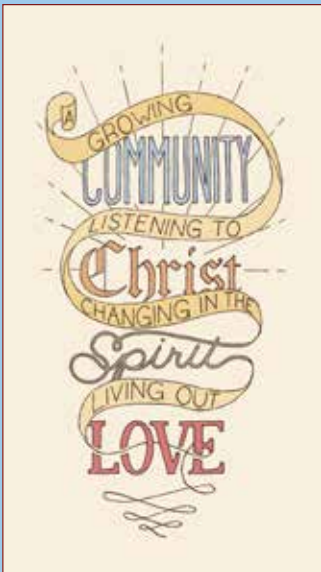


Your NFC

a weekly newsletter for the
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Newberg Friends Church
community

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☉ All in a Day's Life

by Becky Ankeny



Today, February 3, 2017, four of my five grandchildren are here at my house after a “sweepover.” We are iced in. The grader/sander truck is stuck right by our driveway. I have drunk a lot of coffee, read my email, posted a comment I’m a little worried about on Facebook, and played a video game. I bought new organic cereal for the kids’ breakfast yesterday.

It is hard for me to believe, given these things, that my world feels shaken, but it does. I did worry for a while in the summer about the big quake coming to the West Coast. I’m still waiting for that, but events both political and denominational have left me wondering what’s next in my world.

What kind of church will my grandchildren attend? Will they want to attend church? Will their gifts and insights be welcomed in their church? Will they welcome others’ gifts and insights?

What kind of nation will my grandchildren grow up in? Will they want to be part of it? Will their gifts and insights be welcomed in their nation? Will they welcome others’ gifts and insights?

It is my grandchildren—three girls and two boys—who make me want to make sure the future is bright for them. How can I do that?

I’ve always made it a high priority to show the children in my care that God loves them, that Jesus is always with them, that they carry the light that lights every person who comes into the world. This knowledge will help them be resilient, as it did me.

I also want to model faithfulness, even when I am anxious. God began talking with me about being spiritually homeless more than a year ago. My spiritual home wasn’t George Fox University, where I worked from 1988 through 2011. My spiritual home isn’t Northwest Yearly Meeting, where I worked from 2012 through June 2016. My spiritual home is in fact in God. “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee” (Augustine of Hippo, late 4th century A.D.). It is a mistake I have easily made to try to rest in a more visible spot: a nation, an institution, a structure—a congregation, even.

But even as I am embracing this specific homelessness, I want my grandchildren to feel at home in my congregation, my denomination, my religion, my nation. Thus it is important to protect them from any talk or action that comes out of my fears and anxieties. I need to make “no sudden moves” (credit to Noah Baker Merrill), and I need to share joy and peace and love with them. When I talk with them, I need to express openly my trust that God is in fact our home, Jesus carries us in his heart, the Holy Spirit is our constant companion to whom we can turn every time we get weary or confused.

Years ago, I was encouraged by Bill Vaswig, a Lutheran preacher, who said that when we ask God for help and guidance, we need to expect an answer, to be on our toes ready to obey. I can pass this on to my grandchildren as God's honest truth and model a cheerful itinerancy through this world.

My two older grandchildren (10 and 8) were upset over the announcement that NWYM will split. So Sunday, I talked with them. I told them, "I think this is like a plant that has been in the same pot for a long time and has become root bound. When that happens to a plant, sometimes you have to take it out of

the pot and comb out its roots and separate it into two or more plants and then repot them so they can grow big and healthy again. That's how I'm thinking of this split, and it comforts me. I think God gave me this picture. It's going to be all right."

And now I'm sharing it with you in case it helps you, too. Let's care for the next generations: let's make it easy for them to trust in God, and let's model for them that God is in fact our resting place.

And now the grader/sander truck has moved on up the road, and it's time to find out what the grandkids want for breakfast.

I've attended NFC, girl and woman, for more than 35 years. Mark and I were married here in 1975. Both of my daughters held their weddings here. I have met God during worship services and committee meetings here, and I've learned so much about God from various pastors and congregations over the years. My professional life has been as an English professor, a university administrator, a general superintendent. Right now, I'm spending time just spending time, waiting to hear from God what's next for the day and for the near future.



Peace and Justice Meeting and Movie Night Sunday, February 19 6:30pm • social hall

Come for pizza, a meeting to check in on events/projects, then view "The Good Lie." The movie follows a group of siblings fleeing from Sudan through their resettlement journey in the US.

Rating: PG - 13 (violence and a sexually suggestive scene)

Rain or shine let's find
REFRESHMENT
together at the
beach!



TWIN ROCKS
friends camp

Newberg Friends Church

Women's Retreat

March 10-12, 2017
Twin Rocks Friends Camp

\$123

\$128 (with Friday dinner)

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Contact Michelle Akins for details: michelle@newbergfriends.org
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For all women, all ages!
Live loved - relax, play, laugh, unwind, breathe deeply, and savor a weekend made for you.



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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Galatians 3

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

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:30am | Agape Sunday school class

10:45am | worship gathering

1pm | Bible Quiz practice | Friends Center

6:30pm | Peace & Justice meeting and movie night | social hall | Come for pizza, a short meeting, then viewing "The Good Lie," which follows siblings fleeing from Sudan through their resettlement journey in the US. Rating: PG-13 (violence and a sexually suggestive scene)

Monday, February 20

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, February 22

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Middle school youth group | 6:00pm | Friends Center

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

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

Thursday, February 23

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

3:4-5 Fun Night | 6-8pm | FC gym | dinner, games, stories, and a presentation by Love INC on growing community | for children in 3rd-5th grade

Friday, February 24

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Family Game Night | 7-10pm | Barclay A | Bring your favorite card and board games and a snack to share.

Saturday, February 25

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

Margaret Fell Friends Women Dessert Tea | 2-4pm | NFC social hall | to attend, contact Janelle Nordyke 503-550-4114

Sunday, February 26

Reading assignment: Galatians 4

Plan Ahead

February 27 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

March 5 | Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

March 6 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

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

March 12 | Daylight Saving Time begins

March 13 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

You are invited...



...to a Ladies Dessert Tea



Saturday, February 25

2-4 p.m.

NFC social hall

Click HERE for more information.

RSVP in the library or in the social hall between services or call Janelle Nordyke at 503-550-4114 by February 23.



Family Game Night!

Friday, February 24, 7-10pm

**Newberg Friends Church
Barclay A**

Bring your favorite card and board games, a snack to share, and some friends.

Get ready to play!



**Abuse Recovery
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