

# Your NFC

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

May 6, 2016



## From Me to You

by Michelle Akins  
children and family ministries

When someone mentions “love languages,” mine is never *gifts*. I’ve consistently been a *words of affirmation* person. But I’m realizing how grateful I am to be counting up gifts this year and how noticing these gifts is growing my love for God and people. A few weeks ago Gregg asked us in worship to name the practices we have found to be helpful as we pray/ways to pray. I didn’t speak up—but now I have the opportunity to share with you. I’m a visual learner, and God is teaching me quite a bit through Instagram. This photography app has helped me to simply and quickly capture the moment where I notice God’s presence and grace in tangible ways. I’ve used a couple of hashtags to mark my photos: #1000gifts2016 and #beautyhunter. The photos you see on my page reflect the moments God’s love has captured my attention (and I’ve had my iPhone handy). Perhaps as you scroll through my pictures the content is too “fluffy.” You’d be right, because I post a lot of photos of my fluffy dog, Bella. But there is intentionality to this prayer practice. Here is my digital way of capturing moments of peace and joy. In our world, where pain seems limitless, God has given me the eye and the motivation to seek joy in the midst of grief. In a flower, God calls me to freedom. In the baby’s smile, a moment to celebrate all that is good and holy. There in the stare of the neighbor’s cows, a chance to slow the pace.

Beauty amidst the ashes. I’m sure you’ve noticed: the longer we live, the more we love. The more deeply we allow ourselves to love, the wider the river of ache. Honestly, there are days I feel I might



drown. My photos, my prayer practice of hunting for beauty in the everyday, feels like God’s way of reminding me he hasn’t forgotten our sorrow. The world can be broken



and horrific and at the same time so full of wonder and Light. God's grace has invited me to turn my eyes to that of Love and Truth. I point my camera and post the pictures not to ignore the hurt, but to remind myself that hope does not disappoint. This hope we have in Christ allows us to see glimpses of beauty for what they really are, eternity now. What a gift!

Romans 5:5 The Voice

*And hope will never fail to satisfy our deepest need because the Holy Spirit that was given to us has flooded our hearts with God's love.*



The **Listening Life Group** that Steve Fawver led on Wednesday nights prior to his sabbatical continues to meet with Gail Hutchinson as facilitator. The group meets in the Hutchinsons' home at 2301 Alder Lane in Newberg, Wednesday evenings, 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. The group plans to meet at least through May and most likely for longer. The group is open to anyone on a drop-in basis. The format will focus on a short Scripture passage read in a manner similar to lectio divina, with the expectation that the Holy Spirit would allow participants to listen then apply and share their impressions. Light refreshments and a time of prayer are included each evening. For more information, please call Gail (704-661-8837) or Hutch (503-487-7218).

Note: Because of a scheduling conflict, the group will meet at Ron Woodward's home on Wednesday, May 18.



Friends—the work of children's ministry isn't about keeping the kids contained while adults worship. It's about worshipping with kids. It's giving them a place to experience and learn about God. It's about providing space and time for them to wonder, grow, and explore what it means to follow Jesus. Children's ministry is important work. It allows our youngest to interact with youth and adults and worship together.

I'm passionate about children's ministry, not because it's my job and finding volunteers is "fun." I love it because you and I are walking-around vessels of the Holy Spirit and we get the privilege to do this amazing thing: help develop and guide children to know and grow in relationship with God. It's an awesome responsibility, and it is at the core of what we believe: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

**Children are our neighbors.**

Each week we have 11 different classrooms that need at least two adults to safely staff them. Please consider making a commitment to worshipping with children. If you have questions about curriculum, what it means to volunteer, how to get "signed up," etc., I'm happy to help you. Please contact [Michelle Akins](#).



**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

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Please direct  
all publications items  
to Sherry Macy.

**READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY**  
[Proverbs 22:6](#); [2 Timothy 1:1-7](#)

**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, May 9**

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

**Wednesday, May 11**

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, May 12**

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

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](#)

**Friday, May 13**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

**Saturday, May 14**

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, May 15**

Read ahead: Luke 19:1-10

**Plan Ahead**

May 18 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30 | 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 21 | NFC work morning | 8:30-11:30am | contact [Elizabeth](#)

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

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

May 30 | NFC office closed for Memorial Day holiday

June 5 | Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

June 6 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

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





## Calling Men of All Ages: Your Help Is Needed.

Tilikum work morning: Wednesday, May 11, 7 a.m. - noon

Complimentary breakfast served at Tilikum - 7 a.m.

