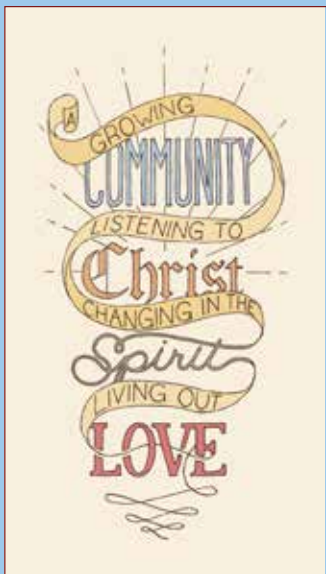


Your NFC

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

February 26, 2016



Ministry Happens

by Michelle Akins
pastor to children and families

If you've been around NFC for a while, you might be familiar with Duduza dolls and prayer shawls. These handcrafted items have brought love and hope to people of all ages, both in our community and around the world. But as I sat down with a few of the needlework ministry members, I was struck with a deeper realization—that although these ladies create things of beauty and blessing, what they have at the core is a story of friendship.

Around 2003, Naomi Wilson and a few of her girlfriends began to meet together to help her knit a sweater. More and more women joined the group. Over time, the home where they meet has changed and people come and go, but they keep some long standing traditions such as always having M&Ms on hand! The ladies come from NFC and all over the community to practice their knitting and crochet skills, work on their own projects, and enjoy a time of fellowship.



In 2008, Carol Sherwood attended a Parish nursing conference in New Jersey that described the concept of prayer shawls. Not a knitter, Carol came back to

Oregon with a desire to learn how to knit so she could begin making these shawls. She was correct in believing people might be comforted with the warm embrace of a shawl, knit with soft yarn and lots of prayers. But first—learn how to knit!

Carol met up with Margene Haworth, teacher extraordinaire, and Ann Howe, who by this time was the host of the weekly knitting group. Several of the women were intrigued with the idea of prayer shawls, and as Carol learned to knit, others with more experience began knitting shawls as well. One woman in the group who attends a church in Portland has become a steady provider of prayer shawls for NFC. The shawls are sometimes created with a certain person in mind and always made with love for whoever will receive it. As the



ministry progressed, Ann wondered if men would prefer a lap blanket to a shawl and took it upon herself to make sure NFC also has a good supply of blankets ready and waiting. More than 100 shawls and blankets have been crafted and distributed, each one made with prayer, time, energy, and about 3 skeins of yarn. Gratefully, much of the Homespun Lyon's brand yarn has been donated by friends. Members of the NFC congregation and/or staff lovingly give out the shawls and blankets to those who are hurting, ill, or in need of hope.



Several years ago, Paula Benham first brought Duduza dolls to the attention of the group. These dolls use up lots of scrap yarn and provide a cuddly addition to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes each year. It takes a whole team of needle workers, beginning in September, to knit or crochet the dolls, others to stuff and sew them closed, and a few who specialize in hand stitching the faces onto each doll.



The friendship and gifts these needle workers generate seems limitless. They've also made chemo caps and created warm hats for preschoolers and Love INC., all while continuing to craft their own projects right along with the many hours devoted to the dolls and shawls. Sometimes their personal work gets put on the "back burner" while

they help each other learn new patterns and techniques, but you won't find a complaint among them.



Ann's door is open each Monday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. to anyone who loves needlework or would like to learn to knit or crochet. If you'd like to contribute in any way to the prayer shawl/blanket ministry or create a Duduza doll but can't attend on Mondays, **contact the NFC office**. We can help you get connected and pass along your donations of yarn or a completed project.



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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

1 Kings 10:23-11:13

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

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 Quiz practice | FC Room 100

6pm | Exploring NFC | 6pm | Barclay C | for anyone interested in finding out more about the NFC community or considering membership

Monday, February 29

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, March 2

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, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

NFC Women's Retreat begins | Twin Rocks Friends Camp | see page 6 for more information

Saturday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 6

Read ahead: John 4:1-26, 39

Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

Plan Ahead

March 7 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

March 9 | choir rehearsal | 7pm | Room 246

March 12 | wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

March 13 | Daylight Saving Time begins

March 14 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

March 16 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30 | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring Linda Grimms, NWYM Board of Global Outreach, recently returned from Ramallah

March 24 | Maundy Thursday service | 7pm | NFC sanctuary

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

Sabbath ^{by} the Sea – March!

