

Your NFC

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

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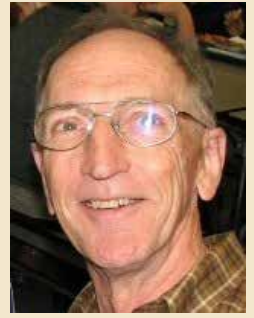


☘ All in a Day's Life

by John "Hutch" Hutchinson

Recently, after reading my testimony, my daughter wrote, "Thankful to have an amazing Dad like you!" I replied, "Amazing is that through His grace I believed and followed Him."

So where did it all begin? Born on October 30, 1946, and raised in a two-story house at 496 Humphrey St., Swampscott, MA. My dad worked at the General Electric Riverworks Plant in Lynn. I was the fourth of five children. In the photo I am in the bottom right with the dark collars.



My parents were good, moral, middle-class citizens. They didn't become believers until later in life. I had a happy childhood and enjoyed my older brothers and younger sister. Living only a couple blocks from the Atlantic Ocean with freedom to be on the go, I found plenty of adventures. My brother Bob (far left in photo) and I were only 19 months apart in age and shared many friends together. My mom took us to the local United Congregational

Church. I cannot remember ever hearing the gospel.

The years passed, and I graduated from Swampscott High School in 1964. I started the next year at Northeastern University in Boston. Due to extenuating circumstances I withdrew from Northeastern half way through my second year. I joined the navy, serving in Taiwan and Washington, D.C., and in four years never saw a single ship! While serving in Taiwan, I met and eventually married the daughter of an army sergeant. We spent the last two years of my enlistment living in the D.C. area. While there, my daughter Stacey was born. When my four years were up, we left the navy and moved back to the Northeast to attend the University of Massachusetts, where I earned my BS degree in forestry. Before my senior year, my wife divorced me. I was devastated. The world and my life, which I thought I could manage, were falling apart.

While I struggled with life, including finishing my degree, my brother Bob sent me a gospel tract based on Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." During my darkest hours, God reached down and invited me to trust him. I knew I was saved and loved Jesus, but there was no

one discipling me. It was just me and God. On the matter of trust, from then until now, he has always been trustworthy.

Meeting Gail and having two more wonderful daughters—and now seven grandchildren—is another story in itself. Ask me about that sometime.

Yes, I came to believe on the issue of trust. But by far it has been God's amazing grace that has kept me walking with Jesus. When the apostle Paul entreated the Lord because of the thorn in the flesh



he was given, God said to him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9a). I have lived that verse again and again along this journey God has given me. And I find it is a daily thing. Each day I must "pick up my cross" and follow him.

One of his most recent acts of grace in my life happened almost three years ago when through family circumstances he moved us to Newberg. We already were aware of the grace shown our daughter Sue through the NFC family. Attending, joining, and serving in this community was and is a huge outpouring of God's grace. I was not aware of the Quaker beliefs and practices. I have witnessed how they enhance all the other traditions of faith we have embraced in the past. We find real joy in living in community with brothers and sisters who practice their faith from day to day in everyday life: shoulder to shoulder, caring for each other, the community around us and around the world. I thank God for blessing me with you. May God continue to bless each of you as his grace bearers, administering his grace in its various forms to those around you.



CPR/AED/First Aid Class

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m

\$45 (includes book)

**George Fox Campus • Room 206
(Hoover building)**

This class is limited to eight participants, so sign up now or before April 2 by contacting [Allison Hoeksma](#), George Fox University intern working with NFC and Michelle Akins.

A map of the class location can be found [here](#). Bring a sack lunch and snacks. Contact Allison with any questions you might have.

Maundy Thursday Service **March 24 • 7 p.m. • NFC sanctuary**



Join us for a simple worship service as we enter into the evening of the Last Supper. The gathering will include an opportunity to take communion with the elements. In preparation for the hope of Easter, join us to remember our frailty and the sacrifice and obedience that came on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY
Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11



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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

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

Monday, March 21

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, March 23

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Choir rehearsal | 7pm | Room 246

Thursday, March 24

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

Maundy Thursday service | 7pm | NFC sanctuary

Friday, March 25

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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.

