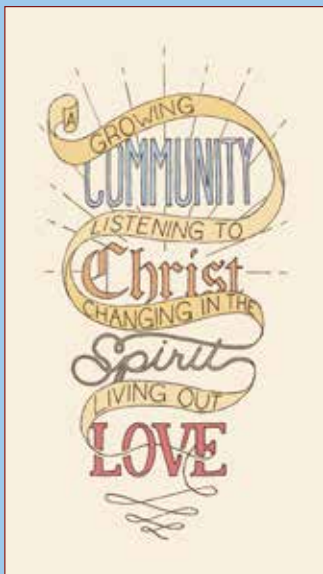


Your NFC

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

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☪ Ministry Happens

Working with Young People

by Taylor Swan

As a young adult with no college degrees and no consistent income, I learned a few years back to

avoid the question, “What do you do for a living?” I didn’t feel I had the right answer. Lately, however, I’ve found a response I like, “I’m a Young Life leader.” In the last couple years, God has focused my life on loving and serving youth through Young Life. It’s not technically how I “make a living,” but it is a major part of how I go about living. Being a Young Life leader is a style of life formed by choices and unusual events in which I get to try every day to love young people and live life with them.

One day I might be making pancakes that have more chocolate chips than flour because “they’re better that way.” On another day I might cry with a 7th grader as he grieves yet another breakup – his third that week. On an especially tough day, I might drive a kid to court where his mom waits for him as a witness against his dad. On a fun day, I might spend hours kicking a soccer ball around and telling silly jokes that don’t even make sense.

In this roller-coaster ride of middle school ministry, it can be challenging to stay focused. Young Life’s mission is this: to introduce students to Jesus and help them grow in their faith. Sounds easy – some people even make it look easy – but I’ve found it to be pretty complicated. Eighth grade students, the age I’m currently working with, have so many challenges and struggles, many of which I’ve never experienced myself. It makes me marvel at their character and resilience.

Sometimes I wonder if God uses the students to teach me more than he uses me to teach them. Here’s some of what I’m learning: **Play.** God made us to enjoy life together and with him. The New Tes-



tament epistles talk a lot about rejoicing, no matter the difficulties we face. In working with middle schoolers, I see families divide,





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all publications items
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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Galatians 4

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

Monday, February 27

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C
Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B
Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

Wednesday, March 1

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, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5

Read ahead: Philippians 2:1-11
Taizé gathering | 5pm | NFC sanctuary (note time change: one hour earlier)
YM Restructuring Info Night | 6:30-8pm | NFC sanctuary

Plan Ahead

March 6 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older
March 10-12 | NFC Women's Retreat at Twin Rocks Friends Camp | see p.5
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
March 15 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring Joanna Cox
March 17-18 | Spiritual Formation Retreat | led by Renovare staff Chris Hall and Carolyn Arends | a time for spiritual growth and intentional time with Jesus | contact Steve Fawver for more information | more info on p. 4
March 23 | Letters of Hope | 6pm | social hall | potluck supper and an opportunity to write a letter of hope to the child you sponsor, missionary you support, or anyone you believe could use a word of encouragement
March 27 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

NFC's Calendar on the Web!



RENOVARÉ

In-Town Spiritual Renewal Retreat

March 17-18, 2017

@ Newberg Friends Church

Open to all!

Newberg Friends Church, in partnership with Chehalem Valley Presbyterian Church, will sponsor a guided time of personal review, reflection, and hope-filled renewal in Christ. Chris Hall and Carolyn Arends, seasoned spiritual directors from the Renovaré ministry, will facilitate our renewal retreat. Renovaré is the ministry founded by former Newberg pastor, GFU professor, and author Richard Foster. The mission of Renovaré is to foster spiritual renewal and fullness of life with God.

About our facilitators:

- **Dr. Chris Hall** is president of Renovaré ministry (previously chancellor), director of Spiritual Formation and distinguished professor of theology at Eastern University.
- **Carolyn Arends** is a musician, speaker, author, wife, mom, college instructor, and director of the Renovaré Spiritual Formation Institute.

Our purpose:

Spiritual renewal and soul-refreshment. Think of this as a personal retreat with others. Time to review, reflect and renew life with God.

