

Your NFC

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

January 8, 2016



Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

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Throughout 2015 our minds often echoed the phrase from Psalm 31:15, “My times are in Your hand...” We landed back in Oregon near the end of 2014 with many plans in mind, schedules laid out, and travels arranged. Our days in the first half of 2015 were full of special times with family, GFU basketball games, and opportunities to share our passion to cultivate faithfulness. “Trust in the Lord and do good. Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness” (Psalm 37:3 NASB).

Along the way we celebrated milestones, grieved losses, covered many miles, laughed, and wept. It was an amazing six months of planned Home Ministry Assignment, time intended to renew and prepare us to return to dwell in the land of Uganda. We had tickets in hand to return to Uganda on July 7, 2015.

But our times are in God’s hand, and in June we received the news that Jeff’s congenital heart defect had worsened to the degree that he needed heart valve replacement surgery before returning to Uganda. The physician called to give us that report, saying, “This surgery is a big deal and will require a minimum of three to four months of recovery time before you will be released to go back to Africa.”

We were very surprised with that news but quickly began to see how having surgery this past summer was indeed part of God’s plan. Friends and family immediately rallied around us, helping make the necessary adjustments for our extended time in the U.S. and for others to cover our responsibilities in Uganda. Colleagues have selflessly and generously given of their resources. God’s faithfulness is evident in every way.

Our focus throughout the summer and fall was Jeff’s open heart surgery and recovery. He worked hard in cardiac rehabilitation classes/workout sessions. Together we learned what it means to live with an artificial heart valve. We thank God for his healing.

Mid-December we were given clearance to return to Uganda. As we returned the first of this year Jeff began a new role as the acting country director for World Gospel Mission. He leads our missionaries, attends to administrative tasks, and directs our mission partnership with Africa Gospel Church Uganda. We participate in several ministries through which we have opportunities to cultivate faithfulness, connecting people to Jesus.

Community Health Empowerment is one of these ministries. We are grateful for this curriculum that integrates health, development

and evangelism. Both of us participate in training others (training of trainers) who will then share the information in their own communities, replicating the training they received as they train their own community members in preventive health practices, community development using local resources, and evangelism.

We also count it a privilege to be part of the university ministries in Kampala. We join with others ministering to students from several international universities. Teaching in small group settings, speaking in church services, participating in special gatherings, and discipleship are some of the ways we help

Paul Stoltzfus shares details about the memorial service to be held for his wife, Janette.

Janette’s memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., at Newberg Friends Church. An hors d’oeuvre and cookie reception will follow at Friends Center. All are invited.

Overall, we are doing well. The practical and spiritual support from our academic and faith communities has been truly amazing. In many ways, life seems rather normal with activities, hosting guests, enjoying Christmas Day, outings to Mount Hood and the ranch, and a New Year’s party. We’ve always enjoyed this time of year immensely and we are all home together. Janette always did the planning and coordinating of the holiday season, and her presence and spirit kept us all together. It is a real challenge moving forward without her, but we are able to move forward, enjoy the many blessings we continue to have, and look forward to what 2016 holds.

God bless you all! –*the Stoltzfus family*



Heaven’s Gain

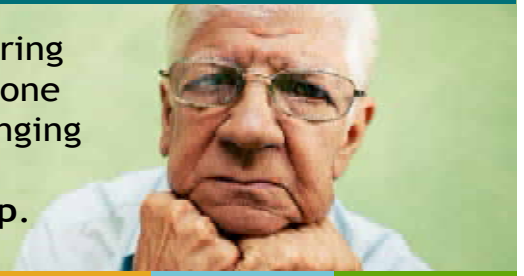
Jim Clark died on January 3, 2016, at age 98. He had been a member since 1954. A service to celebrate Jim’s life will be held on Friday, January 15, at 2 p.m.

to cultivate faithfulness in students. It is a blessing to help students grow in their faith in Christ and then connect others to Jesus.

Thank you for sharing your resources for us to be able to return to Uganda. Thank you for praying for us, helping to provide for us while we were in the Newberg area last year, and for giving financially. We count it a privilege to represent you as we minister in Uganda. It is a joy to serve with you. We would love to have folks from NFC come and visit us to see first hand how you are involved in connecting people to Jesus in this part of the world.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

If you’re caring for a loved one with challenging behaviors, there’s help.



FREE class coming soon to Aloha!

January 13, 2016, 12:30pm to 5:00pm – Edwards Center, Aloha

Challenging Behaviors: Effective Approaches to Common Behaviors in the Non-dementia Adult Population

- Identify and manage common challenging behaviors such as anger, yelling, and physical aggression.
- Learn to recognize and respond to unmet needs that lead to challenging behaviors.
- Understand how verbal and non-verbal communication impacts a person’s behavior.
- Learn effective communication strategies to use when someone is expressing a challenging behavior.

Walk-ins Welcome!

Learn more and register for this free class at www.OregonCarePartners.com. All Oregon Care Partners classes are free thanks to funding by the State of Oregon. Family members, all levels of caregivers and the public are welcome. Free CEU’s offered for professionals.



www.OregonCarePartners.com
1-800-930-6851 • info@oregoncarepartners.com

Sandals Class Invitation



Rob Muthiah, author of *The Sabbath Experiment*, will kick off a series on Sabbath this

Sunday, January 10, in the Sandals Sunday school class. All are welcome to join our intergenerational faith community from 9 to 10 a.m. in the social hall.



