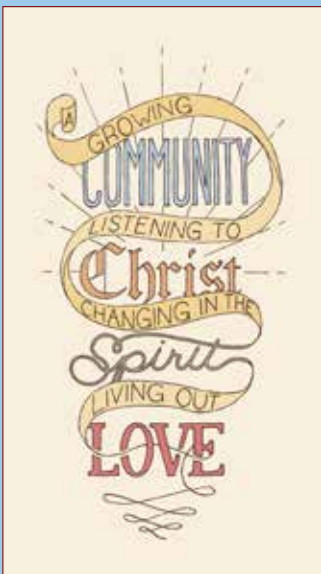


Your NFC

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

December 9, 2016



Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

by Ken Beebe
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Twin Rocks Friends Camp
& Conference Center



God's creation is simply amazing. It wordlessly describes God's glory.

At Twin Rocks Friends Camp people are introduced to Jesus through the beauties and wonders of nature. Whether staring at the stars, standing at the ocean's shore, strolling among stately evergreens, or paddling across a spring-fed lake, Twin Rocks campers are offered a tactile connection to the God of creation. They hear numerous sermons preached at camp, but the most effective may be the silent ones, those emanating from the natural world that surrounds the camp.

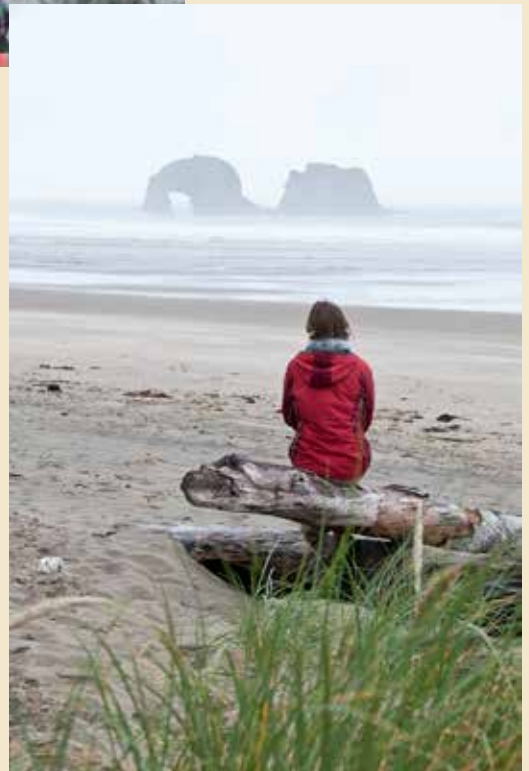


King David put it this way: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.... They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their

words to the ends of the world," (Psalm 19:1, 3-4 NIV).

In the day and age in which we live it is difficult to trust what people tell us. Advertisers mislead. Politicians bluster. Employers distort. Parents divorce. Friends disappoint. Perhaps it is best that the Lord chooses to use his creation to speak to us—without words.

Maybe that explains why Twin Rocks Friends Camp remains so successful. Each year more than 14,000 people of all ages attend retreats and



conferences on its grounds. About a fourth of these come from Friends churches, but the vast majority come to Twin Rocks from elsewhere, many from outside Christendom. Public schools, government agencies, secular social service organizations, and family reunions provide opportunity for those unfamiliar with the church to connect with God at camp, through God's gift of creation. Kids unwilling to attend church on Sundays joyfully sign up for summer camp.

At camp, God's still, small voice speaks loudly through his natural world. Encouraging kids to count stars or grains of sand enables them to witness God's greatness and love: "...what are mere mortals that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" (Psalm 8:4 TNIV). A morning's exploration of the tide pools goes a long way toward answering the question "Who is God?": Creative, fun-loving, orderly, purposeful, awe-inspiring, caring, intricate, immense, incomparable. And taking in the simple magnificence of a newt or hummingbird helps campers believe they too are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

As Twin Rocks approaches its 2018 Centennial, it is obvious that, facility-wise, much about the camp has changed over the decades. Its 1918 founders would hardly recognize the place. And yet the core purpose of camp remains unchanged, as God's elegant "words" spoken through creation continue to reverberate among a new generation of campers. May God continue to be glorified at Twin Rocks, heartily engaging campers through his great creation.



Ken has served as executive director at Twin Rocks for the past 23 years. Prior to that, he and his wife, LeAnn, were members of Newberg Friends Church, having attended NFC through much of their high school, college, and young adult years. They married at Newberg Friends 30 years ago this month, and are the grateful parents of two young adults – Mark and Grayce (married to Tyler Mack).

Twin Rocks Friends Camp is a 350-bed facility on 120 acres located along the north Oregon Coast near the town of Rockaway Beach. It is one block from the Pacific Ocean and is surrounded by lake, stream, and coastal forest. It enjoys a long and prosperous history and will celebrate its Centennial in 2018. Newberg Friends is one of 25 Friends churches in western Oregon and southwest Washington whose members collectively own the camp. According to Ken, "Twin Rocks owes a huge debt of gratitude to the generous people of Newberg Friends." Each year, NFC members provide thousands of volunteer labor hours to the camp. Dozens of NFC families give financially. Four of Twin Rocks' board members, four of its "camp directors" (who coordinate important Twin Rocks programs), and a large percentage of its speakers, teachers, and cabin counselors originate from Newberg Friends. And virtually all of the pastoral team of Newberg Friends spent a week (or more) at Twin Rocks in 2016 helping oversee a Twin Rocks camp or retreat.



