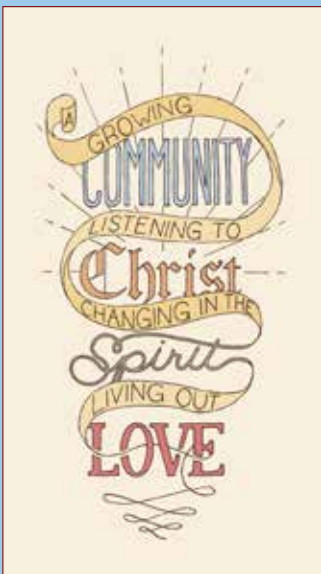


Your NFC

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

November 18, 2016



☉ All in a Day's Life

by Josh Bannister

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."



Well, the world changed last week politically. No one can deny that. Some of us may be excited for the future. Others of us may be terrified. But either way, we all have work to do.

No matter which way we align ourselves politically, there are people hurting in our country right now. I am a middle school teacher at Highland Park Middle School in Beaverton. The day after the election some of my students were truly terrified. The fear is real, and we have to address that fear. Despite our political differences, which we must put aside these next few years, I believe the need to address this fear is our higher calling as Christians.

God has committed to us as Christians the message of reconciliation. We must bring this message of reconciliation to those who are hurting. Victims of sexual violence and sexism are hurting. Blacks and Latinos. Women. LGBTQ people are in pain. Muslims and people of other religions. Our youth. Members of the yearly meeting are hurting. Particular leadership and pastors of the yearly meeting are hurting. My students are hurting. I've seen and heard the pain. The pain is real. No matter what we think or believe about sin or stand politically "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

This will look different for all of us. Some of us may go on marches and sign petitions. Some of us will wear safety pins on our shirts. Others may shut down a hurtful conversation. While some of us may take food or flowers to those in pain. But even better, we can start a conversation with someone who looks or acts different than us. Listen to their stories and their hurt. Show people that we care. Show those in pain we are capable of putting aside our differences and love no matter what.

Whatever we do, we must step out of our white Christian comfort zones and look outside of ourselves. We can't hide and let someone else do it. We must stand in front, beside, and behind those who are hurting. We must put aside our own feelings, convictions, and alliances to find those to whom God has called us to minister. Those on the fringes and those in pain. Jesus sought out the lepers, the tax collectors, the prostitutes, the widows, the poor, the sinners, and he showed that he

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cared. That's what we must do now. It's what we are commanded to do.

Our yearly meeting may also change in the upcoming months. And again, we are going to fall on different sides of the issue. And again, people are going to be deeply hurt with the decision, no matter

what. But despite where we fall on the issue, we have a higher calling. We are called to put aside our own feelings and convictions. We are called to seek out those who are hurting. We are called to love. To listen to the Holy Spirit together for guidance. We are called to reconcile.

Josh Bannister grew up in the small town of Ottawa, Illinois, just outside of Chicago. He moved to Oregon after college in 2007 and worked at Twin Rocks as an intern for two years. Afterwards, he moved to Newberg and immediately fell in love with Newberg Friends. He teaches middle school humanities and writing in Beaverton. And he is a huge Cubs fan. "We did it! We finally did it!"



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

AT BAUMAN AUDITORIUM

NOVEMBER 20

10 AM—COMMUNITY TIME

10:45 AM—WORSHIP

PLEASE NOTE!

AT THE BAUMAN SERVICE, YOUR CHECKS MADE OUT TO NFC (WITH NOTHING IN THE MEMO LINE) WILL GO TO OUR GENERAL FUND.

CHECKS WITH "THANKSGIVING OFFERING" IN THE MEMO LINE, AS WELL AS ALL CASH, WILL GO TO THE YEARLY MEETING THANKSGIVING OFFERING.

NWYM Thanksgiving Offering 2016

Every year Northwest Yearly Meeting takes a special Thanksgiving Offering to benefit a local or global program within the yearly meeting. This year Quaker Cove Friends Camp will be the recipient of the offering.

Quaker Cove was once a thriving ministry, but in the last 20 years, involvement and camp use has dwindled. In 2013 Karl and Liz (Sugden) Seume felt God calling them to Quaker Cove. Two years later, the Seumes and their three children moved from Germany to Quaker Cove. Liz writes the following: "When we arrived at Quaker Cove finances were rough, and a lot of work was needed to get the camp in rentable condition."

In the summer, the camp's rustic cabins can house groups of 75-85 people. In the winter, however, there are only four useable cabins (30 beds). With your help, Quaker Cove hopes to replace the Everett cabin, which has been out of use for many years and cannot be repaired. This will provide Quaker Cove with eight more warm beds year round and include a toilet and shower. The cabin costs approximately \$20,000. Quaker Cove is confident that with the extra capacity the cabin would provide, the cabin would pay for itself within two years. This would be the first new building at Quaker Cove in 50 years!



