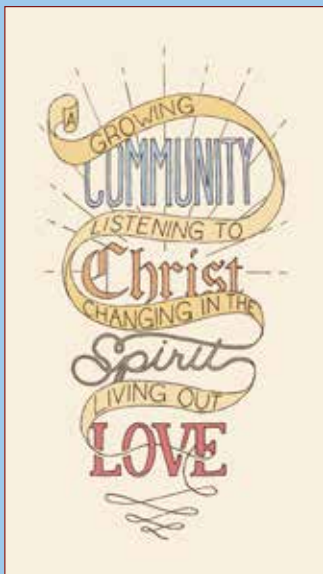


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a weekly newsletter for the
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Newberg Friends Church
community

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Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

The Call to Participate

by Tim Engle

It is hard to believe that I have finished my first year of teaching and that I am already back to Newberg. This year has gone by so fast! I have been so moved by the people I've interacted with and the experiences I have had.

So many beautiful spirits come to mind when I think of the people here in Xiaogan, China: the family by the food carts, always smiling and ready to serve us rice and noodles no matter what time of day; the regular attenders of English Corner who just want to talk and build relationships; the churchgoers willing to go out of their way to worship and make a statement of faith; my Oral English students who have shown me great friendship and demonstrated the power and importance of a thirst for knowledge and a desire to do better each and every day, all with a positive attitude. I have been so blessed by all these people in Xiaogan, and I will miss them dearly.

As I look back on this year in Xiaogan, I see a clear theme—participation. On several occasions I took a step back and thought *How did I get here?* and *I'm not exactly prepared for this!* Yet through my weakness and uncertainty I hope to say that God used me and used my team for his greater glory. At other times I experienced doubt when I struggled with culture shock and tried to learn the basic principles of teaching a class. Through it all, God taught me humility and understanding. Some days I felt prepared to give it my all and plenty of other days I just had to throw my hands in the air and say, "I'm not sure about this, but I'm here." (cont'd)



At the end of the day, isn't that what it's really about? Isn't participation what God asks of us? We might have days when our faith feels strong and secure and others when our faith feels faulty. No matter what we may be feeling on a particular day, God calls us to show up. God calls us to step forward into the day, to trust in him in our weakness, to have courage and humility in our validated strengths. If we consider many of the people in the Bible who were called to serve God outside of their comfort zone, we can count ourselves in good company when we feel unprepared. I can think of a specific instance, about a month ago, when a few friends from the Teaching Abroad team and I had an amazing three-hour conversation with a member of the Xiaogan community about God and what it means to be a Christian. It was a truly beautiful time, a time we had not necessarily planned, yet God was using us.

God used us that evening for his greater glory. Each and every day, no matter how we are feeling about ourselves or about the turbulent world we live in, God calls us to show up so that he can use us for

his greater glory. He calls us to participate.

On July 26, I will fly from Portland, Oregon, to Chiang Mai, Thailand. I have accepted a job with American Pacific International School, where I will be a residential life advisor for the next two years. I'm grateful for the opportunity. It will certainly be something entirely new, with many challenges and blessings. I hope these next two years, no matter what challenges and blessings come, I will be able to show these students and the community in Chiang Mai Christ's love as best I can. I cannot put into words how much I appreciate your ongoing prayer and support.

My prayer is that wherever God has called us, no matter what kind of day we are having or how we are feeling about ourselves, we would show up, trusting that God will do a good work in and through us. God is greater than all our hopes and fears, and he is greater than we are. In the midst of uncertainty and feelings of incompetency, are we willing to step out in faith, hands outstretched, trusting, and participate?



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!

This Coming Sunday!

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.



READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Genesis 12:1-9](#)



Pastoral Team

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children and family ministries

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spiritual health and care

Cindy Johnson

seniors ministries

Gregg Koskela

lead pastor

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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 | in the social hall and library

10-10:45am | blood pressure checks | Room 234

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:30am | Agape Sunday school class

10:45am | worship gathering

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

Monday, July 11

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

Wednesday, July 13

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, July 15

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Memorial service for Roy Hiebert | 2:30pm | Bauman Auditorium, George Fox University

Saturday, July 16

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

Sunday, July 17

Read ahead: Galatians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 1:17-31

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 21 | pie social for Karen Swenson | 6pm | social hall

August 22 | Margaret Fell WMF potluck | 6pm | social hall

NFC's Calendar on the Web!



Thursday, July 28

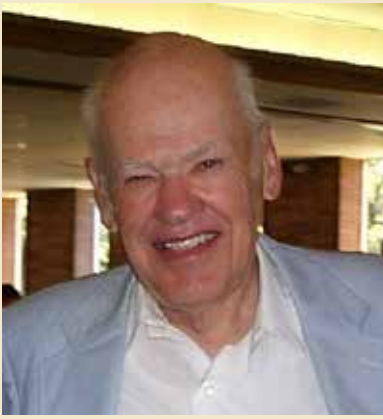
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Heaven's Gain

Roy Hiebert, known as "Grandpa Roy" to many, died on June 30, 2016, at age 92. He had been an NFC member since 1976! A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 15, at 2:30 p.m., in Bauman Auditorium at George Fox University.



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.

Need Sheet

Needed:

• Mom with a George Fox student and a high schooler is looking for a small rental. If somebody has a mother-in-law apartment or part of a house for rent, that would be a great possibility. I love to do yard work. Contact Regula King at 971-261-9714 (call or text) or regulaking@hotmail.com.

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: July 20 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads



Each year Newberg Friends Church sends around 35 to 40 children to **Tilikum Day Camp**. This means we need to provide *one* volunteer counselor for every *seven* children going to camp. If you are age 16 and older and can volunteer July 25-29, [here's the link to apply](#). Please [contact me](#) if you have a friend, family member, neighbor, etc. you think would make a great volunteer counselor for the week. Youth age 14 and older are also welcome to apply to be a junior counselor using the same forms. Thank you! —Michelle Akins

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 email me** or call 503-332-4940 to indicate interest or to ask questions. —Rick Muthiah



Todd Brand and **Greta Brand** have been ministering to the people of Bolivia with a YCEW team of eleven. [Visit the YCEW site](#) to see pictures and stories some of the good things happening there.