Pastoral Team

Michelle Akins
children and family ministries

Steve Fawver
spiritual health and care

Gregg Koskela
lead pastor

Eric Muhr
youth ministries

Elizabeth Sherwood
administration

Nolan Staples
worship ministries

Support Staff

Kara Estep
youth ministries coordinator

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bookkeeper/receptionist

Sherry Macy
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buildings manager

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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Matthew 1:18-25

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

Monday, December 12

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

Wednesday, December 14

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring Monika Kadarmanto, GFU China Student trip

Middle School youth group | 6pm | Friends Center

Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit | 6:45-8:30pm | Barclay A/B

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

High school youth group | 7:30pm | Friends Center

Thursday, December 15

Women's Bible Fellowship | 8:45am | social hall

Friday, December 16

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Letters of Hope | 6pm | social hall | Intergenerational potluck followed by a time to write to the sponsored child and/or missionary you support

Saturday, December 17

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

Sunday, December 18

Reading assignment: Luke 2:8-20

2017 directory photo op | 10am and 11:45am | Room 234

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

Plan Ahead

December 19 | Eclectic Christmas | 7pm | Chehalem Cultural Center

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

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

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

Oh, Babies!




Sam Elliott (top) and **Octavia (Tavi) Joy Kelley** were born to **Sarah and Mark Kelley** on December 4, 2016. Ticked pink (and blue) grandparents are **Don and Miriam Staples**; uncles **Nolan, Matt, and Roy Staples**; and great-grandparents **Carolyn Staples** and **Ron and Claudine Staples**.

**2ND
ANNUAL
FEED THE HUNGRY DAY
CHRISTMAS EVE
1PM – 5PM
BERT'S CHUCKWAGON
BBQ**

203 Villa Rd Newberg

Again this year we will be closing the restaurant down and helping people in need. So if you have a neighbor, friend or family member that is going through a tough time then send them down here. We will welcome them with open arms, a hot meal and friendly conversation.



Upcoming 2017 Directory Photo Ops December 11 / 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!](#)

Christmas Giving Tree!



Look for the Giving Tree in the sanctuary, by the Welcome Center. **CHOOSE** a tag from the tree, **PURCHASE** a gift, **WRAP** it, **TAPE** the tag on the back of the gift, and **PLACE** the gift under the tree by December 18. The gifts benefit children served by Freedom in the Son (a ministry for children who have a parent in prison) and Yamhill Community Action Partnership's shelter here in Newberg.

For more details, contact
Denise Brooks or Kay Passmore.



ECLECTIC CHRISTMAS

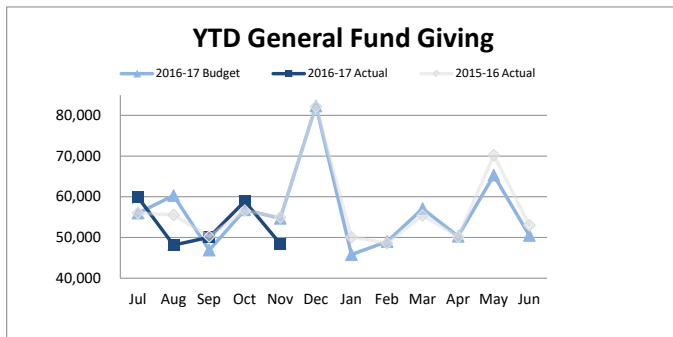
West Hills Friends, Dec 16
 Cherry Grove Friends, Dec 17
 Chehalem Cultural Center, Dec 19
 7 pm, \$10 suggested donation

Prayer for Our Yearly Meeting

Please pray for representatives of the churches from Northwest Yearly Meeting who will be meeting here at our church starting Friday at 1 pm, and continuing until Saturday at 4 pm, if needed. The representatives will continue to listen to each other and to Christ about the yearly meeting elders' decision to release West Hills Friends Church from membership in our yearly meeting.

Please pray for our Newberg Friends representatives: Josh Bannister, Davida Brown, Stefan Czarnecki, Mareesa Fawver (alternate), Gary Hankins, Dick Sartwell, Phil Smith (alternate), and David Thomas (alternate). Pray for youth representative, Gabe Fawver.

