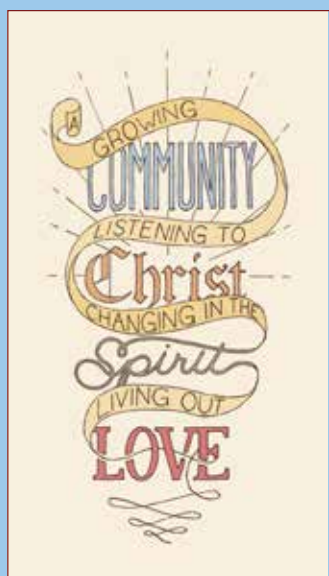


# Your NFC

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

March 11, 2016



## Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

### Going with God

by Linda Byrd



Have you ever invited God to go along with you for a day trip, vacation, or overseas adventure? If you've had the privilege of traveling for international missions, no doubt inviting God to go with you has been a key prayer focus of the trip. There's something comforting about acknowledging God's presence while driving, flying, walking, or serving in unfamiliar territory.

Twelve years ago, God changed up this equation for me. Instead of my plans and itinerary, he began leading the way. It wasn't one drastic event, and it certainly hasn't been a once-and-done scenario. But I've learned life becomes an even greater adventure as I "leave the driving to us"—Father, Son, Holy Spirit. He's blessed me with the privilege of living and serving full time in Jamaica and Panama, along with shorter trips to the Netherlands, Trinidad, Costa Rica, Mexico, Croatia, and Slovenia. Definitely far more than I could have imagined by myself.

Recently, having a ministry that I thought was a perfect fit for me be discontinued, my position eliminated, threw me off course temporarily. But not for long. God had new things in store. I was referred to another missions organization and began exploring options. In the process of applying for full time, I received a short-term opportunities flyer and wondered if it was a possible stepping stone.

I didn't know the application deadline had passed or that one spot was not yet filled. However, another missionary spoke with one of the team members, who welcomed the idea of my joining the team. With blessings, I applied and was accepted. God has repeatedly confirmed this is his trip—prayer team members, provision of funds, immunizations, visa, travel plans, and many additional details.

Next Friday, accompanied by the assurance God is with me, I will fly to Cameroon, West Africa, for two weeks. I'll meet up with a team and assist with the children's program for a missionary retreat. We'll be working with children from a variety of nationalities and languages who are living cross-culturally so their parents can bring God's word to some of Cameroon's 280 language groups in their heart language. I anticipate being more of a learner than a teacher as these Third Culture Kids (TCKs) share their unique perspective.

I welcome your prayers as I go with God now and into an as yet unknown future for:

- Traveling safety, health, stamina, and endurance in the heat and humidity;
- Wisdom and discernment in working with these TCKs;
- Encouraging and supporting missionary families and national co-workers;

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- Healthy relationships with fellow team members as we serve together;
- Clarity regarding next steps and “fit” within this missions organization.

Recently, a pivotal quote in my journey of going with God resurfaced. As you go with God, consider: “*The question is not ‘Where does God fit into the story of my life?’ but ‘Where does my life fit into the story of God’s mission?’*” — Christopher J.H. Wright



## **REMINDER!**

Saturday night is the time to *spring* your clock forward one hour for Daylight Saving Time.

## **NFC elders to host educational gatherings about homosexuality.**



Every Sunday in April, the NFC elders will host educational gatherings about homosexuality. What will happen and why should you attend? Here are some details that might help you decide.

- Our purpose is to learn more about the perspectives of evangelical Christians on the topic of homosexuality and to listen compassionately to those who may have differing viewpoints from our own.
- Meetings will be from 3 to 5 p.m. each Sunday in April. The format will include video presentations by nationally recognized speakers followed by small-group discussion. Some speakers interpret the Bible to require celibacy for those who are attracted to the same gender. Some believe the Bible allows people of the same gender to marry.
- In the first session on April 3 we will go over guidelines, briefly summarize the traditional and progressive positions, share the curriculum, watch a 30-minute video from the traditional point of view, and meet in our small groups. For the remaining sessions, participants can opt to watch the assigned video at home during the week or at 3 p.m. at church. Small groups will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. on April 10, 17, and 24.
- Pre-registration is required and can occur online or via hard copy at the back of the church. Please sign up by March 27 if you are interested in this topic and feel you can attend at least 3 of the 4 Sundays. Childcare through 5th grade will be provided.

