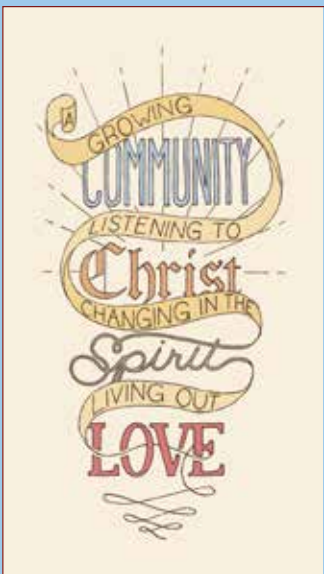


Your NFC

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

December 4, 2015



From Me to You

by Cindy Johnson
pastor of senior ministries

Psalm 18:1-2 *"I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my Rock in whom I take refuge."*

Psalm 28:7 *"The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusts in him and I am helped, my heart leaps for joy. I will give thanks to him in song."*

These verses helped me through a rough month. I tend to be like a small child who says "I do it!" and then end up carrying a heavier load than I need to by myself.

We sometimes think it is easier to just do it ourselves than to ask someone for help. This can lead to burn out, excessive emotion, and even sleeplessness. Then we realize we have not called on the Lord, our rock and our deliverer, for strength.

I have discovered much variety in ministry with my "just older youth." I visit, listen, take them to appointments, shop—all roles I enjoy so much. And recently I've been the key person for a woman who has been hospitalized. As her advocate I've needed to make

arrangements with a social worker, talk with various doctors, make and take phone calls on her behalf, and arrange for the help she would need as she prepared to go back home. I'm thankful of those who took care of her pets while she was in the hospital.

As a church body we care for those who are sick or recuperating from surgery, provide transportation when needed, make phone calls to check on each other, prepare meals, and especially pray for them or with them. We are the hands and feet of Jesus.



When I start to feel as though I can't do this anymore on my own, I need to stop and ask the Lord for strength, to let his light shine through me. I want to be his hands and feet to those I encounter and let him be seen through me. And when I'm unable, I want to enable others to be his hands and his feet. I do not need to say "I do it!" because I can't—none of us can on our own. But with God's strength we can accomplish great things!



Pray together

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.**



**Abuse Recovery
Ministry & Services**

**Now available in our community:
a faith-based support group
for women who have
or are experiencing
domestic violence or abuse of any kind.
Please call 503-846-9284.**

Christmas Giving Tree Coming Soon! (December 6)



**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 PLANT OFFER EXTENDED ONE WEEK! -----



Remember and honor your loved ones. Order a Christmas plant today!

Yes, I would like to help decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season by providing _____ plant(s) (\$7.50/ea) in honor or memory of a loved one. I give it...

...in honor of _____

...in memory of _____

Given by _____

Signed _____

Please clearly mark your check "Christmas plant." Put this slip and your payment in an offering envelope and place it in the offering plate or take it to the church office by Monday, December 7. You may pick up your plant(s) following the 8 o'clock Christmas Eve service.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Malachi 3:1-4](#); [Luke 3:1-6](#)



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

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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

10-10:45am | Community Time | in the social hall and library

10-10:45am | 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

6pm | Taize gathering | NFC sanctuary

Monday, December 7

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

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, December 9

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, December 10

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

Friday, December 11

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, December 12

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

Young Friends Singers rehearsal | 10am | Room 246

Relief Bag Sewing Party | 1pm | NFC social hall

Sunday, December 13

Read ahead: Luke 1:39-56

Refugee Response Committee | 6pm | Barclay A

Plan Ahead

December 14 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | NFC social hall (note change in location) | featuring Anna Thomas, Kara Maurer — Christmas in Russia

December 15 | Florence Thomas memorial service | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

December 16 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring Lynn Holt, FTS to Ramallah

December 18 | Eclectic Christmas at NFC

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

● Heaven's Gain



Janette Stoltzfus died on November 27, 2015, at age 53. She had been an active affiliate member for many years. Family members at NFC include her husband, Paul, and their four children: **Melissa** (Paul) Winfield, **Hans, Micah,** and **Rebecca**. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.



Florence Thomas died on November 28, 2015, at age 93. She had been a member since 1988. **Clyde Thomas** was her nephew. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 2 p.m.



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

Bags will be distributed to our church family, and they will provide four items: nail clippers, dark-colored hand towel, bar of soap, toothbrush (all new and in original packaging). Mennonite Central Committee will distribute them to people in areas of conflict and/or disaster in the world.

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

On Friday, December 4, the George Fox University Bruin basketball teams invite all Newberg and Dundee residents to attend their first doubleheader of the year—FREE! Simply show your driver license at the ticket tables.

The women's game will tip off at 6 p.m. (they're ranked #2 in the country) and the men's game will follow at 8 p.m.



2016 **Directory Photo Ops**

Sundays

December 6 / 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!](#)



ECLECTIC CHRISTMAS

Newberg Friends, Dec 18
West Hills Friends, Dec 19
North Valley Friends, Dec 20
7 pm, \$10 suggested donation



Christmas Music Concert

featuring **NFC Bells** and **Newberg Brass**
Monday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church, 301 S. River, Newberg
Call 503-538-1344 for more information.

• admission: 1 can of food for the food bank •



🎁 Happy December Birthday 🎁

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| 1 Avery Drew
Sarah Foster
Karlee Wilson | 10 Rick Hutchens
Nataly Passmore | 19 Phil Smith
Noah Stone |
| 2 Denise Baird | 11 Tiffany Graham | 20 Howard Macy |
| 3 Davida Brown
Sue Hutchinson
Alice Maurer | 12 Elijah Miele | 21 Colin Hyatt |
| 5 Karen Angus
Doreen Fertello | 13 Marvin Clarkson
Reta Stuart
Loren Van Tassel | 23 Suzanne Kern |
| 6 Ardys Alteneder | 14 Ben Hampton
Eva Headrick | 24 Craig McIndoo
Kristen Russom |
| 7 Beth Bagley
Karl Birky
Maribeth Hampton
Richard Meissner | 15 Debbie Doolin
Rick Muthiah | 25 Russ Ragsdale
Matt Staples |
| 8 James Clark | 16 Bob Hanson | 26 Jill Beals
Aaron Hutchens |
| 9 Andrew Boros
Carolyn Phipps | 17 Chris Angus
Becky Ankeny
Billie Conant
Joseph Thouvenel
Arabella Wheelock | 28 Anna Lee
29 Cara Copeland
Steve Fawver |
| | | 30 Kristee Hampton
Gary Hankins
31 Dave Tussing |

Thanksgiving @ Bauman