Financial Recap for November 2016

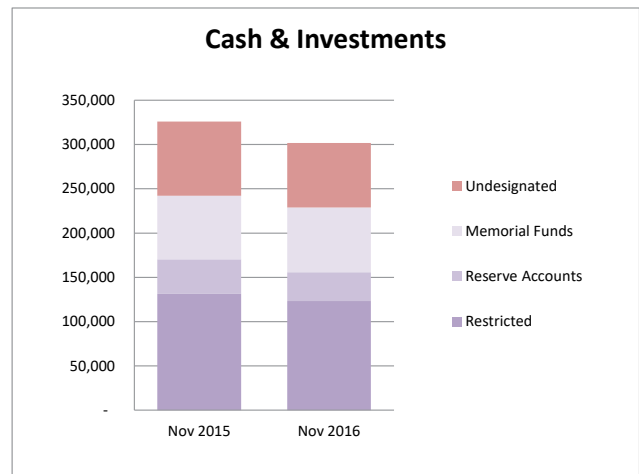


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| Difference (in thousands) | 4 | (12) | 3 | 2 | (6) |
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Actual vs. Budget
Current vs Prior Yr

| YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Beginning | Income | Expense | Balance |
| Global Outreach | (360) | 8,200 | 7,425 | 415 |
| Outside Ministries | 4,728 | 5,532 | 5,532 | 4,728 |
| Compassionate Care | 12,108 | 8,316 | 5,038 | 15,386 |
| NFC Ministries | 10,331 | 1,813 | 4,271 | 7,873 |
| Scholarships | 6,722 | 1,110 | 4,331 | 3,502 |
| Facilities | 138 | - | 108 | 30 |
| Other Funds | 105,441 | 4,082 | 18,140 | 91,382 |
| Memorial Funds | 73,000 | 95 | - | 73,095 |
| Totals | 212,108 | 29,148 | 44,845 | 196,411 |

| General Fund Year-to-Date | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Ahead/ (Behind) |
| Income | 288,028 | 299,527 | (11,499) |
| Expense | (310,158) | (336,690) | 26,532 |
| Net | (22,130) | (37,164) | 15,033 |



A complete financial report can be found on the bulletin board in the library.



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

Friendsview Auditorium
Sunday, December 18, 2016
1-2:30 p.m.

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)**

LETTERS OF HOPE



Writing makes a difference.

Whether you sponsor a child or support a missionary, your letters and pictures make a world of difference to the person you pray for and help financially. Your words and drawings build relationship and are a tangible reminder that you and God care. Bring hope!

**Enjoy a intergenerational potluck
dinner and an opportunity to write a
letter of hope to the sponsored child or
missionary partner you support.**
6pm, Friday, December 16,
NFC Social Hall

Sandals Class Invitation



Rachelle Staley, NWYM associate superintendent of youth and young adults, will join the Sandals Sunday school class this Sunday, sharing about "letting tears and laughter be our composting process toward accepting the messiness of freedom." All are welcome to join (or visit) the Sandals intergenerational faith/learning community at 9 a.m. any Sunday morning in the social hall.



The poinsettias that enhance the beauty of our sanctuary this Christmas season are given...

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Karen Scott
Randall and Margaret Dicus, Gertrude Scott
by *Chuck Scott*

Annette Howe Carlisle
by *Ken and Ann Howe and family*

Willard and Mary Kennon
Charles and Mildred Beals
by *Brian and Janice Beals*

Betty McKee (Mark's mom)
by *Mark and Kati McKee*

Janette Stoltzfus
by *the Stoltzfus family*

Judy Harmon
by *Howard and Bethlin Harmon*

Beryl Woodward
by *Ron and Nancy Woodward, Jim and Elaine Penn*

Arden Butler
by *Joan, Jodi, and Dennis Butler*

Marjorie Crisman
by *Clynton Crisman*

Ralph and Edith Comfort
Ruth and Oscar Brown
by *Rick and Laurie Comfort*

Donald Behrends
Douglas Behrends
by *Kyle and Suzanne Kern*

IN HONOR OF:

Hubert and Shirley Mardock
Marvin and Maribeth Hampton
by *Bob and Cheri Hampton*

Elsie Richardson, mother and grandmother
by *the Tschan family*

Remembering and honoring the gift of our families
by *Jo and Hank Helsabeck*

Bety Rivas (Joshua's birth mom)
Teresa Caldeon (Nataly's birth mom)
Paul and Eleanor Nordling (Joshua and Nataly's
grandparents)

by *Mark and Kay Passmore*

John and June Fortune (Kati's grandparents)
by *Mark and Kati McKee*

Doctors, Nurses, and all staff of Penrose-St. Francis
Hospital, Colorado Springs
by *Ron and Carolyn Stansell*

Need Sheet

Needed:

- Hispanic family wants to move from Woodburn to Newberg. They need a house with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Willing to pay \$1,200 per month. They have \$1,200 for the first month, plus 500 dollars of security deposit. Please contact Pastor Angel R. Diaz at 503-544-5742.
- Single working mother needs a mature male mentor/companion for her special needs teenage son two days a week. Starting pay \$10-12/hour. Contact Kim at kimberlymahurin2@gmail.com.

For Sale:

- *Great Books of the Western World* by Encyclopedia Britannica. 54 hardcover volumes. \$150 OBO. If interested, please contact Richard Sanders at 503-792-3303.

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