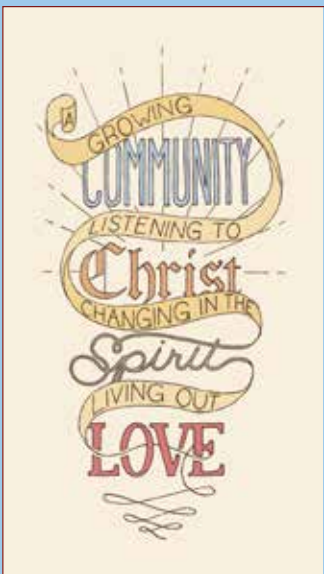


# Your NFC

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

January 15, 2016



## ● All in a Day's Life

by Joe Thouvenel

### 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstance,  
for this is God's will for you in  
Christ Jesus.

I've been reminiscing a lot lately, which is quite unusual as I tend to be someone who looks ahead, anticipating what's next.

Perhaps my new-found propensity to look back has been spurred by a significant change of routine the past year and a half. In the fall of 2014, my family and I transitioned from ten years of service at Twin Rocks Friends Camp to return to our roots in Newberg. I anticipated feeling overwhelmed by this change, but I've actually experienced the opposite: *comfort*, *fulfillment*, and *peace*.

I feared that upon leaving a position within full-time Christian ministry I might actually be less blessed by God. While that *sounds* incredibly foolish, I still get caught thinking that my best efforts equate with the assurance of God's blessings. With that, I expected to experience remorse and endure challenges as a result of leaving a ministry position. If you've ever worked in any sort of full-time ministry, then you likely understand that there are a lot of high-highs and just as many low-lows, but never enough time to process any of them. Within my day to day, there was an awkward tension of deep joy and sheer exhaustion. To be frank, my "stress-joy" ratio had been growing more and more out of sync, causing me to believe that God might actually smite me due to my decision to leave traditional full-time ministry for a more "ordinary" job at George Fox.

What I've actually experienced these past 18 months has surprised me. I find *comfort* in home and surroundings, embracing daily routines with family and enjoying the cultivation of friendship with our neighbors. I experience *fulfillment* as I go to my job each day and work closely with students in an effort to help them achieve their goals. Each day I get to invite students to examine their calling and, hopefully, equip them to embrace and move toward it. Most of all, there has been a deepening sense of *peace* that causes me to pause every now and then, to take in the moment. This leads me to wonder more about the nature of God's will. Is it possible that being in the center of God's will has less to do with one's location or vocation (where we are and what we do) and more about humbly accepting God's gifts and realizing he loves us more for who we are regardless of what we do? For me, God's will might just be discovering freedom in the consistency and simplicity of this season of life, allowing me moments to reflect on the past, cherish the present, and let the future worry about itself.





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**READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY**  
**Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

**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

**10:15-10:45am** | library staffed

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

**10:45am** | worship gathering

**1:30pm** | Bible Quizzing | Friends Center

**3pm** | Elders' Study Task Force | Barclay B

**3:30pm** | Women's Retreat steering meeting | Barclay C

**7pm** | CMC meeting | 14035 NE Tangen Rd, Newberg

**Monday, January 18**

NFC office closed for MLK Day

**Wednesday, January 20**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview Classroom | featuring Debby Thomas

Middle school youth group | 6:00pm | Friends Center

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

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

**Thursday, January 21**

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

**Friday, January 22**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

**Saturday, January 23**

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

**Sunday, January 24**

Read ahead: Luke 4:14-21

**Plan Ahead**

January 25 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | NFC social hall | featuring a Skype conversation with Badgleys, Friends Serving Abroad

January 29 | memorial service for Edna Williams | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

February 1 | JOY breakfast | 9am | Hess Creek dining room | for seniors 55 and older | \$4

February 4 | Pre-K Fun Night | 6-7pm | FC gym | ages 3-5 yrs

February 7 | Taize gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

February 11 | K-2 Fun Night | 6-7:30pm | FC gym | dinner, games, and stories for children K through 2nd grade