To pre-register online, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Bus transportation provided for Friendsview residents.**

# READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Acts 8:9-24](#)



## 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

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*youth ministries coordinator*

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*admin assist / communications*

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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

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

**10-10:45am** | blood pressure checks | Room 234

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

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

**10:45am** | worship gathering

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

### Monday, March 14 . . . . .

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

### Tuesday, March 15 . . . . .

Youth worship planning meeting | 7pm | Room 246

### Wednesday, March 16 . . . . .

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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

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

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

Choir rehearsal | 7pm | Room 246

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

### Thursday, March 17 . . . . .

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

Local/Global prayer gathering | 11:15am | Barclay C

Children's Ministry Cultivation | 7:30pm | Akins home (contact [Michelle](#) for location) | time to discuss issues of importance and prayer for children's ministry

### Friday, March 18 . . . . .

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Saturday, March 19 . . . . .

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

Young Friends Singers rehearsal | 3pm | Room 246

### Sunday, March 20 . . . . .

Read ahead: Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11

### Plan Ahead . . . . .

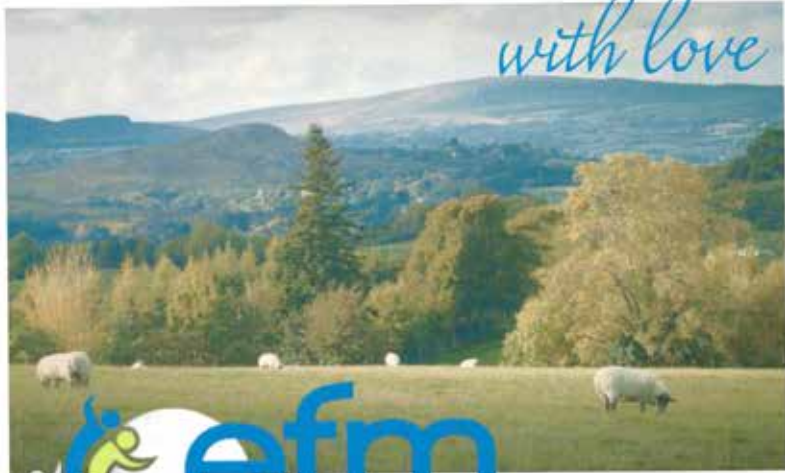
March 24 | Maundy Thursday service | 7pm | NFC sanctuary

March 25 | Community Good Friday Service | noon | NFC sanctuary | a simple service focusing on the crucifixion of Jesus. A combined worship gathering with other churches in our community.

## NFC's Calendar on the Web!

to Ireland

with love



## 2016 Easter Offering

History shows that the seed of the gospel is planted deep in the soil of Ireland. Somehow that seed will begin to sprout (if it isn't doing so already).

When you give to the Easter Offering, you are spreading the love of God through EFM to Ireland. But it's not just Ireland. Rwanda, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Philippines, Mexico, Ecuador, and

Muslims living in Europe and the Middle East will get in on it too! People in all these places hear the gospel, respond to it, and give their lives to follow Jesus. Their testimonies inspire and challenge us.

We eventually wind up receiving much more than we give because of their participation in the body of Christ. And it's all because God so loves the world!

