompers. Her response: "I cried! I was so overcome with joy and pride—I thought—*he gets it!*" This was the beginning of our growing friendship. I was drawn to Erin as a person because she has overcome her disability of deafness and displays inspiring leadership at the refuge. One day with excitement, anticipation, and cautious optimism, Erin told the staff and volunteers that she would be receiving a cochlear implant. I shared the others' excitement and told her I wanted to pray for her. I pledged to her that I would trust God to help her remain calm and optimistic, to assist the doctors as they use their skills, and for a positive outcome. She seemed to appreciate my concern. Since her successful surgery, almost every time I see Erin I ask what new sounds she has to report.

I am involved at the refuge because, as a retiree, I want to continue to make a contribution to the betterment of our small part of this planet and do something I believe pleases God. I'm still an outdoor enthusiast, and I still love connecting others to our beautiful surroundings.

The elders ask you to commit to regular times of prayer for our church and our yearly meeting, asking God to bring truth and unity and grace. We will host a corporate prayer time in the sanctuary on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. [right before the elders' regular meeting]. All are invited to come and pray together. The first prayer gathering will be **Monday night, December 14.**



READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Luke 1:39-56](#)



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

Mark Thompson

cemetery sexton



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Please direct

all publications items

to Sherry Macy.

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

10-10:45am • Community Time | in the social hall and library
• blood pressure checks | Room 234
• 2016 directory photo opportunity | Room 234

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

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

10:45am | worship gathering

11:45am | 2016 directory photo opportunity | Room 234

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

6pm | Refugee Response Committee | 6pm | Barclay A

Monday, December 14

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | sanctuary | pray for our church and yearly meeting

Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | NFC social hall (note change in location) |
featuring Anna Thomas, Kara Maurer — Christmas in Russia

Tuesday, December 15

Florence Thomas memorial service | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

Wednesday, December 16

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring
Lynn Holt, FTS to Ramallah

Middle school youth group | 6pm | Friends Center

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

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

Thursday, December 17

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

Friday, December 18

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Eclectic Christmas at NFC | 7pm | NFC sanctuary

Saturday, December 19

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

Young Friends Singers rehearsal | 10am | Room 246

Sunday, December 20

Read ahead: Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-9

Plan Ahead

December 24 | Annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Services | 5pm, 6:30pm,
8pm | everyone welcome!

December 28 | Christmas Break Bash | 2pm | FC gym | an afternoon of
playtime, organized games, movie and popcorn for children age 3
through 5th grade | michelle@newbergfriends.org

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

Look for the Giving Tree in the sanctuary, by the Welcome Center.

CHOOSE a tag from the tree, PURCHASE a gift, WRAP it, TAPE the tag on the back of the gift, and PLACE the gift under the tree by December 20. The gifts benefit children served by Freedom in the Son (a ministry for children who have a parent in prison) and Yamhill Community Action Partnership's shelter here in Newberg.

For more details, contact Denise Brooks or Kay Passmore.

Christmas Giving Tree



Margaret Fell WMF invites all women to its monthly gathering on December 14 at 7 p.m. in the NFC social hall—featuring Anna Thomas and Kara Maurer “Christmas in Russia.”

Contact [Janelle Nordyke](#) for more info.

Transportation provided from Friendsview and Spaulding Oaks.

Contact Dave Woolsey
971-832-1506
for pickup.



2016 Directory Photo Ops

Sundays

December 13 & 20

10 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.

Room 234

(January 10 for Friendsview residents)

Please take a minute (there's no time like the present) to update your contact information for our 2016 directory.

[CLICK HERE!](#)



Sewing Day (refugee hygiene kit bags) Saturday, December 12 1-3 p.m. • NFC social hall

Basic sewing of 12.5" x 19" bags, with double-drawstring tops. Non-sewers can iron and insert drawstrings.

Bring: sewing machine (if you have one); thread, scissors, pins; rotary cutters/cutting boards (if you have one);

fabric (large scraps only; each bag needs a piece 12.5" x 38")

Provided: drawstring cording, some fabric, tables, extension cords, snacks

Details about this project can be found [HERE](#) or contact [Elizabeth Sherwood](#).