Come support Pat Schmidt in his new position as facilities manager.

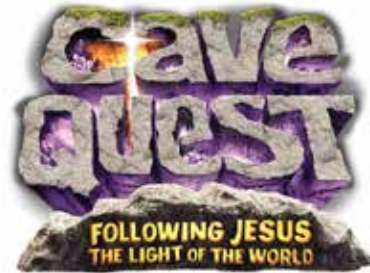
Serve this incredible ministry of our church and NWYM.

Call Tilikum at 503-538-2763 to RSVP.



## WE NEED YOUR HANDS AT THE CEMETERY!

Please consider joining us at Newberg Friends cemetery for a work morning (9 a.m. to noon) **tomorrow, May 7.** Weeding, trimming, basic landscaping, and power washing are a few of the tasks we will tackle in preparation for Memorial Day weekend.



## VBS – Volunteer Opportunities and Registration

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30, 2016

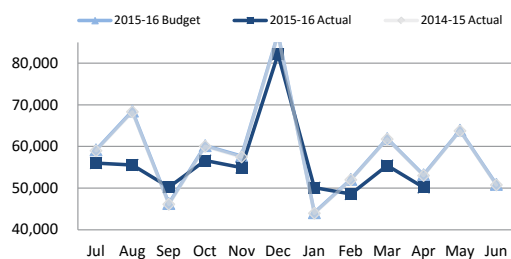
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Register as a volunteer [HERE](#).

Register your kids for VBS [HERE](#).

## Financial Recap for April 2016

### YTD General Fund Giving



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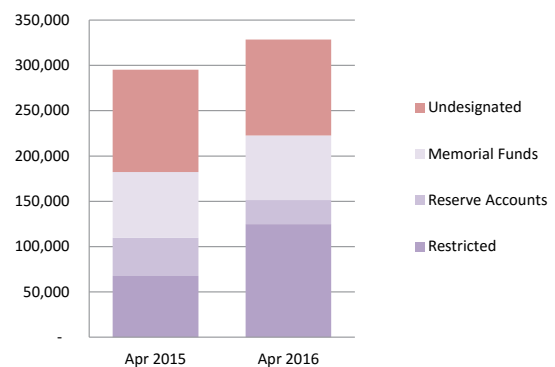
### YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds

	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	922	23,205	24,410	(283)
Outside Ministries	4,968	10,304	10,304	4,968
Compassionate Care	9,730	5,185	3,457	11,458
NFC Ministries	10,285	2,658	1,925	11,018
Scholarships	7,281	2,382	3,241	6,422
Facilities	(2,612)	3,119	369	138
Other Funds	79,415	74,009	28,597	124,827
Memorial Funds	72,690	(1,301)	-	71,389
<b>Totals</b>	<b>182,679</b>	<b>119,561</b>	<b>72,303</b>	<b>229,937</b>

### General Fund Year-to-Date

	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	610,184	627,150	(16,966)
Expense	(625,805)	(677,090)	51,285
<b>Net</b>	<b>(15,621)</b>	<b>(49,940)</b>	<b>34,319</b>

### Cash & Investments



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

## Oh, Baby!

**Rachael Kristine Foster** was born on Thursday, May 5, 2016, to **Mike and Luann Foster**. Rachael joins big brothers **Noah** and **Titus**.



**Abuse Recovery  
Ministry & Services**

Now available in our community:  
a faith-based support group for women  
who have or are experiencing  
domestic violence or abuse of any kind.  
Please call 503-846-9284.



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.



## DAY CAMP

June 27-July 1, 2016



Peace Village is a multicultural day camp with the mission to provide a fun, educational environment in which children can learn the messages and practice of nonviolence and peacemaking from various world traditions.

4020 N College Street  
Newberg, OR 97132

For more information contact:  
**Suzanne Miller**  
503.538.7947

or go to our website:

[peacevillagenewberg.org](http://peacevillagenewberg.org)



### NWYM FRIENDS WOMEN SPRING RALLY 2016

Featuring **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 to **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**