## 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.

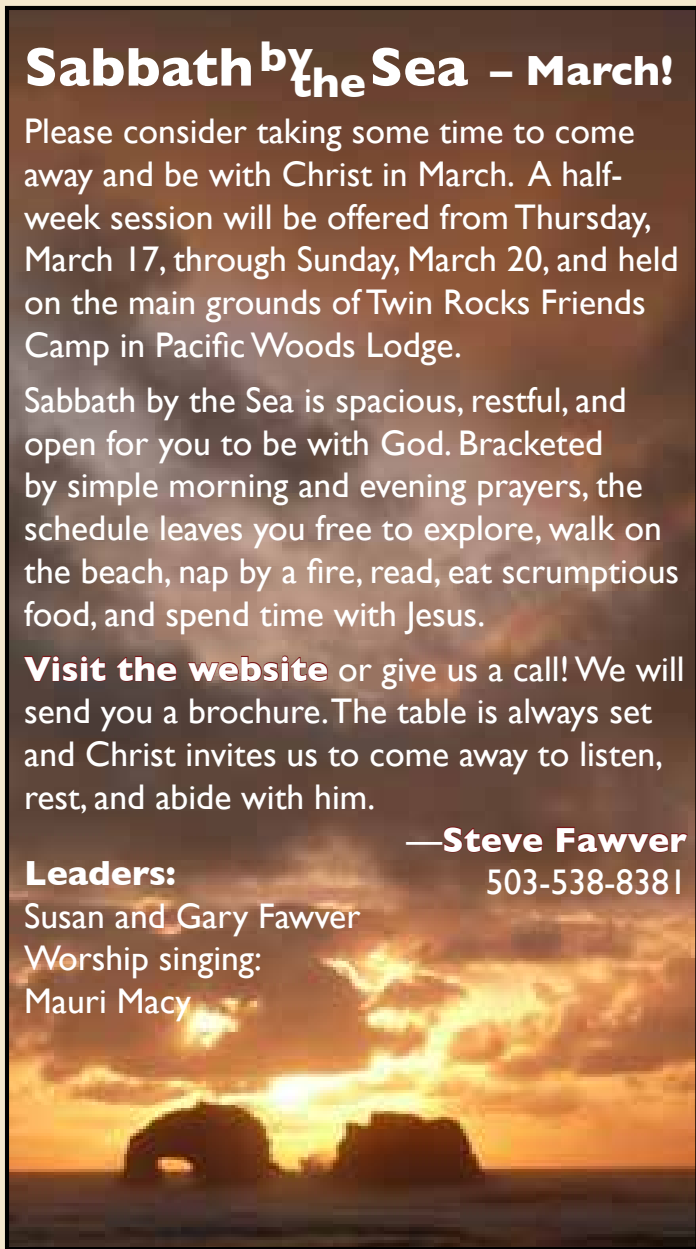
—**Steve Fawver**  
503-538-8381

### Leaders:

Susan and Gary Fawver

Worship singing:

Mauri Macy



## Celebrate Life!

*I would like to buy \_\_\_ flowering spring plant(s) in honor/memory of my loved one(s) and help decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday.*

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Please clearly mark your check "Easter plant." Put this slip and your payment (\$7.50/plant) in an offering envelope and place it in the offering plate or take it to the church office by March 21. You may take your plant home following second service on Easter Sunday.

## Your Complete Estate Planning Tool Kit

The 5 documents every believer should have in place

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 6PM @ FRIENDSVIEW**  
Lite dinner provided

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2PM @ GEORGE FOX**  
Afternoon refreshments provided

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### ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

This session will reveal data about the rising popularity of estate planning and focus on specific tools and techniques Christians need to consider while developing a tax-efficient, and loving, estate distribution plan for the people and places they care about.

#### Take-Away Resources from the Workshop:

- Estate Inventory Form
- Estate Planning Guide
- Final Wishes Booklet
- Access to Confidential and Free Estate Planning Assistance

### ABOUT GENE CHRISTIAN



For the past 29 years, Gene Christian has been helping church and para-church organizations – primarily in the Pacific Northwest – develop estate planning service programs.

He is considered one of the Northwest's foremost authorities, writing regularly and often quoted in regional and national publications.

Gene speaks all over the country in large and small settings about the importance of developing a values-based estate plan. Periodically Gene is asked be elected officials to testify before the Oregon State Legislature on matters involving charitable tax planning.

You can find Gene at [www.cepnw.com](http://www.cepnw.com).

Please RSVP to Angela Kantz:  
503-538-9419  
or [akantz@nwfriends.org](mailto:akantz@nwfriends.org)

### SUPPORT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

If you're caring for a loved one with dementia, there's help.



