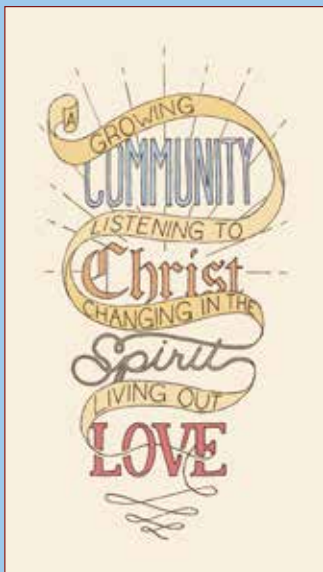


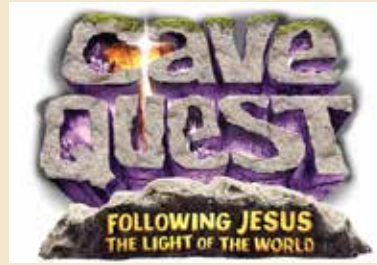
# Your NFC

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

July 1, 2016



## 🌀 Vacation Bible School



**Cave Quest VBS** was an incredible week of learning and exploring what it means to follow Jesus. More than 80 volunteers, age 11 and older, from Newberg Friends, Newberg Foursquare, and several other local churches gave their time, energy, and care in service to the 188 children who registered for VBS. I am thankful for every person who poured their heart, mind, body, and spirit out into the lives of children.

◀ Ready for a Cave Quest!



The worship team of youth and adults from Newberg Foursquare did a great job of including kids to help lead during silly songs. ▶



Every Spelunker Sport and Games activity had a purpose and message that went along with our Bible point of the day. Janelle Garman and Lisa Backman from 2nd Street Community Church were so thoughtful in the way they directed this rotation.





◀ *Creating hope/prayer boxes in the Imagination Station.*



*Some of our recent 5th grade grads enjoyed their ▶ first year as VBS volunteers.*



*Snack ▶ time is a huge hit at VBS.*



◀ *VBS always includes lining up and following your leaders.*



*Learning, sharing, and listening during ▶ Spelunker Sports and Games.*

◀ *Youth make VBS happen. We love the energy and engagement they bring.*



Light Boy (a.k.a. Jamie ▶ Johnson) shone brightly at VBS. The kids couldn't get enough of his Deep Quest Bible stories and adventures. On the last day the children were invited to become Light Boys and Girls themselves—sharing Jesus' love and light wherever they go.



▼ VBSers line up to make a new creation in the Imagination Station led by youth and adults from Newberg Foursquare.

Pews full of kids with ▶ open hearts and tender spirits. What a privilege it is to worship with them!



So much fun to see all ▶ the different ages worshipping together!



▲ Kid Vid Cinema was a new rotation this year. Holly Miele and Erin Johnson really brought it to life with tons of interactive discussion and prayer. ▼

Our 4th ▶ graders being goofy.





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**READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY**

[Matthew 10:2-4](#); [Luke 5:16](#); [Acts 15:28](#); [Galatians 1:13-2:10](#); [1 John 4:7, 11-12](#)

**What's Ahead**

**SUNDAY**

9am | worship gathering  
9am | summer Sunday school (nursery; pre-K class Rm 124; K-5th class Rm121)  
10-10:45am | Community Time | on the lawn, weather permitting  
10:15-10:45am | library staffed  
10:30am | Agape Sunday school class  
10:45am | worship gathering

**Monday, July 4**

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

NFC office closed for Fourth of July holiday

**Wednesday, July 6**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

**Friday, July 8**

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**Saturday, July 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  
Memorial service for Winona Selby | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

**Sunday, July 10**

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

**Plan Ahead**

July 11 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236  
July 24-28 | Northwest Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions  
July 28 | Red Cross Blood Drive | 10am to 3pm | NFC social hall | to schedule an appointment, either call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: NewbergCommunity)  
August 1 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older  
August 7 | Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary  
August 21 | pie social for Karen Swenson | 6pm | social hall  
August 22 | Margaret Fell WMF potluck | 6pm | social hall

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

## A Sabbatical for Karen Swenson



**Karen Swenson** comes to Newberg this summer for six months of sabbatical rest and renewal—her first in 13 years of teaching in Budapest! A student's mother writes, "Even more than Isaac's improved math grades, your care for and work with Isaac have been a true ministry to our family. Our weeknights are far less stressful because we don't have to spend hours plodding through homework with him. It is no overstatement to say that your ministry has brought more peace and joy into our home these past months."

*Would you consider making a contribution to her sabbatical living expenses? Use the offering envelope and be sure to write Karen Swenson on the memo line.*



## 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!

## Here this month!

We now have the opportunity to worship with and learn from **Sarah Thomas Baldwin**, who, 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 morning worship and the evening class, if you can.





### From Ramallah with Love!

Friends have a chance to hear a Palestinian educator and parent talk about the Ramallah Friends School and the role of Northwest Friends in this Palestinian community. This will be a conversation, with time for Q & A.

Join us Wednesday, July 6, at 7 p.m. at the home of Paul and Miriam Bock (back yard), 1111 N. College Street, Newberg. Parking is available in the adjacent Presbyterian church lot.

Frieda Khayat leads Ramallah Friends Grade School in a Palestinian community near Jerusalem and speaks

from her experience as a teacher, administrator, parent, and former student.

In a context of militarism and occupation, the Friends school creates a space where kids can learn and practice Quaker values. Come to hear how it is done and how we can support their efforts.



### Sandals Class Invitation

**All are welcome** to join the Sandals Sunday school class at 9 a.m. in the social hall this Sunday. **Elizabeth Todd**, Northwest Yearly Meeting Friend Serving Abroad in Ramallah, and **Frieda Khayat** will share about the challenges Palestinian kids face in Ramallah and how the school supports these students through times of uncertainty, stress, and trauma inherent in military occupation.

## 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>