Friday, March 17: 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 18: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$30 (General) \$15 (Student)

includes refreshments both days and box lunch on Saturday

And Jesus said, "All who are weary and heavy laden come, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

To register, [click this link](#).

SAVE THESE DATES!

NFC Discernment Process regarding NWYM Restructure

*Gatherings and survey
are intended for regular
attenders and members only.*

March 5

6:30 p.m.

Informational Gathering

March 5-19

Survey Open

(available online and hard copy)

April 9

6:30 p.m.

Survey Report

April 23

Listening Forums

2 p.m.

*Sharing reasons for staying
in NWYM*

6:30 p.m.

Sharing reasons for leaving NWYM

April 24 – May 5

*Leadership Discernment
Meetings*

May 7

6:30 p.m.

*Business Meeting with a minute of
recommendation from the
leadership team
(clerks of the meeting, elders, pastors)*





Attention, Young Friends Singers!

We are inviting children to lead us in worship through song on Sunday morning, April 23! We will meet to practice our singing together at 10 a.m. on the first four Saturdays in April. All children age 5 through 5th grade are welcome to join us.

Parents, please put this on your calendar and let me know if your child(ren) will be joining us!

Contact:

Nolan Staples | 971-732-9479
nolan@newbergfriends.org

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)

Registration and scholarship forms available in the NFC office or online: newbergfriends.org

Contact Michelle Akins for details: michelle@newbergfriends.org
503-539-5041

For all women, all ages!
Live loved - relax, play, laugh, unwind, breathe deeply, and savor a weekend made for you.



Taizé Gathering

Sunday, March 5 • 5 p.m.

(note earlier time)

Understanding your neighbors' concerns about

immigration

Help keep families together

Information about:

- Newberg police
- Public schools
- City Council
- Legal rights
- Preparing to defend yourself

Contact:

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Join us!

Thursday, March 2 • 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Edwards Elementary cafeteria
715 E 8th St, Newberg

childcare provided

organized by



Happy March Birthday

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| <p>2 Sage Macy</p> <p>3 Jonathan Beals
Pat Landis
Ella St. Cyr</p> <p>4 Gerald Lemmons
Peter Snow</p> <p>5 Laura Groves</p> <p>6 Mark Ankeny
Hayley Koskela</p> <p>7 Sylvia Littlefield
Finley Moore</p> <p>9 Larry Haverman
Phyllis McCracken
Janelle Nordyke
Starla Osburn</p> <p>10 Ryan Brooks</p> <p>11 Russ Heater</p> | <p>12 Ben Swan</p> <p>13 Harvey Bowen
Korie Buerkle</p> <p>14 Brent Peterson</p> <p>15 Megan Anna Neff
Stephanie St. Cyr
Rachelle Staley</p> <p>16 Patty Findley</p> <p>17 Taylor Martin
Linda Walker</p> <p>18 Marla Linvog
Phyllis McKinney</p> <p>19 Henry Copeland</p> <p>20 Wren Parker</p> <p>21 John Buerkle</p> <p>22 Andy Copeland
Barb Steltz</p> | <p>23 Laurie Comfort
Sylvia Halse
Garrett Headrick
Samson Miele</p> <p>24 Indie Ragsdale
Truman Stone
Lori Swan</p> <p>25 Gene Comfort
Brenda Wooldridge</p> <p>27 Stephanie Andres
Miriam Staples</p> <p>28 Addy Denton
Jeff Denton</p> <p>29 Kylie Libby</p> <p>30 Jim Owens</p> <p>31 Carol Thomas</p> |
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Need Sheet

Needed:

- GFU student is heading to Colorado for a summer internship and needs a cheap yet reliable car. If you know of anyone selling one that might be a good deal, please contact Nicole at 503-951-8240.

For Sale:

- Strumstick (D) with case in new condition. Sounds similar to a banjo; can be plucked or strummed. Easy to play. Check it out on YouTube. Asking \$160. Call 503-538-4318.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail:
sherry@newbergfriends.org
 deadline: March 8 • no phone-in ads;
 please resubmit repeated ads

You are invited...



...to a

Ladies Dessert Tea

**Saturday, February 25
2-4 p.m.**

NFC social hall

RSVP in the library or in the social
 hall between services
 or call Janelle Nordyke at
 503-550-4114 by February 24.

[Click HERE for more
information.](#)