### FREE class coming soon to Salem!

March 16, 2016, 9:00am to 12:00pm – Alzheimer's Network

#### Positive Approach to Alzheimer's and Dementia Care

Based on training materials developed by Teepa L. Snow, National Dementia Care and Training Specialist

- Learn how to determine "Normal Aging" versus "Not Normal Aging".
- Develop observation skills to recognize and intervene effectively when behavioral challenges occur.
- Develop new skills related to approach and ability to connect with people affected by dementia.
- Identify and learn helping behaviors to the person's needs and retained abilities to promote a sense of control and self-direction.
- Develop observation skills to recognize signals of "unmet needs and growing distress" in the person you care for and ways to respond that will reduce anxiety and improve quality of life.

#### Walk-ins Welcome!

Learn more and register for this free class at [www.OregonCarePartners.com](http://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.



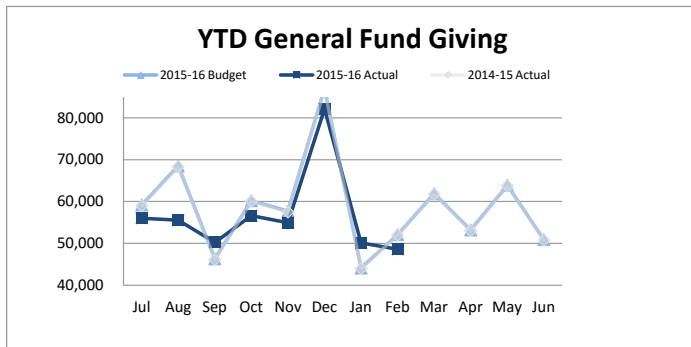
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## PRAYER

Seeking God with all your heart

A group will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Thursdays in Barclay C to pray for needs locally and globally? Kids are welcome at parents' discretion. Coloring supplies will be available.

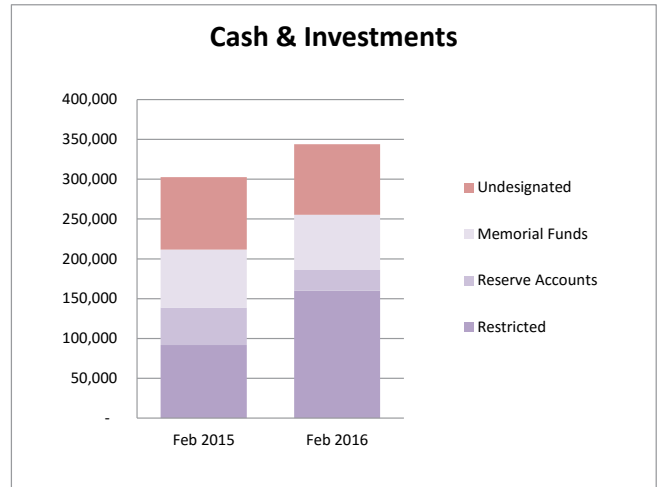
# Financial Recap for February 2016



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

YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds				
	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	922	19,175	18,950	1,147
Outside Ministries	4,968	7,703	7,703	4,968
Compassionate Care	9,730	4,090	2,743	11,077
NFC Ministries	10,285	2,498	1,944	10,839
Scholarships	7,281	1,982	2,309	6,954
Facilities	(2,612)	3,119	369	138
Other Funds	79,415	70,955	25,410	124,960
Memorial Funds	72,690	(3,342)	-	69,348
<b>Totals</b>	<b>182,679</b>	<b>106,180</b>	<b>59,428</b>	<b>229,431</b>

General Fund Year-to-Date			
	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	496,311	505,250	(8,939)
Expense	(497,275)	(534,170)	36,895
<b>Net</b>	<b>(964)</b>	<b>(28,920)</b>	<b>27,956</b>



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

## Need Sheet

### Needed:

- Room or home-share needed by retired female nurse community volunteer. In or around Newberg preferred. Mid-April or May move-in, possibly for several months. Call Mary at 971-832-2619.

### Available:

- Available for the taking. Full-size mattress and box springs in good condition. We're downsizing even more. Call Kay at 503-538-2577. Leave a message if we're not there.

### For Sale:

- Zoombox DVD projector by Tiger Electronics. Virtually new. Show movies on your ceiling! Paid \$250, will sell for \$70. Contact Sherry at [sherrymacy@gmail.com](mailto:sherrymacy@gmail.com) or 503-330-7343.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: [sherry@newbergfriends.org](mailto: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 23 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads  
 online at [newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/](http://newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/)