

# Your NFC

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

June 24, 2016



## From Me to You

by Elizabeth Sherwood

Each Tuesday the pastoral team meets to plan worship gatherings, pray, discuss current ministry needs, and tackle business items. We also do a spiritual practice together. Several weeks ago our practice was to write thank-you cards to recognize folks among us for whom we were grateful. Big problem, however—twenty minutes allowed me just enough time to write a *fraction* of the notes needed to say *thanks!* The pastoral team privileged to be released for ministry at NFC is very much aware that our community lives into the truth that we are *all* a part of the priesthood of believers. At every turn people serve others in this faith body, in their work place, in their families, and in their local community.

I want to take this brief moment to send a few deeply felt sentiments of gratitude to folks here at NFC.

One thank-you card goes out to a significant group in appreciation of the hours, sweat, and energy poured into making Friends Cemetery beautiful for the Memorial Day weekend. Mark Thompson, who ministers as the cemetery's sexton, logged extra hours to prepare for the many guests who visit in the month of May. One of the many tasks Mark tackles is keeping the grass mowed. Within a short period of time, preferably when the grass is dry, he mows the entire ceme-



tery. Then each headstone is trimmed by someone with a weed whacker, and afterward the grass clippings are blown off each marker. And

because the grass grows quickly in the spring, not much time passes before the whole process begins again. Caring for the flower beds, mulching, and tree trimming are among the other projects volunteers take on. Special thanks to Jim Jackson, Jan Thompson, Jenny Song, Josh Nauman, Don Alexander, Victor Duran, Harlan Wooldridge, Carl Anderson, Jesse Dillow, the cemetery board, and the middle school youth group for your role in beautifying the grounds.

Several years ago, when Jim and Joyce Owens joined NFC, they brought with them the idea of all-church work days. For the last two years the trustees have hosted a fall and spring work morning, inviting folks to volunteer for a few hours here at the church. During the May work morning many tasks were accomplished: painting, parking lot clean up, vehicle detailing, kitchen spring cleaning, landscaping, de-cobwebbing, identifying electrical outlets, etc. A huge thank you



to everyone who spent the morning caring for our facility.

There is a small team of ministers who are incredibly important but rarely seen. The audio technicians serve in the sound booth every Sunday morning. Alan Akins heads this team, which also includes Aaron Dunlop, Bryan Lee, Josh Nauman, Meira Lee, and Hayley Koskela. These folks also serve at wed-

dings, memorial services, and special events. Their often-unnoticed work is appreciated by everyone in our gatherings. A *thank you* to this team for faithfully serving behind the scenes.

My thank yous could go on and on. How wonderful to be in a community where the list of people to thank is delightfully long.



If you are a relatively new attender here at Newberg Friends, we'd like to invite you to a casual get together in the Prayer Room on Sunday, June 26, at 10:15 a.m. between services. Meet a couple of our pastors and let us help you find the next step for involvement in the life of our church!



## ☛ Heaven's Gain

**Abigail Crisman** died on June 19, 2016, at age 95. She had been a member since 1991. Family members at NFC include her husband, **Leo**, and Leo's two siblings, **Clynton**

**Crisman** and **Jean (Charles) Hanson**. A memorial service will be held at Newberg Friends Church on Friday, June 24, at 2 p.m.

## Mark Your Calendars!

Continuing this weekend and in July, we have the opportunity to worship with and learn from two exceptional people. Steve Fawver's sabbatical grant includes funds to bring in these outstanding preachers and teachers.



**Laura Schmidt Roberts** lives in Fresno, California, where she is professor of biblical and religious studies at Fresno Pacific University and a member of College Community Church (Mennonite Brethren). Laura holds a PhD in systematic theology from Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, CA) and was blessed to be in the MDiv program at Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, CA) with Gregg Koskela. She and her husband, Mark, enjoy bicycling, camping, and skiing with their two daughters. She will preach again this coming Sunday, and at 5 p.m. (previously scheduled for 6 p.m.) she will lead us through the book of Matthew, examining all of the conflicts Jesus had with the religious

leaders—a discussion with implications and challenges for church leadership today.

