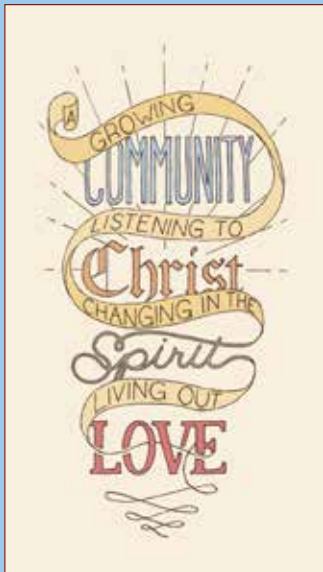


Your NFC

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

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☉ All in a Day's Life

by John Johnson

As a college mathematics professor I often find myself advising students about various options for their futures (or, more likely, trying to convince their parents there are good reasons to pursue a math major). I have a standard speech I can give them, but I usually end up telling them part of my own *Journey To Find God's Will*.

I attended a very small high school in Kansas (Haviland High School, which no longer exists; Haviland high schoolers attend the brand new high school ten miles down the road in Greensburg). Most grades had between ten and twenty students, which usually included two or three of my cousins.

Somehow I ended up for my first year of college at Kansas State University, a campus with around 20,000 students. It was overwhelming, to say the least. Ironically, surrounded by thousands of fellow students I was never more lonely in my life than I was that year. The only students I knew were those whose primary goal in college (and maybe life) was to get drunk as often as they could. I wasn't interested.

So for my sophomore year I went back home to Haviland and enrolled in Friends Bible College (FBC, now Barclay College) and began thinking about future possibilities (which included more than a career – I soon met a girl I liked, Cindy Selby, and decided to see if there might be a future with her. There has been).

Students at FBC were required to attend chapel five days a week and so we tried to do that. With 16-week semesters, that means I was expected to attend about 150 chapels. Whew!

Guess how many chapel sermons I can remember.

One, sort of.

My vague memory of the sermon title of that one chapel was something like “Seven Steps Toward Finding God's Will for Your Life.” And while I claim that this is the chapel I remember, I don't remember who the speaker was, and I don't remember all seven steps or even if there were seven. It could have been six or maybe even five, but you get the idea. Assume there were N steps (remember, I'm a math professor). When I say I can remember this chapel, what I mean is that I can remember the general nature of the first $N-1$ steps but I can really only explicitly remember the N th step.

If $N=7$, the first six steps were all about creating a healthy relationship with God. I'm sure they included steps like “Become a disciplined



Bible reader” or maybe “Develop a healthy prayer life.” Or something like “Join a group of fellow believers.” While this math teacher might have a hard time coming up with six of these steps that don’t contain some redundancy, I’m sure anyone who has devoted his/her life to Christian ministry could come up with many more than the six the chapel speaker used.

Basically the first six steps were all about getting our life tuned in to a life whose primary purpose is to serve God. If we can get to that point, then we are ready for the final step:

Step 7: Do what you like to do.

It doesn’t seem so profound, and it even sounds a little dangerous.

But if we really desire to serve God with our lives (that is, we have successfully completed the first six steps) then whatever it is we like to do we are prob-

ably good at (or we wouldn’t like doing it) and it will honor God.

Whether it be painting houses or fixing leaky faucets or discovering a cure for cancer or ministering to the needs of the older generation among us (Cindy wanted me to add that one) or _____ (fill in the blank), we can use the abilities and desires we have been given to further God’s kingdom.

We can even teach math (math!) and enjoy it (I’m serious) and serve God (I’m still serious). For whatever reason God created me to be reasonably good at math (not good enough to be a “mathematician” but enough to be a teacher) and to really enjoy doing it and teaching it, and I can use this ability and joy to further God’s kingdom. Amazing!

Maybe God can do the same for you. What do you really like to do?



Habitat for Humanity has invited the Sandals Sunday school class to recruit participants for a work day on **Saturday, August 6**. If you’re able to join for the day – or for the morning or afternoon – please let me know. Anyone can join; no need to be part of the Sandals class! The date is still a month away, but if you put it on your calendar now you can keep the day open. **Please e-mail me** or call 503-332-4940 to indicate interest or to ask questions.

—Rick Muthiah



Relief Bag Sewing Party

Wednesday, July 20, 9 a.m. to noon
14029 NE Hwy 240, Newberg
(Hampton home)

Basic sewing of 12.5” x 19” bags, with double-drawstring tops. Non-sewers can iron and insert drawstrings.