Pastoral Team

Michelle Akins
children and family ministries

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spiritual health and care

Cindy Johnson
seniors ministries

Gregg Koskela
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all publications items
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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY
Isaiah 61:1-4; Luke 3:15-17; Acts 8:14-17

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

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

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

10:45am | worship gathering

5pm | Refugee Response Committee | 5pm | Barclay A

6pm | Congregational Business Meeting | NFC sanctuary

Monday, January 11

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Prayer Room (Room 236)

Wednesday, January 13

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

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

Thursday, January 14

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

Friday, January 15

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Memorial service for Jim Clark | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

Saturday, January 16

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

Memorial service for Janette Stoltzfus | 1:30pm | NFC sanctuary

Sunday, January 17

Read ahead: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

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

Plan Ahead

January 20 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview Classroom | featuring Debby Thomas

January 25 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring a Skype conversation with Badgleys, Friends Serving Abroad

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

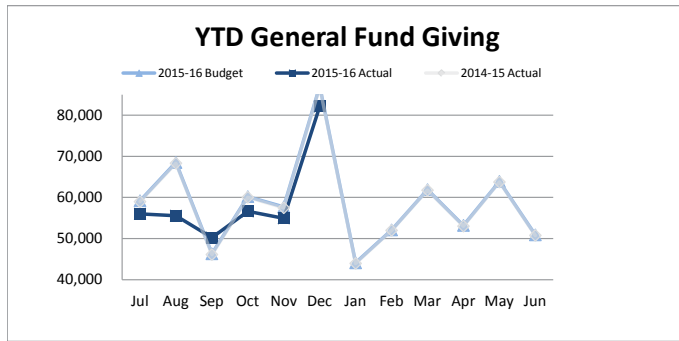
February 4 | Pre-K Fun Night | 6-7pm | FC gym | ages 3-5 yrs

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

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

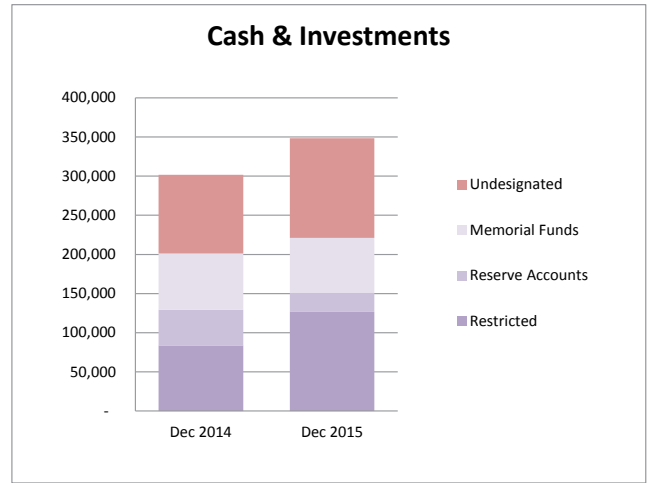
Financial Recap for December 2015



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

	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	922	15,660	15,585	997
Outside Ministries	4,968	5,757	5,757	4,968
Compassionate Care	9,730	3,455	2,123	11,062
NFC Ministries	10,285	1,972	1,166	11,091
Scholarships	7,281	904	2,184	6,001
Facilities	(2,612)	3,094	357	125
Other Funds	79,415	70,849	23,744	126,520
Memorial Funds	72,690	(1,696)	-	70,994
Totals	182,679	99,995	50,916	231,758

	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	385,368	402,250	(16,882)
Expense	(383,391)	(400,710)	17,319
Net	1,977	1,540	437



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

Need Sheet

Needed:

- NWYM Midyear Board meetings are scheduled for January 22-23, 2016, in Newberg. Many of our board members and representatives are coming from Washington and Idaho. If you are willing to host someone on Friday night, January 22, contact Angela at the YM office—503-538-9419.
- I work with Christian Family Adoptions and am looking for a room to rent for a client. She is a married, 38 y/o, pregnant female. Her baby is due at the end of May and she is currently homeless. She does not reside with her husband due to some domestic violence issues. Our agency will pay her rent through 6 weeks post delivery or June 1, whichever comes first. Please call or email me if you have any questions—Alison Herbert, MSW, birth parent advocate—at 503-232-1211.

Available:

- Free: Large RV refrigerator. Uses propane or electricity. Call Dennis Littlefield at 503-538-8081.

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 20 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

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

WE
are
FAMILY



BABY/CHILD DEDICATION

LET'S PICK A DATE - JANUARY 2016

If you are interested in having your baby or child dedicated, please contact Michelle Akins with the following information:

- What Sunday(s) in January work for your family
- Which service will you attend (9 or 10:45am)
- Parents' names
- Full name of child
- City, State, and County of birth
- Birthdate of child



Remember to bring your Refugee Hygiene Kits to the Welcome Center this coming Sunday, January 10!

Related:

The Refugee Response Committee will meet this Sunday, January 10, 5 p.m. in Barclay A

Congregational Meeting

Business meeting this Sunday at 6pm in the sanctuary

TWIN ROCKS
friends camp

Now hiring 2016 summer staff. Everything you need to know about this opportunity can be found at [THIS LINK](#).