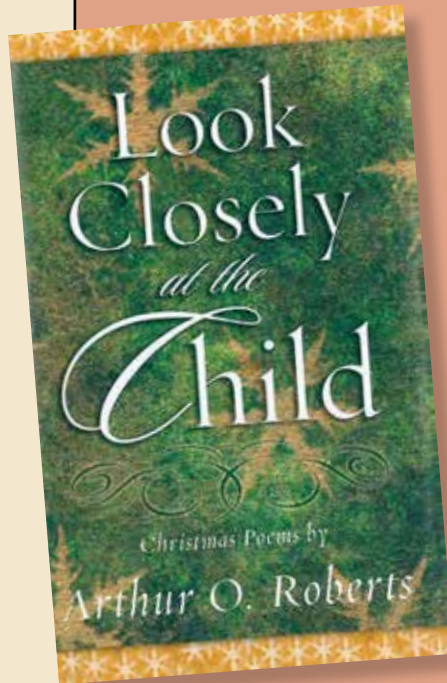
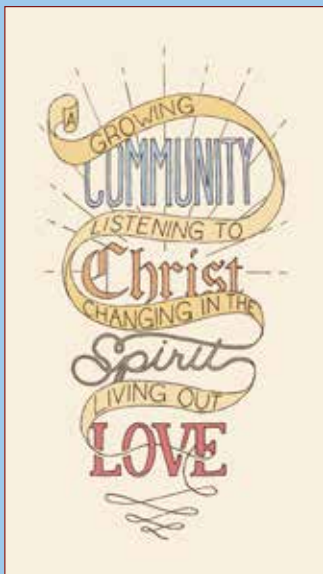


Your NFC

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

December 23, 2016



Gifts to the Child

To Bethlehem's Child
what shall one bring
who is jaded by routines
of ritual giving?

To celebrate Jesus' birth
I've presented money to
children and grandchildren,
perfume to my wife, plus
gifts less like the Magi's
lavish gold and spices.

This year I shall do more.

In Jesus' name I shall
feed refugees in Zaire.
I shall buy a trombone
for a needy high schooler
and visit a lonely neighbor.
In Jesus' name I shall make
my community a place
where children play safely,
where people work honestly
and receive fair wages,
where folk treat each other
respectfully, as children
of the Most High God.

If these gifts are spurned,
I shall cherish God's gift
of the Manger Child and cling
tenaciously to the Cross.

Arthur O. Roberts

from *Look Closely at the Child*
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Links to classic Christmas stories or free downloads:

[A Christmas Carol](#) by Charles Dickens

[The Three Kings](#) by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

[The Little Match Girl](#) by Hans Andersen

[The Gift of the Magi](#) by O. Henry

[Papa Panov's Special Christmas](#) by Leo Tolstoy

[Christmas Day in the Morning](#) by Pearl S. Buck

[The Holy Night](#) by Selma Lagerlof



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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Luke 2:1-20 John 1:9-14

What's Ahead

SUNDAY

10:45am | one Christmas worship gathering (no Sunday school)

Monday, December 26

NFC office closed for the Christmas holiday

Tuesday, December 27

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Wednesday, December 28

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, December 30

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Saturday, December 31

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

Sunday, January 1

Reading assignment: Luke 11:1-13

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

Taizé-gathering moved to January 8

Plan Ahead

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

January 4/5 | WBFpm / WBF resumes

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

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

January 8 | Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

January 8 | peace and justice committee meeting | 7:05pm | Room 232

January 8 | congregational business meeting | 6pm | NFC sanctuary | rescheduled for January 29

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 15 | Documentary: "Thirteenth" | 6:30pm | a gathering hosted by the peace and justice committee | social hall / sanctuary

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

January 29 | congregational business meeting | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

**Note: Your NFC will take a year-end break next Friday.
See you on January 6, 2017!**

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)**



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.**



Fruit of the Vine is now available at the welcome center. **\$5.25/ea.** This issue features NFC writer Phil Smith.

No ads for the Need Sheet this week. The deadline for the January 13 issue is January 11. To place a one-time free ad, e-mail: sherry@newbergfriends.org
You can find the Need Sheet 24/7 online at newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/



Global Christmas 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*.