Bring: sewing machine (if you have one); thread, scissors, pins; rotary cutters/cutting boards (if you have one); fabric (large scraps only; each bag needs a piece 12.5” x 38”)

Provided: drawstring cording, some fabric, tables, extension cords, snacks

Please RSVP: Paula has room for 5-6 sewers, plus some to thread the drawstrings. Call, text, or e-mail: 503-840-0443; lphampton@aol.com.

NFC attenders will provide these NEW items for each bag:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5x10in, 70 pgs)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, plastic, with 30 cm and 12 inch markings)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

Mennonite Central Committee will distribute them to people in areas of conflict and/or disaster in the world.

Details about this project can be found [HERE](#) or contact [Paula Hampton](#).

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY
Galatians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 1:17-31



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

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Kara Estep
youth ministries coordinator

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What's Ahead

SUNDAY

9am | worship gathering
9am | summer Sunday school (nursery; pre-K class Rm 124; K-5th class Rm 121)
10-10:45am | Community Time | in the social hall and library
10:15-10:45am | library staffed
10:30am | Agape Sunday school class
10:45am | worship gathering

Monday, July 18

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C
Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, July 20

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, July 22

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, July 23

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

Plan Ahead

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 (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 8 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236
August 21 | pie social for Karen Swenson | 6pm | social hall
August 22 | Margaret Fell WMF potluck | 6pm | social hall
September 5 | NFC office closed for Labor Day holiday
September 11 | Outdoor Worship | 10:45am

NFC's Calendar on the Web!



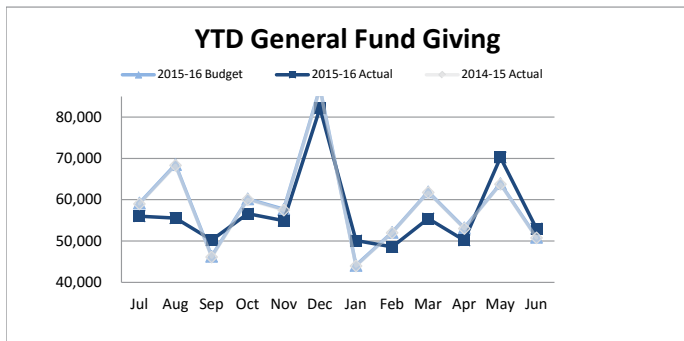
**Thursday, July 28
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
NFC social hall**

to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: NewbergCommunity)



Swing by your NFC library to see what's new and to pick up a free book or two! Please be sure to take only the books clearly labeled as "Free to a Good Home." We want to *keep* the books that are on the shelves.

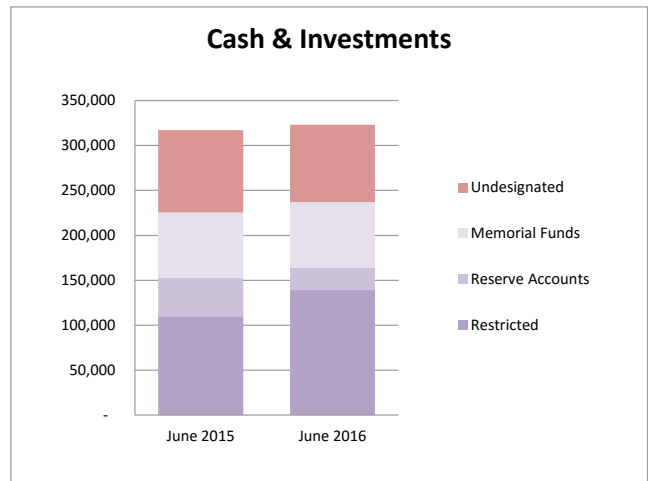
Financial Recap for June 2016 (Budget Year-End)



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	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	922	26,855	28,137	(360)
Outside Ministries	4,968	11,953	12,193	4,728
Compassionate Care	9,730	5,845	3,467	12,108
NFC Ministries	10,285	3,398	3,352	10,331
Scholarships	7,281	2,682	3,241	6,722
Facilities	(2,612)	3,119	369	138
Other Funds	79,415	77,420	51,394	105,441
Memorial Funds	72,690	309	-	72,999
Totals	182,679	131,581	102,153	212,108

	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	741,367	769,150	(27,783)
Expense	(736,349)	(769,150)	32,801
Net	5,017	0	5,017



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



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!

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 grateful mom says, “I just wanted to take a minute to thank you for your work with Isaac. As you know, he has experienced success with you as his teacher like he never has before. His confidence has grown as he has realized he really can grasp the math concepts and also realized that he is not ‘dumb.’ With the personal attention you have given him, he has an A in math for the first time since third grade!”

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.

Please set aside **Sunday, August 21 at 6 p.m.** to meet with Karen in the social hall. We’ll eat pie together and hear all about her work as a teacher in Budapest as well as how she is using her sabbatical this summer.

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>