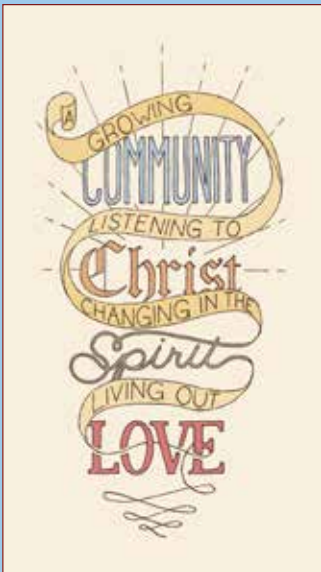


Your NFC

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

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☘ All in a Day's Life

by Joyce Owens

It was 3 a.m. on a rainy night in Crescent City, California. I sat in the co-pilot seat of the small air ambulance, en route to OHSU in Portland. My husband, the patient, was in the back with the paramedic and flight nurse, both friends of mine from the local hospital, where I worked as an R.N. As we flew, the pilot occasionally turned on the overhead light to read the manual (I was afraid to ask why) then pointed out the weather map to me, showing areas of lightning that we were avoiding. Needless to say, I was very thankful to see the lights of Portland and the Hillsboro airport when we landed.



This turned out to be a turning point, the event that helped us decide to leave our beautiful home overlooking the ocean in Brookings, OR, and move to Newberg—closer to medical care and close to my 91-year old mom, who lives at Friendsview Retirement Community.

Hi. I am Joyce Owens, wife of retired firefighter and husband extraordinaire, Jim Owens. I am one of those “Quaker kids,” third generation, but most of all, follower of Jesus Christ. I am living on those prayers of my parents and grandparents. In my teens, I rebelled against the expectations I felt from my conservative upbringing. After a failed marriage, with a broken heart, I rededicated my life to Jesus Christ and found his grace, peace, and joy to meet every trial. The faith of my fathers had become real to me in a fresh, new way that continues to this day. During 15 years as a single mom with three kids, and attending nursing school, Isaiah 54 became a reality in my life (God will be your husband). I discovered that every word in the Bible is true and had a purpose for my life. When we lived in the San Francisco Bay area, with double and triple locks on every door, I claimed 2 Timothy 1:7: “For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of love, of power, and of a sound mind.” This has become my life verse.

Jim and I have been married almost 30 years! We have six grown children, their spouses, eleven grandkids, and five great-grandkids. We pray for them, just as our parents prayed for us. And we know that God will be faithful to them, just as he was with us. What a Savior!





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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Luke 2:8-20

What's Ahead

SUNDAY

9am | Sunday school for children and adults — for times and classroom information, find "Educational Opportunities" at each entrance, each "Info Center," at the welcome center, or ask a greeter to help you.

9am | worship gathering

10-10:45am | Community Time | in the social hall and library

10am | 2017 directory photo op | Room 234

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:30am | Agape Sunday school class

10:45am | worship gathering

11:45am | 2017 directory photo op | Room 234

1pm | Bible Quiz practice | Friends Center

1-2:30pm | Thank-you reception for Cindy Johnson | Friendsview-Auditorium **RESCHEDULED for Sunday, January 8**

Monday, December 19

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Eclectic Christmas | 7pm | Chehalem Cultural Center

Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring VOW: Gifting of Time

Wednesday, December 21

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, December 23

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, December 24

Men's prayer meeting | 8:15am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room
Annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Services | 5pm, 6:30pm, 8pm | NFC sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

Reading assignment: Luke 2:1-20

worship | 10:45am (one service only/no Sunday school)

Plan Ahead

December 26-27 | NFC office closed for the holiday

January 1 | worship | 10:45am (one service only/no Sunday school)

January 1 | ~~Faizé gathering~~ cancelled due to holiday

January 2 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

January 8 | Equipo meeting | 3pm | North Valley Friends Church

January 8 | congregational business meeting | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

January 9 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

January 14 | wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

January 14 | Sewing and Packing Party (relief kits) | 10:30am | social hall

January 18 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30 | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring Lynn Holt, FTS to Ramallah

January 23 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Kathy Watson, Faith in Action

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

Child Safety at Newberg Friends – Training Required

Friends, we have only a couple weeks to get NFC into compliance with the Mandatory Minimums Policy given to us by NWYM. We have worked to get training completed since mid-September.

Watching the Abuse Prevention Training videos and taking the follow-up quiz is MANDATORY for all volunteers age 18 and older. As it stands right now, come January 1 - we will not be able to offer any of our children's Sunday school classes, nursery care, Godly Play, Children's Care, or Women's Bible Fellowship childcare due to the lack of qualified volunteers and paid childcare workers. Only a handful of our volunteers and workers have watched the Abuse Prevention Training videos and taken the quiz.

You will receive a certificate of completion when you watch the mandatory videos and take the online quiz. You must send the certificate to me as the final step in the Abuse Prevention Training.

All current volunteers and paid childcare workers should have an email from Angela Kantz with the link to the videos. If you can't find that email or need it resent, please contact me immediately.

If you are a Newberg Friends attender who wants to qualify to work with minors or disabled adults in any capacity at NFC, contact me so we can start the interview, application, and training process.

This is important child advocacy work for all of us.

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Schedule for Christmas Eve, Christmas, and New Year

NFC Candlelight Christmas Eve Services



5 pm • 6:30 pm • 8 pm

**Christmas Morning:
ONE service @ 10:45am
(no Sunday school)**

**New Year's Morning:
ONE service @ 10:45am
(no Sunday school)**



Upcoming 2017 Directory Final Photo Op December 18

10 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Room 234
(and January 8 for Friendsview residents)

**Please take a minute
(there's no time like the present)
to update your contact information for our
2017 directory.**

[CLICK HERE!](#)

LETTERS OF HOPE

This event has been cancelled due to weather.

However, you are encouraged to write and send notes anyway!

We will reschedule a Letters of Hope in the new year.

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letter of hope to the sponsored child or missionary partner you support.
6pm, Friday, December 16,
NFC Social Hall

RESCHEDULED!

Please come to a reception to honor and appreciate the ministry **Cindy Johnson** had with our Just Older Youth (seniors).

Friendsview Auditorium
Sunday, January 8, 2016
1-2:30 p.m.

ECLECTIC CHRISTMAS

~~West Hills Friends, Dec 16~~

~~Clatsop County Friends, Dec 17~~

Chehalem Cultural Center, Dec 19
7 pm, \$10 suggested donation

Christmas Giving Tree!

Thanks to all who took a tag from our Giving Tree. Remember to return the wrapped gift to the tree *this Sunday*.

We are now going global with the Giving Tree!

- Help pay off the travel debt for the Syrian family resettling in Salem. Choose an airplane from the tree and use it to give toward the \$6,500 owed. Airplane includes instructions. All gifts will be matched up to \$3,500.

- We are also collecting items for hygiene kits to send to a refugee camp. Choose a red-ribboned ornament from the tree, fill it with items listed, and return it *by January 8*.

