

# 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 Liz Dillow

For those of you who do not recognize me, I have been part of NFC since I was four years old in 1988. My family and I usually attend the second service.

I have been teaching at Western Mennonite School for three years. To give you a glimpse of my life, here is one of my days:



*Today I got ready and traveled 25 minutes to get to school. We have to be there by 7:30; today I got to lead devotions at the faculty meeting. School starts at 8:30. Today my first-period class, filled with mostly freshman boys, got busy inventing hydraulic machines. This was mostly uneventful, except for when the hot-glue gun spontaneously burst into flames. Fortunately, it quickly burned out, but it did add excitement and an interesting aroma. I get to demonstrate forgiveness and patience in situations like this.*

*During second period my sophomore biology students got to experience extracting DNA from strawberries. It is always exciting when I get to offer opportunities for seeing the real thing, as opposed to just talking about scientific concepts.*

*Third period is my time of prep, rest, and fellowship with my colleagues. As an extrovert, I find it challenging to stay in my classroom alone; I get antsy with too much time alone. As the morning moves on through fourth and fifth period (repeats of first and second) I grow increasingly ready for lunch and a break. Eating down in the cafeteria on lunch duty doesn't exactly feel like a break, but I do get to talk to my colleagues.*

*Following lunch come chemistry and anatomy classes, where I get to teach the students I have had for 2-3 years now. It is always enjoyable for me to end my day with these two classes because I have built more of a relationship with these students over the past couple years.*

In this season in my life I wear many hats—teacher, mom of two beautiful daughters, wife, mentor, friend, sister, and daughter. In theory, all these roles should be wrapped up in being a daughter of God. Yet often I find myself believing I have to “fit God in” as if my everyday actions are not a part of my journey with God. It helps to view my life as an onlooker—as writing this article allows me to do—to observe all the times I get to show love to my students, find joy in the challenges, be patient, kind, and gentle. God is here and present with me. I do not need to fit him in. Teaching my students allows me the opportunity to practice the fruit of the spirit every day, for there are always challenges, interesting conversations, moments that surprise me, and many moments I expect.

**READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY**  
**Luke 8:1-3; 23:49, 55-56; 24:1-11**



**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**

**Kara Estep**  
*youth ministries coordinator*

**Denise Lyman**  
*bookkeeper/receptionist*

**Sherry Macy**  
*admin assist / communications*

**Arnie Mitchell**  
*buildings manager*

**Dan Ritter**  
*buildings manager*

**Mark Thompson**  
*cemetery sexton*



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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, April 18**

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

**Wednesday, April 20**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30 | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring Linda Byrd

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

**Thursday, April 21**

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

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

**Friday, April 22**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

**Saturday, April 23**

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

**Sunday, April 24**

Read ahead: Daniel 6:1-16

**Plan Ahead**

April 25 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Shawn McConaughy

May 1 | Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

May 2 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

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

May 9 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

May 12 | Children's Ministry Cultivation | 7:30pm | Akins home | parents, volunteers, NFC community members invited to talk and pray about growing and improving our children's ministry | contact [Michelle](#)

May 14 | Wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

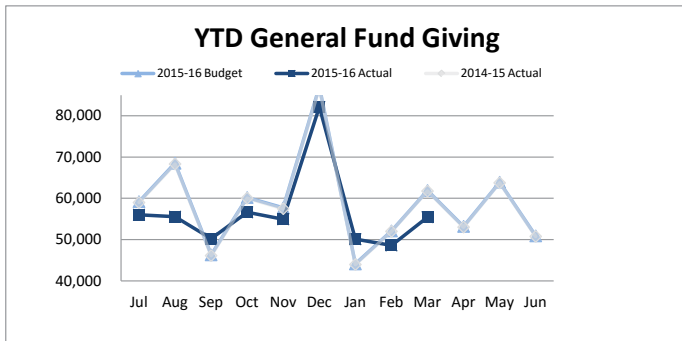
May 19 | K-2 Fun Night | 6-7:30pm | FC gym | dinner, games, and stories for children K through 2nd grade