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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What's Ahead

SUNDAY

Combined Thanksgiving Service at Bauman Auditorium, George Fox campus | 10am Community Time, 10:45am worship

Monday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 23

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Thursday, November 24

NFC office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Friday, November 25

NFC office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Saturday, November 26

Men's prayer meeting | 8:15am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room

Sunday, November 27

Reading assignment: Isaiah 9:1-7

Plan Ahead

- November 28 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236
- November 28 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Loren Van Tassel, international students
- December 4/11/18 | 2017 directory photo op | 10am & 11:45am | Room 234
- December 4 | Newcomer Gathering | 10am | Room 236
- December 4 | Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary
- December 5 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older
- December 10 | wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508
- December 12 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236
- December 14 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring Monika Kadarmanto, GFU China Student trip
- December 16 | Letters of Hope | 6pm | social hall | Intergenerational potluck followed by a time to write to the sponsored child and or missionary you support
- December 19 | Eclectic Christmas | 7pm | Chehalem Cultural Center | watch for details in the December 2 *Your NFC*
- December 19 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring VOW: Gifting of Time
- December 24 | Annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Services | 5pm, 6:30pm, 8pm | NFC sanctuary
- December 25 | Christmas morning worship | 10:45am (one service only/no Sunday school)
- December 26-27 | NFC office closed for the holiday
- January 1 | New Year morning worship | 10:45am (one service only/no Sunday school)

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

Update from Elders

Honoring the Ministry of Cindy Johnson

We were saddened to receive the resignation of Cindy Johnson from her work in Senior Ministries. We, as Elders, have greatly appreciated Cindy's ministry to many of our members who are unable to attend, those who are facing illness and health issues, those who are involved in the JOY breakfasts and in so many other ways. Cindy's caring heart and her willingness to be the hands and feet of Jesus in ministry will be greatly missed.

The Elders look forward to honoring Cindy. Details will be announced as plans are finalized that fit with Cindy's travel and family plans in December.

The Elders, along with the Pastoral Team, have made plans to meet the immediate needs of Senior Ministries including visits, JOY Breakfasts and support to those with illness and other emergencies. In addition to this work by team members, several volunteers who have been available in the past or have stepped forward to volunteer can help at least through the end of the year. The Elders and Pastoral Team will be moving towards finding a new Senior Ministries person who would start in the new year.

Report to the Congregation on the Work of the Elders Regarding Pastoral Transition

The Elders are aware of the need to be proactive in the process of exploring next steps in this time of senior pastor transition and have a desire to clearly communicate our process to this point. Within the week of Gregg's resignation, which is effective June 30, 2016, Beth LaForce, Clerk of Elders met with Retha McCutchen, interim yearly meeting superintendent, to review the process that churches go through when a pastor resigns. The Elders have met several times since and the following process is in place.

As discussed at the June 2016 Congregational Meeting, there will be a deep discussion about budget and staffing based on the revenues given to this point and after the calendar year ends in December. Several members of Elders, three members of the pastoral team and members of the Stewards will meet to explore the best ways forward for staffing for July and beyond. The information from this budgeting and staffing process will allow the Elders to explore more specifically how to move forward given revenue and ministry needs. We ask you to pray with and for the Elders as we explore how God would want us to create a new team to minister in our intergenerational congregation. We continue to ask for your prayers for Newberg Friends Church and for our life as a body as we seek God's plan for the pastoral team.

*From the Elders
Beth LaForce, Clerk*

Remember and honor your loved ones. Order a Christmas plant today!



Yes, I would like to help decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season by providing _____ plant(s) (\$7.50/ea) in honor or memory of a loved one. I give it...

...in honor of _____

...in memory of _____

Given by _____

Signed _____

Please clearly mark your check "Christmas plant." Put this slip and your payment in an offering envelope and place it in the offering plate or take it to the church office by Monday, December 5. **PLEASE NOTE:** You may pick up your plant(s) following the Christmas morning worship service.

**Upcoming 2017
Directory Photo Ops
December 4 / 11 / 18
(and January 8 for Friendsview residents)**

**Providence Community Connections
& Faith in Action News**
Fall 2016
315 Villa Road, Suite 119 | Newberg, Oregon 97132 | 503-537-1548

Sherwood Area Visionaries Honored at 15 Year Celebration

The year was 2001. That fall we held our collective breath and watched, stunned, as a new national narrative of terror, retaliation and war arose that resounds still today. Amidst epic world events, however, a small but determined group of visionary people in Washington County, Oregon clung to a different life-giving narrative, to their faith and to the age-old understanding that God's compassion seeks a lot like ordinary people living out love, neighbor to neighbor.

The visionaries, these pioneers of the Sherwood Faith in Action, understood that people need help connecting.

They adopted the national Faith in Action volunteer caregiver model that helps create caring connections between those who have help to give and those who are in need of help and, despite the odds, launched the Sherwood area Faith in Action in the fall of 2001, offering hope in the face of tragedy, a local light in the global darkness. The timing could not have been better.