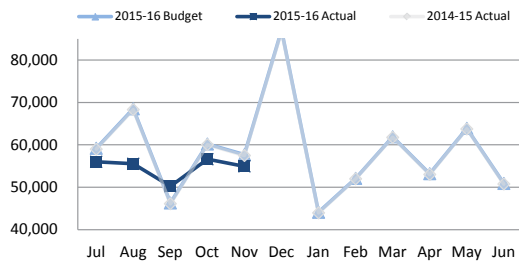


NFC Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

5 pm • 6:30 pm • 8 pm

Financial Recap for November 2015

YTD General Fund Giving



Difference (in thousands) (3) (13) 4 (4) (3)
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Actual vs. Budget
 Current vs Prior Yr

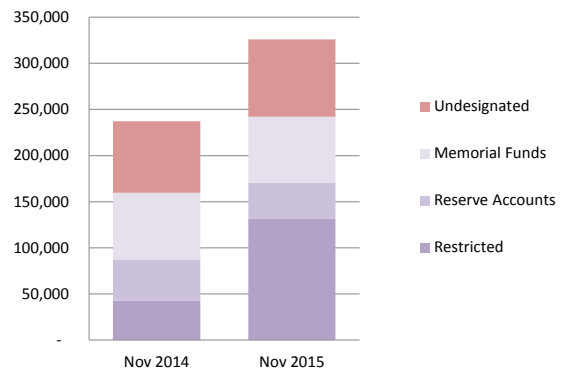
YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds

| | Beginning | Income | Expense | Balance |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Global Outreach | 922 | 11,500 | 11,500 | 922 |
| Outside Ministries | 4,968 | 4,882 | 4,882 | 4,968 |
| Compassionate Care | 9,730 | 2,975 | 2,025 | 10,680 |
| NFC Ministries | 10,285 | 1,581 | 875 | 10,991 |
| Scholarships | 7,281 | 754 | 2,184 | 5,851 |
| Facilities | (2,612) | 3,094 | 357 | 125 |
| Other Funds | 79,415 | 70,649 | 18,744 | 131,320 |
| Memorial Funds | 72,690 | (1,008) | - | 71,682 |
| Totals | 182,679 | 94,427 | 40,567 | 236,539 |

General Fund Year-to-Date

| | Actual | Budget | Ahead/ (Behind) |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Income | 298,294 | 318,550 | (20,256) |
| Expense | (339,356) | (332,415) | (6,941) |
| Net | (41,062) | (13,865) | (27,197) |

Cash & Investments



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



Congratulations!

Terri Bowen, an Oregon Governor's Volunteer Award nominee, has served with Love INC for more than six years. "We can't think of a more deserving recipient."

Eclectic Christmas is an album and a group that began out of the desire for community and music around Christmas. Our hope is for community both for musicians and for audiences, intentionally creating space to reflect and celebrate Christmas together. This Portland-area band comprises Nathanael Ankeny (on sax and whistle), Nate Macy (on guitar, banjo, trumpet, and Weissenborn), Aaron Pruitt (on piano and vocals), Nolan Staples (on bass and vocals), Melissa Thomas (on vocals), and Frank Verhoorn (on drums).



ECLECTIC CHRISTMAS

Newberg Friends Church
December 18, 2015
7 p.m.
\$10 suggested donation



The poinsettias that enhance the beauty of our sanctuary this Christmas season are given...

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Harlow Ankeny
by Gertrude Ankeny

Cloe and Viola Angus; Edie Moore
by Karen and Garry Angus

Florence Thomas
by Phyllis McCracken

LeRoy Ferguson
by Kati Ferguson

Arden Butler
by Joan, Dennis, and Jodi Butler

our parents, Marge and Don Thurston;
Bob and Millie Stiehler
by Reid, Nancy, and Lewis Thurston

my grandparents, Conrad and Nadene Stiehler;
Edward and Mildred Harrigan
by Nancy Thurston

Ruth and Oscar Brown; Ralph and Edith Comfort
by Rick and Laurie Comfort

Mackey and Bertha Hill
by Sara Grant

Matthew and Sarah Hopper (1/1/1964—1/2/1964)
by Mom and Dad—Bill and Diane Hopper

Janette Stoltzfus
by Jo and Hank Helsabeck

Randall, Margaret, and Kristine Dicus; Gertrude Scott
by Chuck and Karen Scott

Victor, Moritz, Vreni, Tatiana, and Brittni
by the Tschan family

Phil Lloyd
by Melva Lloyd; Jeremy Lloyd

Mahlon and Hazel Macy
John and Esther Astleford
by Howard and Margi Macy

Randy Farmer
by Sam and Dorothy Farmer

our parents—Oman and Theresa Kunkel
Audrey Waters
by Harvey and Terri Bowen

Everett Clarkson
by Quentin and Florene Nordyke

John Woodyard
by Sally Woodyard

Dana Anderson
by Reid, Nancy, and Lewis Thurston

Betty McKee
by Mark and Kati McKee

Beryl Woodward
by Ron Woodward; Elaine Penn

Annette Howe Carlisle
by Ken and Ann Howe and family

IN HONOR OF:

Betty Rivas; Teresa Calderon
by Mark and Kay Passmore

our grandsons, Otis and Thaddeus
by Ron and Carolyn Stansell

Michael, Michelle, Stephen, and their spouses and kids
by Gary and Susan Fawver

our hardworking church staff
by Kennard and Margene Haworth

our parents—Hubert and Shirley Mardock;
Marvin and Maribeth Hampton
by Bob and Cheri Hampton

Dan McCracken, upon his retirement
by Phyllis McCracken

Gene and Betty Comfort
by Rick and Laurie Comfort

Elsie Richardson, beloved mother and grandmother
by the Tschan family

Bob and Stephanie Stiehler
by Reid, Nancy, and Lewis Thurston

Need Sheet

Needed:

- I'm Karen Bates-Smith. You may know me from Newberg Friends or George Fox. Perhaps you saw my display of Newberg workers at Coffee Cottage last April or photos of flora and fauna at Newberg Friends in April and May. I'd like to do a black and white photographic series of active people in their 70s, 80s, and 90s. Would you be interested? The modest cost of \$65 covers the creative fee, plus one framed print. The series will be displayed at Coffee Cottage or other venue, after which you will be given the framed photo. I may also ask your permission to use your photograph in my print and online portfolio. If you are interested in this project, please contact me at 503-347-0692.
- Workers looking for four Fs in their life: fun, fellowship, food, and firewood. The second Saturday of every month (except August), a group of hearty souls gather at the Friends Cemetery from 9 to 11 a.m. to split and stack wood for the Love INC wood ministry. Lately, our group has dwindled, so we would love to have you join us. Come once a month, once a quarter, once a year, or once, but come and help. We always end the time with treats. Contact Larry Hampton at 503-840-5346 for more information.
- Two GFES students desire washer and dryer and small dinette set for new rental. Contact dkassahn@gmail.com or 928-642-3214.

Available:

- Experienced caregiver with great references available every other weekend (up to 48 hours) for elderly, disabled, or children. Home schooling my son so I need part-time work. Also available for cleaning or caregiving (medication reminders, getting supper, helping to bed, etc.) during the week for up to 2 hours a day weekdays. Contact kimberlymahurin2@gmail.com.

For Sale:

- Octagon oak table with 4 upholstered rolling chairs, \$99; matching sofa and loveseat in very good condition, \$150; maple end table (step), \$20; brown velour La-Z-Boy recliner in good condition; \$50; 40-inch flat-screen Samsung TV in perfect condition, \$199; 4 beautiful brass sconces, \$20. We downsized. Contact John and Janet Lyda at 503-888-4074 or janlyda@frontier.com.
- Seasoned firewood—oak, maple, fir, or combination. \$200/larger cord, delivered. Call Marvin Hampton at 503-538-3578.
- China cupboard, 34 inches wide, 78 inches high, and 13 inches deep. \$175. Contact Gerald at 503-554-8916.
- Potential Christmas gifts—iPod Touch version 6.1.6 includes extra screen protectors, \$20 obo; HP 4600 Photosmart All-in-One printer-copier-scanner, \$40 obo; Garmin nuvi 1390 LMT GPS, \$25 obo. Call 503-550-2536.

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: January 6, 2016 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

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

Sabbath ^{by} the Sea

I want to personally invite each of you to consider taking some time to come away and be with Christ this coming January. I have the opportunity to work with an exceptional group of people (including many NFCers) as we lead week-long and half-week retreats at Twin Rocks Harbor Villa on the beach in Rockaway, Oregon. Sabbath by the Sea is spacious, restful, and open for you to be with God. Bracketed by simple morning and evening prayers, the schedule leaves you free to explore, walk on the beach, nap by a fire, read, eat scrumptious food, and spend time with Jesus. Groups are limited to 12 participants.

Not everyone can get away for a whole week, so we offer opportunities to come from Monday to Thursday or from Thursday to Sunday. Those who work during the week can take one day off on Friday and still have a good chunk of time to pray and listen to God. I invite those who have attended a January retreat in the past to consider going again and taking someone with you who might need time and space in life right now.

Visit the website or give us a call! We will send you a brochure. The table is always set and Christ invites us to come away to listen, rest, and abide with him.

—**Steve Fawver**, pastor of spiritual health and care
503-538-8381



Daily schedule:

- 7:45- Pre-breakfast scripture & prayer
- 8:30- Breakfast
- 9:30- Morning gathering
- 10:15- Personal time
- 12:30- Lunch
- 1:30- Personal time
- 4:00- Optional spiritual direction
- 5:30- Dinner
- 6:45- Worship, highlights, and prayer
- 8:00- Sleep, play, relax, read...

Leaders:

- December 31-January 3 – Susan and Gary Fawver
 - January 4-10 – Steve Fawver, Martha Wood
 - January 11-17 – Bethany Lee, Paul Bock
 - January 18-24 – Hank and Jo Helsabeck
 - January 25-29 – Bruce and Di Murphy
 - March 17-20 – Susan and Gary Fawver
- Worship singing will be led each week by Mauri Macy or Nate Macy*