**Sarah Thomas Baldwin**, with husband, Clint; daughter, Madi; and son, Kai, were members of Newberg Friends during their years at George Fox. Sarah holds a D.Min. from George Fox University and recently worked with both the Murdock Trust and George Fox University on leadership training. She will preach in both services on July 10 and will also lead a class on leadership principles that evening at 6 p.m.

Plan to join us for worship and also **the evenings of June 26 and July 10.**



# READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Acts 10:1-23



## 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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all publications items  
to **Sherry Macy**.

## 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 | on the lawn (weather permitting)

**10:15am** | Newcomers Gathering | Prayer Room (Room 236)

**10:15-10:45am** | library staffed

**10:30am** | Agape Sunday school class | Barclay B

**10:45am** | worship gathering

**2pm** | VBS set up

**5pm** | Jesus & Religious Leaders class | social hall | Laura Schmidt Roberts (professor of Biblical & Religious Studies at Fresno Pacific University) will lead this exploration of the way Jesus comes into conflict with the religious leaders in the book of Matthew.

### Monday, June 27

VBS | 9-11:30am

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Tuesday, June 28

VBS | 9-11:30am

Rwanda Update with Brad Carpenter | 7pm | sanctuary | an update on the work of Discipling for Development in Rwanda

### Wednesday, June 29

VBS | 9-11:30am

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Thursday, June 30

VBS | 9-11:30am

Stanford Victim Letter Reading | 7pm | Friends Center Room 102 | to further educate and spread awareness in attempt to decrease sexual abuse

### Friday, July 1

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Saturday, July 2

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

### Plan Ahead

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

July 4 | NFC office closed for Fourth of July holiday

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

July 9 | memorial service for Winona Selby | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

July 10 | Leadership Principles | 6pm | social hall | Sarah Thomas Baldwin will present key leadership principles.

July 11 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

July 24-28 | Northwest Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions

## NFC's Calendar on the Web!



Several weeks ago, we shared some of the data from the surveys that gave feedback on our April discussions on human sexuality. We want to also share some of the anonymous comments that were offered:

“I hope we can continue a sincere emphasis on prayer and dependency upon the Holy Spirit.”

“I came away encouraged, and more convinced than ever that Christian churches need to make room for disagreement within the faith. I know that is extremely hard to do. We are tempted to ignore uncomfortable truths. We need to speak the uncomfortable things *and* be confident in the love of the other.”

“I am honored to be part of a church willing to talk about this without fear from our leadership. From conversations tonight I am still concerned we aren’t ready to be a healthy community for gay people. I’d like to hear from elders ideas how we can be a healthier place for gay people recognizing we likely won’t be in agreement with traditional or non-traditional views. How can we be a place that is safe, how can we show hospitality and care to young gay people and existing gay families without causing more harm?”

“I appreciated the trust that was built within our group, even though there were differing viewpoints.”

“Go slow...wait...and listen (to God and to people).”

## EFM SUMMER OFFERING 2016

### Meet the Girons, Retnarajes, Carpenters, and Badgleys!

Here is an opportunity to introduce your children to four EFM missionary families from four continents. Watch their videos, learn about their ministries, and collect offerings that will help EFM missionaries and their churches to keep spreading the good news of Jesus Christ around the world.