February 25 | 3:4-5 Fun Night | 6-8pm | dinner, games, and a mission presentation for children in 3rd-5th grade

**NFC's Calendar on the Web!**



## ◆ Heaven's Gain

**Edna Williams** died on January 12, 2016, at age 96. She had been a member since 1975. Family members at NFC include brother-in-law **Keith (Eilene) Williams**, grandson **John (Erin) Macy**, and great-granddaughters

**Sage and Brynn Macy.** A memorial service will be held on January 29, 2016, at 2 p.m.

## ◆ New Members

We welcome **Tom** and **Doreen Dodgen-Magee** as new members at Newberg Friends Church.

# UPDATE

## ...from the NFC Elders to the Congregation:

This fall and winter our congregation has been invited to spend personal focused time in scripture and other reading materials related to homosexuality. Several books have been purchased and are available in a special section in our church library to help guide us. Currently a task force is meeting on a weekly basis to explore ways in which we as a congregation might come together for collective study and dialogue in the spring. We hope you will keep both the task force and the elders in your prayers as we plan for this next phase of study.

## Agape Class Invitation

**Roy Twaddell**, affiliated with Evangelical Friends Mission, will speak in the Agape class this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Barclay B. Roy and his wife, Jinky, have been ministering to the people of the Middle East for more than twenty years. At this time they are concentrating their efforts on training workers and plan to move to the Philippines to assist local communities in planting churches among people from the Middle East countries. All are invited to come and participate in the class.



## Introducing ...

**Kara Estep**, our new youth ministries coordinator, will be offering administrative support and leadership for our Sunday morning and mid-week youth programming. She started working with youth here at NFC this last week: "I graduated from Portland State University in 2011 with a degree in International Studies. I met my husband, Blake, the week I graduated, and we've now been married for just over three years. We bought a house in Newberg almost three years ago and love doing home improvement projects together. We just had our first baby, Kailie, in September, and we are overwhelmed by the joy she brings us. I grew up in the Friends Church and participated in a lot of the youth programs offered through my church, the yearly meeting, and Twin Rocks. I was hugely impacted by these programs and love being able to pass those experiences on to youth today."



**For your convenience, we include shopping lists for the two Syrian refugee kits being collected by Medical Teams International. For a status update toward the goal of 10,000 kits, [CLICK HERE](#).**

**FAMILY REFUGEE KIT (~\$29):**

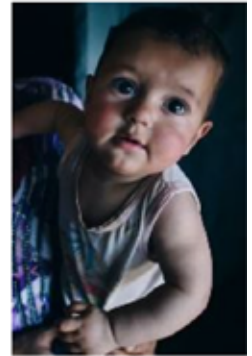
- 4-pack of toilet paper
- 3.1 ounce bar of soap
- 22.5 ounce bottle of shampoo
- 4 toothbrushes
- 2 6.4 ounce tubes of toothpaste
- 2-pack of bath towels
- 36 count sanitary pads
- 2.5 ounce hand sanitizing gel
- 4- to 10-pack of shaving razors with travel size shaving cream
- \$4 for shipping costs

*Note: kit items can be donated in any bag or box, drawstring garbage bag preferred. Customs officials request all supplies be in their original packaging.*



**INFANT REFUGEE KIT (~\$19):**

- 36-pack disposable diapers
- Travel pack of wet wipes
- 15 ounce bottle baby shampoo
- Tube of diaper rash cream
- Washcloth
- \$4 for shipping costs



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All items can be dropped off throughout January at either the NWYM office (in green bins on porch when office is closed) or directly at Medical Teams International headquarters: 14150 SW Milton Ct, Portland, OR 97224.

Also, you don't need to donate a whole kit; separate items are great! MTI is especially low on diapers in packs of about 36 and on bath towels. All items must be new and unwashed (towels).

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