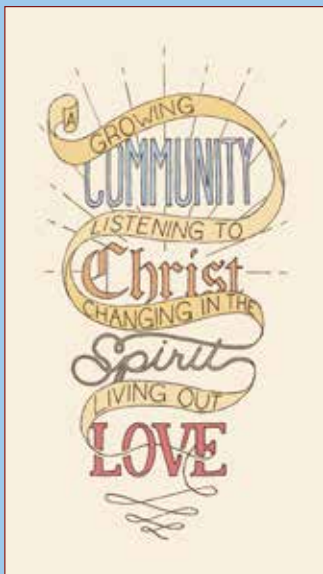


Your NFC

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

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☉ Ministry Happens

by Megan Dahlberg

Last fall I had the privilege of spending a semester abroad in the beautiful country of Rwanda. When people ask me how my experience was, I usually shift a little uncomfortably and reply with my best “It was really good!” I squirm because that’s mostly a lie, and I simply say it because I’d rather not be obligated to explain why that semester was personally very difficult for me.



Parts of it were good, of course, and I try to look back on the good. But some of the hard parts changed the way I will look at people of other cultures for the rest of my life. I experienced in myself the despair of being completely unfamiliar with the customs and cultures of a new place. I experienced the helplessness of not speaking the language and desperately trying to remember the one-word name of our neighborhood to tell the bus driver in case I got lost. I missed my people, my food, my school, my confidence, and my personal time. I constantly thought of returning home, and counting down my days there made it a little more bearable.

As I searched for meaning from my months in Rwanda, God subtly directed my heart and thoughts to people immigrating to the United States from different parts of the world. I thought of the people who have lived in the U.S. for years and still struggle to learn English. I thought of people who are looked down upon because their culture is not widely understood by the majority of people. I cringed because of people who wish to keep immigrants and refugees out or who blame them for just trying to survive or improve their lives. How awful to live in a place where you know people don’t want you there or they are afraid of you on top of the incredibly difficult transition away from home and everything you’ve ever known! I got to go home after



four months, but many people do not have the luxury of knowing if they will ever be able to return home. God opened my eyes and showed me his heart for the displaced and how much hurt is caused by isolation and maladjustment. (cont’d)

Fast forward a few months and I am invited to join the Refugee Response Committee's quest to address the needs of refugees. It has been a privilege working alongside all of you as we enact God's heart for people who have been displaced by forces out of their control. In May we launched the Welcome Home Project through Catholic Charities to collect items to outfit an entire apartment for an incoming refugee family. We were overwhelmed with the response of Newberg Friends and North Valley Friends who graciously donated every single item we asked for—and more! As of now, we are still waiting for a call from Catholic Charities to tell us where everything can be moved. The apartment will be somewhere in or just outside of Portland so the family is able to get to and from their required classes in Portland. Families

must also be in country to sign an apartment lease in person before we are given permission to move in. So when we do receive a call (which could be anytime) we need to be able to quickly jump into action and literally get a move on!

We won't know who the family is or where they are coming from until we know their address, but we eagerly and prayerfully anticipate their arrival. In the meantime we are collecting school supplies to make school kits for displaced people around the world. If you would like to get involved, please see the Need Sheet on page 4 for items to buy. Also, if you want to receive the Refugee Response Committee e-mails or be involved in the apartment move-in, e-mail me at mdahlberg12@georgefox.edu.



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!



**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)**



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



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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[1 John 1:1-2:2](#)

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 25

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

Wednesday, July 27

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Thursday, 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)

Friday, July 29

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, July 30

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

Sunday, July 31

Read ahead: Luke 9:28-43

Plan Ahead

July 24-28 | Northwest Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions
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!

Need Sheet

Needed:

- Volunteers are needed for Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)—a place to experience support, personal growth, and spiritual hope—to help with our MOPPETS program during our monthly meetings at Newberg Christian Church. If you love caring for children ages birth-5 and would like to bless the moms in our community, contact Jenny Hodson at jennhodson@yahoo.com or 503-330-4013. The commitment is 1x monthly from 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. the second Monday of each month (September-May).
- We need an air conditioner for a very small apartment rented by Breanna Joy Thomas and her new husband. They return from their honeymoon at the end of YM; we would like to buy it before that. Call Richard or Elisabeth Harney at 503-538-7208 or Debby Thomas at 720-375-2909.
- I'm a mid-30s, single woman transferring to George Fox this fall and looking for a room to rent or house-share living situation starting in the August timeframe. (I am a friend of Scott and Diana Winter, who live in Dundee). Please call or email me if you have a space available or can refer me to someone who does—Athena Tallent, 541-660-4815 athetall@yahoo.com. Thank you!
- Newberg Friends Church is collecting NEW items for school kits to be distributed to refugee children via Mennonite Central Committee. Each kit needs 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5x10", 70 pgs); 8 unsharpened pencils; 1 ruler (flat, plastic, with 30 cm and 12 inch markings); 12 colored pencils (in packaging); and 1 large pencil eraser. Learn more about this project [here](#). Call, text, or e-mail Paula Hampton at 503-840-0443 or lphampton@aol.com for more info.

Available:

- Room (plus) available for rent late August/early September, four blocks from George Fox University campus. Ideal for a Psy D or other longer-term student. Seeking a mellow, clean, female renter. Includes: second-floor bedroom, large with great light and walk-in closet. Shared access to bathrooms, first-floor newly remodeled kitchen, dining room, living space with great piano, laundry facilities, and three porches, the front one with a porch swing. Driveway parking space available. Great access to downtown, the cultural district and center, library, post office, churches, etc. \$600 per month plus \$200 security deposit. No pets, please, other than service animals. References required. Contact Shari at 503-538-7005.

For Sale:

- Old medium-sized upright piano in good condition, with decorative scrolled legs under the keyboard. Dark wood, with a few age spots but not scratched or marred. Needs tuning but the keys are all intact, ivory in good condition. Price: \$500. "You haul." Call Kathy Schlittenhart at 503-554-6717 for more information or to see a picture.
- Women's 26-inch 2015 Schwinn bicycle. Pristine condition, coaster brakes. \$100 firm. Please call 503-975-7967.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: 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: August 10 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

online at newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/