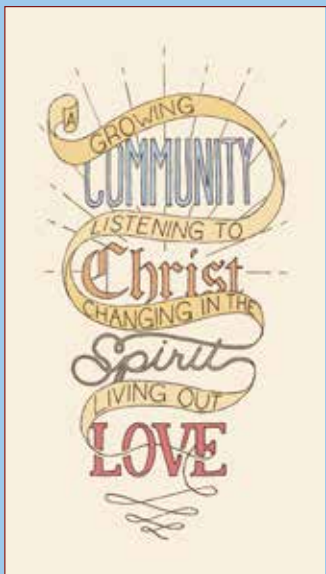


# Your NFC

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

March 25, 2016



## Ministry Happens

### NFC interns share stories about their ministry with youth

by Kara Estep



In my short time with our youth, I've been impressed by their understanding of God and the gospel and their willingness to share their developing thoughts. Almost every week I have been caught off guard with how simply one of them phrases an idea that I try to use more words to communicate. I value the simplicity of the gospel. Not to say there isn't value in digging deeper, but I do believe we find simple truths at the core of God's message. I love that our youth recognize simplicity and can keep it in mind while also desiring to learn more.

When we break into small groups to have conversation about the lesson, the room rarely becomes silent. Our youth work through questions and ideas very well together. Recently I was impressed by our discussion over a lesson about the femininity of God. The thought seemed like a new idea to a few in the group but so obvious to others. I think everyone in my small group had some thought to offer, and they started to feed off the ideas of the others. I hardly had to direct the conversation.

Each of our youth comes from a different background with different ideas, yet they all seem willing to listen or learn. I hope they never stop! Each one has so much to offer to the conversation as a whole in understanding God better and learning how to love others well. I love that they are all open to listening, questioning, and sharing. I want to keep learning from them as well and that we all can move toward the goal of knowing and loving God and others better.

by Taylor Swan



I always ask two youth in particular when I need help with a hard task. The day I moved, these two 7th grade boys spent all afternoon lugging around furniture with me. Another time, back when the youth program was transitioning into the Friends Center, I asked one of these boys, Elijah, to help me move the foosball tables. He was eager to help, and we had things transported in no time. However, while I was setting the tables up in the basement, he got distracted with a friend who'd come along. Together, they started playing with the wheeled base for the ping pong table. Elijah got only a few seconds of entertainment out of this new toy before the board snapped under his feet, rendering the whole thing useless. Elijah felt terrible and was determined to fix it.

It took us a week to find a board the same size. We went back to the Friends Center, and Elijah drilled the holes to secure the board in

place. Once inserted, we stood back to evaluate our work. The board wasn't the same color, and, though it worked, the stand didn't look the same—it was ugly. Elijah wasn't satisfied. The next day, Elijah showed up with several spray cans, some rocks, and a few bottle caps—tools, he said—for spray painting. I learned something new about Elijah: he's an artist. We took the board off once more and set it outside for Elijah to work on. In 15 minutes, he'd made a beautiful spray paint picture of outer space,

complete with stars and planets, on the new board. The ping pong table base in the Friends Center now looks a whole lot cooler, thanks to Elijah.

My prayer for Elijah and for the rest of the youth at NFC is that they better understand how God loves them and has a purpose for their lives, and that, operating within his purpose, they can make a difference—just like Elijah did with some spray cans, rocks, and bottle caps.

## 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.**



**Pastoral Team**

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Please direct  
all publications items  
to Sherry Macy.

**READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY**

**Luke 24:1-12; Isaiah 65:17-25**

**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 28**

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C  
Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B  
Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring David and Debby Thomas

**Wednesday, March 30**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B  
Middle school youth group | 6pm | Friends Center gym  
WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C  
High school youth group | 7:30pm | Friends Center

**Thursday, March 31**

Women's Bible Fellowship | 8:45am | social hall  
Local/global prayer gathering | 11:15am | Barclay C

**Friday, April 1**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

**Saturday, April 2**

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

**Sunday, April 3**

Read ahead: Luke 8:4-15  
Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

**Plan Ahead**

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  
April 20 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30 | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring Linda Byrd  
April 25 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Shawn McConaughy  
May 5, 19, 26 | Fun Nights! | details to come  
June 20-24 | VBS | details to come

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





The Easter lilies and plants that enhance the beauty of our sanctuary this season are given...