On Saturday, October 1, 2016, approximately 140 Washington County Neighbor Day volunteers gathered to celebrate the Sherwood area Faith in Action's 15th Anniversary at the YMCA and to honor the original program organizers before leaving out to do yardwork for 37 older adult households. Since November, 2001, Sherwood Faith in Action has coordinated the efforts of over 2,000 volunteers who have lent well over 20,000 hours of service to older adults and the families that care for them. Along with the Newberg area program, Sherwood area volunteers have been a healing presence in the lives of 8,300 older adults.

The following were instrumental in securing our first grant funding, served on the first advisory board and played a crucial role in the organization's first successful year. These are the hardworking and visionary people and organizations on whose shoulders we now stand: Stephanie Adams, Adams Schenkenberg, Tang Barrera, Sherwood Family Medicine, Barbara Booth, St. Francis Catholic Church, Sunny Boyer-Yepou, Sherwood YMCA, Eric Brown, Sherwood United Methodist Church, Michael Carlson, Willowbrook Christian Fellowship, Kimberly Connell-Croston, Senior Map, Betty Couch, St. Francis Catholic Church, Jo Ann De Salita, Sherwood YMCA, Timothy Edwards, Faith in Action, Jackie Eggers, Washington County DAFN, Mark Federspiel, Peggy Federspiel, Mayroe Stewart

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Engaging volunteers to create healthy communities together

Click the image on the left to read the fall Faith In Action newsletter.

While you enjoy your Thanksgiving break, your **Your NFC** editor will as well. See you back here on December 2!

Do you need to step away as a family from the busyness of the holiday season? Then sign up today for **Family Holiday Weekend** at Twin Rocks Friends Camp from December 9 to 11! This is a fun and affordable camp for all ages. Consider making this retreat a part of your family's holiday traditions! [Register online](#) or call 503-355-2284.

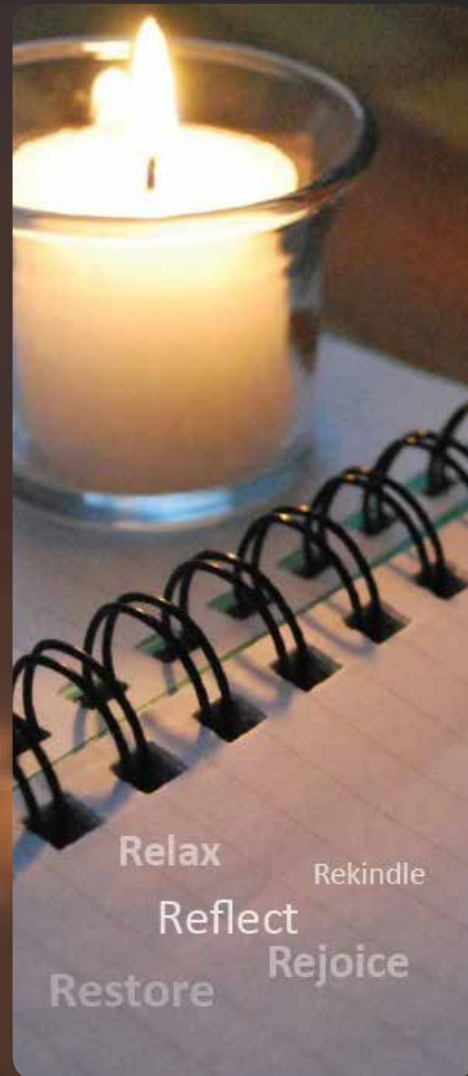
Sabbath ^{by} the Sea

I want to personally invite each of you to consider taking some time to come away and be with Christ this coming January. I have the opportunity to work with an exceptional group of people (including many NFCers) as we lead week-long and half-week retreats at Twin Rocks Harbor Villa on the beach in Rockaway, Oregon. Sabbath by the Sea is spacious, restful, and open for you to be with God. Bracketed by simple morning and evening prayers, the schedule leaves you free to explore, walk on the beach, nap by a fire, read, eat scrumptious food, and spend time with Jesus. Groups are limited to 12 participants.

Not everyone can get away for a whole week, so we offer opportunities to come from Monday to Thursday or from Thursday to Sunday. Those who work during the week can take one day off on Friday and still have a good chunk of time to pray and listen to God. I invite those who have attended a January retreat in the past to consider going again and taking someone with you who might need time and space in life right now.

Visit the website or give us a call! We will send you a brochure. The table is always set and Christ invites us to come away to listen, rest, and abide with him.

—**Steve Fawver**, pastor of spiritual health and care
503-538-8381



Daily schedule:

7:45- Pre-breakfast scripture & prayer
8:30- Breakfast
9:30- Morning gathering
10:15- Personal time
12:30- Lunch
1:30- Personal time
4:00- Optional spiritual direction
5:30- Dinner
6:45- Worship, highlights, and prayer
8:00- Sleep, play, relax, read...

Leaders:

December 29–January 1 • Gary and Susan Fawver
January 2–8 • Steve Fawver and Martha Wood
January 9–15 • Jo and Hank Helsabeck
January 16–22 • Paul Bock and Bethany Lee
January 23–29 • Bruce and Di Murphy
March 23–26 • Gary and Susan Fawver
*Worship singing will be led each week
by Mauri Macy or Nate Macy*