Saturday, March 26

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

Sunday, March 27

Read ahead: Luke 24:1-12; Isaiah 65:17-25

Plan Ahead

March 28 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring David and Debby Thomas

April 3 | Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

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

April 7 | VBS planning/prayer meeting | 7:30pm | Barclay C | time to learn more about what VBS 2016 will look like and how volunteers can participate in the many areas of VBS ministry

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

April 11 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

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.

Session One: April 3, 3-5 p.m. Whole-group gathering and small-group discussions

- Frame why we are engaging in this study within the context of NFC, NWYM, and the broader culture, summarize the positions, selected terms, etc.
- Watch the Mark Yarhouse chapel talk at Wheaton titled, "[How to care for a pluralistic world with the love of Christ.](#)"
- Gather in small-group discussion to get to know each other, clarify small-group guidelines, cover logistics, and discuss the video content.

Session Two: April 10, 3-4 p.m. video; 4-5 p.m. discussion groups

- Required viewing (on your own or at 3 p.m.): [First half of SPU forum video](#), April 2014, 60 minutes. Differing suggestions and perspectives presented by two men who are gay (Justin Lee and Ron Belgau).

Session Three: April 17, 3-4 p.m. video; 4-5 p.m. discussion groups

- Required viewing (on your own or at 3 p.m.) [Wesley Hill testimony](#), why he chooses celibacy as a gay man.

Session Four: April 24, 3-4 p.m. video; 4-5 p.m. discussion groups

- Required viewing (on your own or at 3 p.m.) [Matthew Vines perspective](#), why he thinks the Bible allows for same-sex marriage.

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 three of the four Sundays. Childcare through 5th grade will be provided.

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

Bus transportation provided for Friendsview residents.



Servant Leadership Program at Twin Rocks Friends Camp

Now recruiting committed Christian youth, 16 years and older, for its Servant Leadership Program (SLP). Team members commit to an intensely challenging and rewarding summer of working, serving, playing, and growing in Christ together. Visit the [Twin Rocks website](#) for information and to apply. Applications due: April 1, 2016!

Servant Leadership Program Dates: June 26-July 31, 2016

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Fruit of the Vine is now available at the welcome center. \$5/ea. NFC writers include Betty Hockett and Dan Nolta.

George Fox University

AUXILIARY Luncheon

Friday, April 1, 2016

Cap & Gown Room / noon

Lunch: \$9 per person

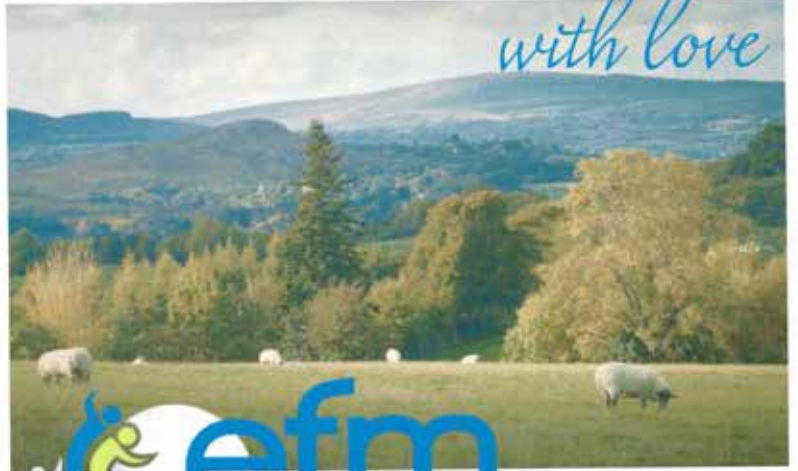
Pay at the door

Reservations required

Call Judy Woolsey

503-538-7314

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!



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.