**In Memory of...**

**Annette Howe Carlisle**

*from Ken & Ann Howe and family*

**Dick Hampton, our brother**

*from Bob & Cheri Hampton*

**Dick Hampton**

*from Marvin & Maribeth Hampton*

**Judy Harmon**

*from Howard & Bethlin Harmon*

**Victor & Mae Johnson,  
Merrill's parents**

*from Merrill & Candy Johnson*

**Cloe & Viola Angus, Garry's parents**

**Edie Moore, Karen's mom**

*from Garry & Karen Angus*

**Harlow Ankeny**

*from Gertrude Ankeny*

**Ruth & Oscar Brown**

**Ralph & Edith Comfort**

*from Rick, Laurie & Andy Comfort*

**Arden Butler**

*from Joan, Jodi & Dennis Butler*

**Kara Zander, sister**

**Glenn Zander, father**

**"Keep your eyes on Jesus"**

*from Jeremy & Bethany Zander*

**Beverly Ann Santucci**

*from Phillip & Sandy Santucci*

**Willie B "Sue" Wheelock**

*from Mr & Mrs Wheelock*

**James Morris, my precious husband**

*from Doris, his wife*

**Lois Winters**

*from Gilbert & Iva Rickey*

**Martha & Henry Swindler**

*from Wayne & Nora Adams*

**In Honor of...**

**Our children and grandchildren**

*from Bob & Cheri Hampton*

**Gene & Betty Comfort**

*from Rick, Laurie & Andy Comfort*



**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.



**Newberg Public Library  
shared this on Facebook**

**Congratulations,  
Korie Buerkle!**

She's the City of Newberg Employee of the Year (a.k.a. the George Layman Award)! Korie is the library assistant director as well as children's librarian. She's been busy doing lots of library and community activities this year, including coordinating the Oregon Battle of the Books for our region that includes over 800 Newberg student participants. Great job, Korie!

**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**


**Happy April Birthday**


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| <b>1</b> Joseph Hampton<br>Arnie Mitchell<br>Jan Semler  | <b>12</b> Mark Goss<br>Charles Hanson<br>Tyler Shelton<br>Rachel Sherwood           | <b>22</b> Hayden Hampton<br>Jake Li<br>Margaret Winters  |
| <b>2</b> Larry Hampton   | <b>13</b> Keith Williams  | <b>23</b> Cynthia España<br>Sara Grant   |
| <b>3</b> Tom Greller<br>Shirley Mardock  | <b>14</b> Susannah Anderson   | <b>24</b> Janice Beals<br>Howard Harmon<br>Hudson Moore  |
| <b>4</b> Abigail Tussing   | <b>15</b> Donna Coleman<br>Jean Hanson<br>Nolan Staples<br>Ray Warner               | <b>25</b> Lindy Booth<br>Janna Fawver<br>Michelle Jones<br>Laura Looney<br>Thomas Millage<br>Paul Stolzhus             |
| <b>5</b> Gabe Fawver<br>Craig Rathkey<br>Kathy Schlittenhart<br>Hope Thouvenel<br>Vicki Tschan | <b>16</b> Christopher Goss<br>Luke Neff<br>Bonnie Tussing                           | <b>27</b> Margene Haworth<br>Gabe Kulpa<br>Connor Looney   |
| <b>6</b> Amanda Allen  | <b>17</b> Eric Muhr<br>Darin Sturdevant   | <b>28</b> Monte Romersa  |
| <b>7</b> Grace Anderson<br>Elizabeth Harwood<br>Marion Kelsven                                 | <b>18</b> Gregg Koskela<br>Wendy McIndoo  | <b>29</b> Stefan Czarnecki   |
| <b>8</b> Joseph Brooks<br>Doug Cossel  | <b>19</b> Susan Ankeny<br>Kindra Fish<br>Tim Fodge<br>Eileen Hassett<br>Kohl Linvog | <b>30</b> Meika Dunlop<br>Joel Libby<br>Denise Lyman<br>Kim McDonough<br>Caleb Muthiah<br>Marvin Walker<br>Paul Warden |
| <b>9</b> Edith Campbell<br>Jack St. Cyr  | <b>20</b> Meghan Czarnecki<br>Bailey Sherwood                                       |  |
| <b>10</b> Cheri Hampton<br>Mark McKee  | <b>21</b> Marilyn Winters   |  |
| <b>11</b> Julie Anderson<br>Jacob Brand<br>Nicole Hyatt  |   |  |

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!



# Need Sheet

## Needed:

- A family in need is looking for a minivan for \$500 to free up dad to take a job. Call LeRoy at 503-849-8696.
- Elder care: The family of Arthur Pruitt is looking for two or three individuals who would be willing to care for our father weekdays for compensation. Please call Bill Pruitt at 503-358-7089 if interested.

## Available:

- We have a spacious two-bedroom house in the country for rent. Call LeRoy at 503-849-8696.
- Six-year-old white electric dryer available. The top is scratched up, but it runs well. The only reason we are getting rid of it is our new home requires gas. Contact Jen at [grahamtimandjen@gmail.com](mailto:grahamtimandjen@gmail.com).
- Chehalem Youth and Family Services (CYFS) has several open positions in the social services and mental health fields. Take a look at our current openings for work in our clinic as one of our therapists or our openings in our residential program with our at-risk kids. Our goal is to bring hope and healing and that every child matters! Check out our open jobs [here](#).

## For Sale:

- Wooden bookshelf, 60 in wide by 52 in high, five shelves, painted tan. \$25. Books, each on a book of the Bible, 50¢/set; clock, \$2; 2 pill dispensers, 15¢ea. Call May Wallace at 503-538-6280.
- (1) KitchenAid—\$150. Excellent condition and includes a variety of attachments. (2) Queen-size pencil-post solid cherry bed. Excellent condition. \$200. Call Lorraine Burgess at 503-487-6648.

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: April 6 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

online at [newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/](http://newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/)

Click the photo to read Lisa McMinn's interview with Oregon Live (the Oregonian) "Spirituality of food: how mindful cooking can spark gratitude"



## 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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