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

June 27-30 | VBS | details to come

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

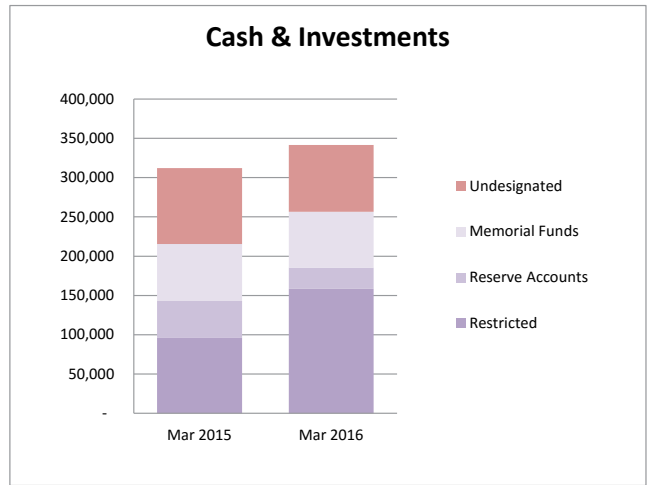
# Financial Recap for March 2016



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

|                    | Beginning      | Income         | Expense       | Balance        |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Global Outreach    | 922            | 20,910         | 20,410        | 1,422          |
| Outside Ministries | 4,968          | 9,338          | 9,338         | 4,968          |
| Compassionate Care | 9,730          | 4,880          | 3,068         | 11,542         |
| NFC Ministries     | 10,285         | 2,543          | 1,970         | 10,858         |
| Scholarships       | 7,281          | 2,232          | 3,241         | 6,272          |
| Facilities         | (2,612)        | 3,119          | 369           | 138            |
| Other Funds        | 79,415         | 71,057         | 27,115        | 123,357        |
| Memorial Funds     | 72,690         | (1,774)        | -             | 70,916         |
| <b>Totals</b>      | <b>182,679</b> | <b>112,305</b> | <b>65,511</b> | <b>229,473</b> |

|            | Actual         | Budget          | Ahead/ (Behind) |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Income     | 555,978        | 570,550         | (14,572)        |
| Expense    | (560,038)      | (607,805)       | 47,767          |
| <b>Net</b> | <b>(4,060)</b> | <b>(37,255)</b> | <b>33,195</b>   |



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

## NFC elders to host educational gatherings about homosexuality.

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.



## NWYM FRIENDS WOMEN SPRING RALLY 2016

Speakers:

**Anna Thomas and Kara Maurer**  
NWYM young adults who spent a year in Russia – learning the language, teaching English, and sharing the love of Jesus.

Offering:

**Assist bringing Natasha** from Moscow Monthly Meeting (Russia) to build relationships while visiting NWYM churches, events and Friends Women.

**Salad Luncheon: Bring a salad to share (drinks and tableware provided)**

**Saturday, June 4, 2016 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Newberg Friends Church, 307 S. College, Newberg, OR 97132**

## VBS – Volunteer Opportunities

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30, 2016  
9-11:30am • Register as a volunteer [HERE](#).



**Deep Bible Quest Leaders:** 2 adults to tell the Bible story each day during our rotations. Groups of kids and their cave crew leaders range from 30-60 people. Scripture portions and story themes provided. Leaders can tell/act out the story as they choose.

**Imagination Station Leaders:** 2-4 adults and youth to provide awesome interactive object lessons for one of our rotations. Ideas and curriculum provided, and as always, freedom to come up with your own experiments and activities.

**Kid Vid Cinema Leaders:** 2-4 adults and youth to facilitate indoor interactive discussions, activities and play a short video each day that reinforces our Bible theme/story for one of our rotations. Materials, videos, and curriculum provided.

**Spelunker Sports and Games Leaders:** 2-4 adults and youth facilitating the recreation rotation. All large group game curriculum and supplies provided.

**Cave Crew Leaders:** Youth age 11 and older and adults to guide children ages 4 through 5th grade to all rotations and to debrief with kids at the end of the day before parents pick up.

**Decorators:** A team of volunteers to gather props and create a set for the sanctuary and photo booth. Our decorating night will be June 26 from 4-8pm.

**Musical Worship Team:** Musicians, vocalists, and a motion team for morning gatherings 8:30-9:20am.

**Nursery Volunteers:** 2-3 adults and youth providing care for volunteer's infants and children through age 3 during VBS, 8:30-11:15am.

**Registration Team:** 4-6 welcoming individuals that provide the first point of contact and direction for families as they come to VBS.

**Cavern Cafe Team:** 4 people to prep, serve, and clean-up snack each day. The snack menu and all items provided.

**Sound/AV Techs:** Set up microphones and run the projector, 8:45-9:30am.

**Spanish Speaker for Registration:** June 27 & 28

**VBS Photographers:** 2 people to digitally photograph all VBS kids on Tuesday, June 28 and to take general photos of VBS all week if possible.

**ALL volunteers must have completed a NFC children's ministry application and attend one of the two orientation meetings offered in June.**

Please contact [Michelle Akins](#)  
or [Kim Lopez](#) for details and more information.

## INSTITUTE FOR GROUP DISCERNMENT



**May 16-19, 2016**  
**Tilikum Retreat Center**  
**Newberg, Oregon**

*Now accepting registrations!*

*The Institute for Group Discernment offers the opportunity for folks from various denominations, organizations, and yearly meetings across the country to gather in community to explore the various facets of group discernment. The retreat makes it possible to go beyond just training for process. It allows participants to explore and share the spirit, the stumbling blocks, and the practical applications of listening together in the presence of God.*

*Among the topics that will be considered are: biblical foundations of group discernment; how we personally hear God; how leadership functions in group discernment; how spiritual giftedness interfaces with group discernment; clearness committees; dealing with conflicts; and, yes, steps and implementation of group discernment.*

**[Full information and online registration.](#)**