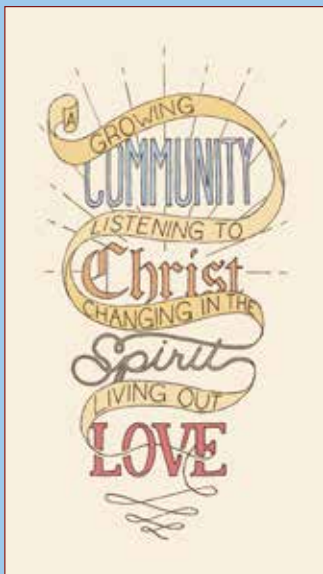


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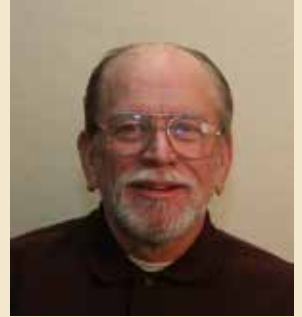
August 5, 2016



Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

So Good to Me

by Brent Montgomery



Each Thursday morning I get up earlier than usual. Being mostly retired, I take great pleasure sleeping past 6 a.m. You might know a song by The Mamas and the Papas that came out in 1966 titled “Monday, Monday.” The opening lyrics, “Monday, Monday, so good to me,” will always illustrate how I feel about Thursdays.

So why are Thursdays so special? It all started in the spring of 2009 when Ken Howe asked me to be part of a group of volunteers from Newberg Friends to help on Saturday with the Habitat for Humanity project being built on Main Street. I gladly accepted the invitation and have been volunteering mostly on Thursdays ever since.

What is Habitat for Humanity? The organization was started in 1976 by Christian missionaries Millard and Linda Fuller to address the issue of affordable housing in parts of Africa. In 1984, former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalyn,



started the first Habitat for Humanity in the U.S.—in New York City. Their goal was to offer a “hand up not a hand out.” Over the past 40 years, volunteers for HFH have built more than 3,500 homes in the U.S.!

Why do I volunteer? Because I get to have a whole lot of fun and share in the camaraderie with a group of Christian men—and on occasion women—each Thursday as we offer our time and energy for the great cause of building affordable houses for people in our community! Just look at Matthew 25:14-30, the passage about giving your time and talents. I have time, but I don’t have a lot of talents. Before you think I’m being humble about my talents, I’ll remind you that a *talent* in biblical times was a form of money valued at about 60



pounds of silver. That equaled nine years of a man’s labor.

When I started, I thought I had some talent, but not in

biblical terms. This clarifies why I give my *time*.

Our local HFH unit is small compared to those in bigger towns and cities and this is why we do almost everything on the houses we build from the ground up. Several local businesses and contractors are called in to help with the bigger projects.

I've just finished my seventh year with Habitat. I've had the pleasure to build a number of homes for deserving families. I was also around when the Habitat Restore opened and helped on numerous "A Brush with Kindness" projects that assist people with small home repairs. In it all, I received the bigger blessing.

You too can join in the blessings. A special Habitat work day has been promoted here in *Your NFC* by the Sandals Sunday school class and Rick Muthiah. We hope you plan to join us tomorrow morning and/or afternoon. Anyone can come! Call Rick at 503-332-4940 for information about the work day. You're in for a lot of fun!



Habitat for Humanity plans a work day **tomorrow, August 6**. If you're able to join for the day – or for the morning or afternoon – please let

me know. Anyone can join! **Please e-mail me** or call 503-332-4940 to indicate interest or to ask questions. —Rick Muthiah

You are invited!

...to a 7- to 10-day learning tour of Ramallah, where our NW Friends live and serve. We will also visit the broader context: Jerusalem, the sea of Galilee, Jericho, Bethlehem, and Hebron.*

When: Spring 2017 **Cost:** approx \$2,500—depending on airfare, length of stay, and rating of accommodations.

To express your interest and receive further information as it becomes available, contact:

Elizabeth Sherwood

elizabeth@newbergfriends.org (NFCers)

Shawn McConaughey

smcconaughey@nwfriends.org (NWYMers)

*While this is not a traditional "Holy Land" tour, you can book an organized add-on tour before or after our excursion.



We have 60 bags to fill! Each one needs:

- 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

Please bring supplies to the NFC office during the month of August. Questions? Contact [Paula Hampton](#).



Now that we have your attention . . .

Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Drop-in Dessert

Monday, August 15

7-8:30 p.m.

14035 NE Tangen Rd

Newberg

for past and present volunteers



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
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Arnie Mitchell
buildings manager

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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Luke 10:38-42](#)

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 | on the lawn, weather permitting

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:30am | Agape Sunday school class

10:45am | worship gathering

Monday, August 8

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

Wednesday, August 10

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, August 12

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, August 13

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

Memorial service for Karen Scott | 3pm | NFC sanctuary

Sunday, August 14

Read ahead: Matthew 20:29-34

Plan Ahead

August 15 | Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Dessert | 7-8:30pm
(drop in) | 14035 NE Tangen Rd, Newberg | for past and present
volunteers

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

August 22 | Marriage Encouragement Group BBQ | 5pm | 14035 NE Tangen
Rd, Newberg | for all 2015-16 MEG couples and any interested to join
this fall | kids welcome

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

September 5 | NFC office closed for Labor Day holiday

September 7 | Children's Ministries Orientation | 10am and 7pm | Room 132
| for all children's ministry volunteers; please attend 1 of the 4 sessions

September 11 | Outdoor Worship | 10:45am

September 12 | Children's Ministries Orientation | 10am and 7pm | Room
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sessions

NFC's Calendar on the Web!