Carpenter ▶



Retnaraj ▼



Giron ▶



◀ Badgley



<http://friendsmission.com/summer-offering>

## 🎁 Happy July Birthday 🎁

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Nancy Fawver<br>Jeremy Huwe<br>Susi Sanchez<br>Jan Thompson | Jessy Hampton<br>Thomas Magee<br>Margaret Saylor                                             | Avi Moon<br>Clyde Thomas                                                                        |
| <b>2</b> Daniel Beals<br>Terri Bowen                                 | <b>15</b> Shanna Andres<br>Todd Brand<br>Leland Brown                                        | <b>24</b> Nadine Brood<br>Steve Gulley<br>Donna Kreutz<br>Gene Morse                            |
| <b>3</b> Jenny Song                                                  | Mary Harwood                                                                                 | <b>25</b> Fred Gregory<br>Bruce Murphy                                                          |
| <b>7</b> Jim Carter<br>Matias Coronel<br>Gail Hutchinson             | Dan Ritter<br>Ezekiel Stone                                                                  | <b>26</b> Vaibhav Brooks<br>John Hampton<br>Carol Sherwood<br>Norman Winters<br>Orville Winters |
| <b>8</b> Jesse Dillow<br>Joe Semler                                  | <b>16</b> Mary Lou Willett                                                                   | <b>27</b> Natalie Koskela                                                                       |
| <b>9</b> Luke Greller<br>Aubrey Koskela<br>Jo Lewis                  | <b>18</b> Carrie Carlson                                                                     | <b>28</b> Elise Ling<br>John Rekow<br>Odin Skaggs<br>Samuel Swan<br>Anna Thomas                 |
| <b>11</b> Kati Ferguson<br>Carol Hankins                             | <b>19</b> Betty Comfort                                                                      | <b>29</b> Justin Hampton<br>Lisa Nauman                                                         |
| <b>12</b> Linda Byrd<br>Jen Graham                                   | <b>20</b> Shari Teachworth<br>Haylee Wilson                                                  | <b>30</b> Ashlee Kulpa<br>Ron Mock                                                              |
| <b>13</b> Divonna Crecelius<br>Marian Powell<br>Elsa Skaggs          | <b>21</b> MacKenzie Looney<br>Mark Neff<br>Naivit Velazquez                                  |                                                                                                 |
| <b>14</b> Bridget Czarnecki                                          | <b>22</b> Carl Anderson<br>Luann Foster<br>Cindy Johnson<br>Janae McDonough<br>Ronald Pierce |                                                                                                 |
|                                                                      | <b>23</b> Dave Hampton                                                                       |                                                                                                 |



### Northwest Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions – 2016

*Join us for a family reunion of Friends  
from around the Northwest!*

All ages will gather Sunday, July 24, through Thursday, July 28, on the George Fox University campus in Newberg, OR. Whether you come for just a banquet, evening service, the closing celebration, or the whole week, plan now to make Friends and Yearly Meeting 2016 part of your summer activities!

[View details here.](#)

Registration is now open!

Early bird discount ends June 30. To register [CLICK HERE!](#)



*Fruit of the Vine* is now available at the welcome center. **\$5.25/ea.** NFC writers include Bethany Lee and Ron Woodward.

## Need Sheet

### Needed:

- Small rental in Newberg for a family of three with a George Fox student (mom, student, and high schooler). Timing flexible through the summer. Contact Regula at [regulaking@hotmail.com](mailto:regulaking@hotmail.com) or 971-261-9714.
- Friends Cemetery needs a riding mower with a bag. Would love a donation—or suggest an amount. Contact Elizabeth Sherwood at 503-537-8800 or [elizabeth@newbergfriends.org](mailto:elizabeth@newbergfriends.org).
- Are you interested in ministering to 40 women at the Yamhill County Correctional Facility in McMinnville? Call 503-434-7506 and ask for the steps needed to become a volunteer minister.

### Available:

- The School of Education at George Fox University invites you to apply for part-time adjunct faculty positions if you like working with faculty members who encourage students to achieve their highest intellectual and personal potential. Successful candidates with a minimum of three years teaching experience will be involved in preparing students to complete their student teaching experience. Responsibilities include: supervising students on weekdays during their student teaching practicum, mentoring them as they transition from teacher candidate to novice teacher, and helping to facilitate and strengthen the relationship between the university and the partnering school. Those interested should contact Saurra Heide at [sheide@georgefox.edu](mailto:sheide@georgefox.edu) or 503-554-2885.
- I'm moving to New York at the end of July, and my roommate is looking for someone to take my room. We have a two-bedroom apartment in Woodburn, a 25-minute drive to Newberg or Salem. \$425 per month plus utilities. Contact Kara at [kmaurer09@gmail.com](mailto:kmaurer09@gmail.com) for more info.
- Abby Avery, young professional moving from out of state, looking for housing beginning mid-August near McMinnville/Newberg area. Looking for short-term, with possibility of extended to long-term option. Open to single room or shared housing. Have a cat. Please contact at 317-440-4291 or [abigailbaurley@gmail.com](mailto:abigailbaurley@gmail.com) to talk further.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: [sherry@newbergfriends.org](mailto:sherry@newbergfriends.org)

• mail: NFC, P.O. Box 487, attn. Sherry

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