

Your NFC

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

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From Me to You

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youth ministries



In a recent *Fruit of the Vine* devotional, Scott Wagoner reminded us that even though the joy of Easter focuses on an empty tomb and a living Christ, there's more to the story than we sometimes take time to notice. In his week of devotional entries, Scott takes us along the road to Emmaus, a road where "the lives of two men were transformed," a road on which those men "encountered both their human condition and the risen Christ," a road that was a physical journey for them but that, for us, "can also be a spiritual journey."

Last week, this year's Equipo team was in a Mexican border town, San Luis Rio Colorado. For more than two decades now, a Baptist church there has been walking alongside families in crisis. This little church works with the local government to identify these families and each year assigns a care team to a handful of these families, visiting them once a month or more. Every spring, a group of us from Oregon travel down to Mexico to join the members of this Baptist church in the work that they're doing. One year, we helped a young man negotiate a maze of government offices so that he might get the papers he needed for legal employment. Another time, we helped a single mother sort out proof of ownership for the home where she was living with her children. We stocked a clothes closet. We provided volunteer helpers for a vacation Bible school. For many of these families, we've helped build new homes.

Each year, we go on a physical journey, driving thousands of miles to be with our friends in San Luis. Each year, we also go on a spiritual journey, a pilgrimage of sorts. And just like he did for the men on the road to Emmaus, Jesus joins us. He breaks bread with us. He prays with us and over us. When we get to Mexico, surprisingly, we often find that Jesus is already there, walking alongside families in crisis, ready to welcome us into the work he's already doing.

Here's the thing, according to Scott: "Jesus doesn't just rise from the dead; he also walks with us along life's journey and in real time." And just as Jesus rose again, we find "new life when we recognize his presence with us." Our lives are transformed, and the lives of the people we walk alongside—they're transformed too.



READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Luke 8:4-15](#)



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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

6pm | Taizé gathering | NFC sanctuary

Monday, April 4

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

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, April 6

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, April 7

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

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

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

Friday, April 8

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, April 9

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

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

Sunday, April 10

Read ahead: John 3:16; 10:10; Romans 6:23; 5:18

Plan Ahead

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

May 19 | K-2 Fun Night | 6-7:30pm | FC gym | dinner, games, and stories for children K through 2nd grade

May 26 | 3:4-5 Fun Night | 6-8pm | dinner, games, and a mission presentation for children in 3rd-5th grade.

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

NFC elders to host educational gatherings about homosexuality.



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.

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

Bus transportation provided for Friendsview residents.



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.



Flowerbed Attendants Needed! (Maybe it's you . . .)

A few years ago, Carol Sherwood and several others refurbished the flower beds around the church. They heard many comments about how lovely the beds look when in bloom. However, as you know, loveliness does not happen without a bit of maintenance. Currently, ten flower beds need weeding and deadheading—routine garden upkeep.

Will *you* be one of ten or so people who will volunteer to take one bed and make it yours for the summer? Maintenance of your assigned flower bed requires attention only once each month, from now through October, and you can come and care for it at your own leisure. If you are willing to help keep our grounds looking lovely, please contact [Carol Sherwood](#) or [Elizabeth Sherwood](#). Thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration.