

# Your NFC

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

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## Ministry Happens

by Kati McKee

I first met Jesus on a personal basis when I was 15 years old. Like many kids that age, I was incredibly sincere and very much wanted to do things “the right way.” I attended Sunday school, camp meeting, and Bible studies, and one teaching that stood out in my mind was that I needed to surrender my will to God. In my 15-year-old mind, somehow that translated to me being willing to let God send me to China, perhaps even where I would be riding on elephants. Never mind that there really aren’t that many elephants in China, and that elephants aren’t the preferred mode of transportation. But I told God that if he wanted me to go to China, I’d (gulp) go.



Now, what I do like to do is music. I’ve been a musician as long as I can remember. Some of my earliest recollections of traveling to family events include being with my dad’s cousins, aunts, and uncles “down on the farm” in Rainier. We’d get together for some sort of occasion and the food was plentiful and the music rollicked. Some might call the genre “country,” but in actuality it was hill music—bluegrass, blues, folk. Voices singing, accompanied by guitars, banjos, piano, spoons, even a zither. Always a good time, with songs ranging from “Froggy Went A-Courting” to “She’ll Be Coming ‘Round The Mountain.”

I got my first guitar when I was perhaps four or five—a small tenor guitar, with the strings tuned to the top four pitches of a standard instrument. Later on I took a few years of piano lessons and, along with everyone else in 5th grade, tried out for band. When asked what I wanted to play, my response was “drums!” and was told “no, no, girls don’t play drums. Girls play flutes and clarinets.” No, really. So I tried a clarinet for the requisite three months, and at the end of the trial period the music teacher said “Now, you sing, don’t you?” She then took the clarinet from me, assigned me to choir, and my career as a band member was over. Until it wasn’t.

When I was in 8th grade, I met Caren, a new friend who played a flute, and she convinced me I should try out for marching band. At first, I pooh-poohed the idea—after all, there is no such thing as a marching guitar! She was persistent, reminding me that I read piano music and therefore could play bells. As in, glockenspiel. Held vertically, with the end



in a holster worn around the neck. Played with a single mallet. And so I joined the Newberg Summer Marching Band, just in time to go on tour to California with a group of baton twirlers from Portland; they performed intricate twirling maneuvers while we played their music. If I recall correctly, we played “Lady of Spain.” And our drum major was—wait for it—Steve Hockett.

At the end of the summer, the director (the revered Dick Elliott) invited me to sign up for band in high school, tempting me with the prospect of “shiny chimes,” as well as bells that did not have to be worn around my neck. And then, just a couple weeks into the fall semester, the tympani player dropped out of school and joined the Air Force. Tympanis are drums that are tuned to various pitches by a pedal at the base of each drum, and there were only a couple of us in the percussion section that could read bass clef. So Mr. Elliott handed me a set of tympani mallets and said “I guess you’re the tympanist now.” He apparently thought girls *could* play drums. Ha! And by the time I got to my final year of high school, I was in as many choir and band classes as I could fit in my schedule.

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Fast forward to adulthood. As a high school social studies teacher, I was on staff at the same school where my daughters were enrolled. Both Liz and Eryn played clarinet and were involved with band, and I was part of the parent support group. When the girls were in 11th

and 9th grade, the assistant band director was transferred to another school. The head of the band program knew I was a musician and offered me the assistant position, since I was already on staff and knew the program. The job entailed being in the band class one period per day and helping primarily with the fall field show group. Since my girls were in band, I asked them if they would be OK with me becoming part of the staff, and their caveat was that they didn’t want me to “act like Mom” during band time. Fair enough. So in the fall of 1992, I joined the Tigard High band program.

Over the past 25 years, my role as the assistant band director morphed into becoming the director of marching programs. Jim (the director of bands) runs the “sit-down” groups (jazz, concert, symphonic, wind ensemble, etc) and I coordinate the fall field show band and our

winter marching groups—winter drumline, winter guard, and cadet (middle school) drumline—all extra-curricular programs outside the school day. Meanwhile, I teach economics in the social studies department all day, every day.

Over the years, I came to realize how seemingly random my music position is. After all, I was pretty satisfied being a singer and a guitarist and didn’t really have a burning desire to join band until Caren convinced me it would be fun. I attempted to study music education for a brief period but quickly realized that music teachers are incredibly gifted individuals who possess that unique combination of being excellent at music and having the patience and ability to break it down to simple, understandable concepts for beginners. I am not that type of musician. But I’m quite good at logistics, and I am very good at explaining social science concepts, so like the stereotypical math teacher who coaches football, I’m the social studies teacher who coaches marching band.

In a program like marching band, we get kids from all walks of life. Some come with supportive parents who provide quality instruments and private lessons. Some come with supportive parents who can’t afford quality instruments and private lessons, but they volunteer to work the Craft Fair, and basketball concessions, and the amazingly large *Band Garage Sale*, and all the rest of the endless fundraising we do. And some come with no support at all, and maybe no instruments, and maybe even no homes. And the wonderful thing about band is that we find a place for everyone. The girl who is living at the shelter and the boy who doesn’t have a way to wash his clothes are as much a part of the band as the girl who shows up with her own \$8,000 bari sax. And sometimes, band is their safe place and music is their refuge. Those of us in charge become their steady adults, and we give them a place to express themselves and to achieve and to belong. They become our kids, and we help raise them. We teach them to work together, and to strive for excellence, and to develop the integrity to want to give their best. And they love each other, and we love them.

So my music position really isn’t random. At some point in my life I realized that God is kind and wise, and he puts folks into our lives that help shape us into the people that are the best fit for each of us, and the best fit for him to use. God has given me a love for music and a love for social science and a love for kids, and in his kindness has allowed me to minister through what I love most. It’s a strange combination, being a social scientist by day and band director by night. But it is so much better than riding elephants in China.

# READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Daniel 6:1-16



## 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  
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buildings manager

Dan Ritter  
buildings manager

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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 25

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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

### Wednesday, April 27

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

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

### Thursday, April 28

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

### Friday, April 29

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Memorial service for Marion Kelsven | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

### Saturday, April 30

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

### Sunday, May 1

Read ahead: Luke 2:36-38

Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

### Plan Ahead

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 18 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30 | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | luncheon in the Hess Creek Dining Room for installation of officers

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

May 24 | elders/stewards budget meeting | 7pm | Barclay A | to finalize proposal for 2016/17 fiscal year budget

## NFC's Calendar on the Web!



## 🍷 Winners!



Newberg Friends placed first in the Friends division (noncompetitive play) NWYM Volleyball tournament in Melba, ID. Pictured: Ally Trowbridge, Jacob Benoit, **Isaak Swan**, **Ryan Brooks**, and **Eliana Swan**.

## 🍷 Heaven's Gain

**Marion Kelvsen** died on April 14, 2016, at age 94. She had attended NFC since 2005. Family members at NFC include her sister, **Bev Kelvsen**. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 29, at 2 p.m., at Newberg Friends.



## 🍷 "New" Member

You see "New" in quotes because **Mareesa Fawver** isn't really new to NFC. She became an associate member in 1994 but has now moved to active membership. "Welcome," Mareesa!



## 🍷 Awarded

Congratulations to **Stephanie Fisher**, who was awarded the *George Fox Faculty Achievement Award for Undergraduate Teaching*. "I absolutely love this job and the fantastic students and coworkers who make teaching so fun!"



## Volunteers Still Needed!

Our Sunday school classes are almost fully staffed. We have a wonderful dedicated group of youth and adult volunteers building relationships with our children. Please contact Michelle Akins if you are interested in joining the children's ministry team. We need a few more volunteers to regularly serve in the following ways:

**Kindergarten assistant**  
(2-3 times per month during 1st service)

**1st/2nd grade assistant**  
(2-4 times per month during 1st service)

**1st or 2nd service nursery volunteers** (1-3 times per month)

**Children's Care volunteers**  
(2-4 times per month during 2nd service)

# Need Sheet

## Needed:

- We are looking for an inexpensive used wheelbarrow to purchase. It doesn't need to be fancy, just something simple we can use for gardening. If you have one you'd be interested in parting with, please let us know! Ben and Emily Wynsma at [emily.wynsma@gmail.com](mailto:emily.wynsma@gmail.com) or 443-745-7165.
- Family of five looking for a place to rent starting late July or late August. We have two small (under 20 lbs) well-behaved labradoodles and are looking for a short-term place to stay in the Newberg/Sherwood area. Open to house-sitting. Please contact Heather or Jeff at 503-487-6697 or [hb1736@gmail.com](mailto:hb1736@gmail.com).
- A George Fox University undergraduate male international student is looking for a place to stay August to January with a family or couple within 10-15 minutes walking distance from campus. He is willing to pay the host family rent. Please contact him directly at [3260616062@qq.com](mailto:3260616062@qq.com) or contact Joanna at [jcox@isionline.org](mailto:jcox@isionline.org) for more details.
- Two groups of George Fox University male students are looking to rent a house in Newberg. Please contact Joanna at [jcox@isionline.org](mailto:jcox@isionline.org) for more details.
- Gently used hydraulic lift chair for an elderly mid-sized woman. Call 541-896-3612 - Dundee.

## For Sale:

- 2003 PT Cruiser Burgandy w/grey interior, good condition, runs well. 25-28 mpg, 166,000, Asking \$2,800. For more info call 626-818-3042 (Newberg)

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: May 11 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads  
online at [newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/](http://newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/)



College Scholarships for undergraduates will be available for those who consider NFC their church home and who attend Friends colleges or universities such

as George Fox. Find an application at the welcome center, pick one up from the church office during the week, or download it from [this link](#). Return your completed application by June 15. We ask that students reapply each year for this scholarship.

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

**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.

## VBS – Volunteer Opportunities

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30, 2016

9-11:30am • Register as a volunteer [HERE](#).



**Deep Bible Quest Leaders:** 1 adult 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 youth to help the adult volunteers facilitate 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 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.



### **What I have learned from my time interning at Newberg Friends**

*by Allison Hoeksema*

Throughout the 2015-16 school year I have worked alongside the NFC pastoral staff as the intern for children and family ministries. While at Newberg Friends, I have learned a lot about compassion, the true value of children in the church, service, and what it means to work as a team of believers to help those in need.

I have especially loved working with your children in Godly Play. Thank you for welcoming me into your church community and helping me become a better social worker and Christian.

I plan to continue attending NFC in the fall, so I look forward to seeing you again.