Please consider taking some time to come away and be with Christ in March. A half-week session will be offered from Thursday, March 17, through Sunday, March 20, and held on the main grounds of Twin Rocks Friends Camp in Pacific Woods Lodge.

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.

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:

Susan and Gary Fawver
Worship singing: Mauri Macy

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Exploring NFC

Sunday, February 28
6 p.m. • Barclay C

Exploring NFC is for anyone interested in finding out more about the NFC community or considering membership. Whether you are new or have been here for years, come and join us!

Led by **Gregg Koskela** and **Steve Fawver**.
(click a name for more info)

SAVE THESE DATES



The elders appointed a task force (Di Murphy, Michelle Akins, Mareesa Fawver, Gregg Koskela, Craig McIndoo, Joseph Thouvenel, and Kathy Watson) to work on a plan for the next step in our congregation's study of human sexuality. After five meetings, the group made a proposal for a series of meetings in April that will focus on learning about different Christian biblical perspectives regarding how individuals with same-sex attraction can faithfully follow Christ. The elders approved the proposal for these educational gatherings that have the following purposes:

- To live more faithfully to Christ through collectively learning about Christian perspectives on homosexuality in relation to the Bible and the church's mission and witness.
- To go beyond knowledge as we seek to understand one another and reflect the peace and love of Jesus as we dialogue and relate to each other.

So mark your calendars for Sunday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. on April 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Need Sheet

Needed:

- My sister-in-law is an independent 77-year-old woman who needs a little help with driving, cooking, dressing, and meds. At this point, she would appreciate help 3 times a week. Timing will be worked out at the interview. She enjoys companionship but also has a need of privacy. She has a sense of humor and enjoys a variety of interests. She lives off Wilsonville Road in the Newberg area. Living accommodations could be available. No smoking please. Please contact Sharon Pirie at 503-806-2948.
- I would love to have some dahlia tubers if anybody has extras. Call Quentin Nordyke at 503-537-8690.

Available:

- Furnished room for rent in a 3-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath condo behind Fred Meyer in Newberg. Close to George Fox, PCC, shopping, and the Yamhill County bus stop. Share bathroom with other renter. Use of laundry, wireless Internet, and kitchen. Cable TV hook-up in room. Available immediately. Female preferred. References required. No Pets, no smoking, no drugs. \$400 plus 1/3 of the utilities. Contact okelleyd@gmail.com or 503-522-6839.

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: March 9 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

Happy March Birthday

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| 2 Sage Macy | 13 Harvey Bowen | 23 Laurie Comfort |
| 3 Jonathan Beals | Korie Buerkle | Sylvia Halse |
| Pat Landis | 14 Shealtiel Hart | Garrett Headrick |
| Ella St. Cyr | Brent Peterson | Samson Miele |
| 4 Gerald Lemmons | 15 Megan Anna Neff | Warren Sartwell |
| Peter Snow | Stephanie St. Cyr | 24 Indie Ragsdale |
| 5 Laura Groves | Rachelle Staley | Truman Stone |
| 6 Mark Ankeny | 16 Patty Findley | Lori Swan |
| Hayley Koskela | 17 Taylor Martin | McKenzie Wolfe |
| 7 Sylvia Littlefield | Linda Walker | 25 Gene Comfort |
| Finley Moore | 18 Becky Fodge | Aiden Gilmore |
| 9 Larry Haverman | Marla Linvog | Brenda Wooldridge |
| Phyllis McCracken | Phyllis McKinney | 27 Stephanie Andres |
| Janelle Nordyke | 19 Henry Copeland | Miriam Staples |
| Starla Osburn | 20 Wren Parker | 28 Addy Denton |
| 10 Ryan Brooks | 21 John Buerkle | Jeff Denton |
| 11 Spencer Ankeny | 22 Andy Copeland | 29 Kylie Libby |
| Russ Heater | Barb Steltz | 30 Jim Owens |
| 12 Ben Swan | | 31 Carol Thomas |



Click this image for the link to retreat registration.

Newberg Friends Church

Women's Retreat

March 4-6, 2016
Twin Rocks
Friends Camp

\$123
\$128 (with Friday dinner)

Registration and scholarship forms available in the NFC office or online: newbergfriends.org
Contact Michelle Akins for details: michelle@newbergfriends.org
503-539-5041

Be loved lavishly!

Create space in your schedule to relax, play, learn, listen, wonder, breathe deeply, and savor a weekend made for you.



2016 directories are ready!
One per household, please.

Thanks to Terri Bowen for volunteering to punch and bind each one (no small task).

