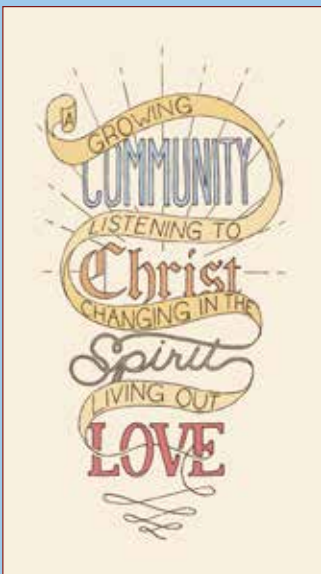


Your NFC

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

March 10, 2017



From Me to You

by Steve Fawver



As most of us know we have entered a two-month time of intentional discernment as a body here at Newberg Friends. The NWYM (our denomination) is being restructured and we have decisions to make that have implications for us all. As I have been in this process I find myself saying, “Nothing has changed and everything has changed...” I would guess that if each of us stop and consider the day before the NWYM decision and the day after we would be able to list many values, hopes, and callings of Christ that have not changed. But I know for me the day after this decision I realized that some practical things have changed. We have decisions before us that have implications for our daily life together. Things around Newberg Friends will not be the same no matter what choices we make as individuals and as a community. While this does raise up feelings of grief, pain, loss, and wonderment, today I want to name some core things that have not changed in me.

I care for this community deeply and will live into the call to pastor (shepherd) us in this process of transition and change.

I commit to be open to listen to Christ and let the Spirit move in and through me.

I commit to do what I can to have open hands and an open heart. I commit to live into the call to be careful with my words, actions, and attitudes.

I commit to seek to help us all live into the calls of Christ that are rising up within us.

I commit to pray for you and us all that we keep in step with the Spirit (Galatian 5:25) of Christ.

I commit to continue to remind myself and us all to keep seeking to do the kingdom work of God in this world.

The decisions before us need to be made and many things will look different. I wonder how we might make sure that these next months (and even years) we can be people that seek to bless one another. How might we reach out and be a blessing to those with whom we disagree? How might we speak words that bless and affirm the Imago Dei (Image of God) in each person? The decisions we make are important, but the heart of love that we have is primary. May we be a community that loves one another deeply no matter what!

Reminder! Take the Discernment Survey

Click [HERE](#) for online survey.

Find print copies at the welcome center and in the office.



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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Micah 6:6-8

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

Monday, March 13

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

Wednesday, March 15

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B
Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom | featuring Joanna Cox
Middle school youth group | 6:00pm | Friends Center
WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C
High school youth group | 7:30pm | Friends Center

Thursday, March 16

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

Friday, March 17

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B
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 | see page 3

Saturday, March 18

Men's prayer meeting | 8:15am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room
Graveside service for Aaron Hutchens | 11am | Newberg Friends Cemetery

Sunday, March 19

Read ahead: Galatians 5
Equipo meeting | 3pm | North Valley Friends Church

Plan Ahead

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 25 | memorial service for Margaret Morse | 1pm | NFC sanctuary
March 27 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236
March 27 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Retha McCutchen
April 1 | memorial service for Reta Stuart | 2pm | NFC sanctuary
April 2 | Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary
April 3 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

☛ Heaven's Gain

Margaret Morse died on March 3, 2017, at age 107. She had been a member since 1974. Family members at NFC include daughter **Barbara Morse** and son **Gene (Phyllis) Morse**. A memorial service will be held at NFC on Saturday, March 25, at 1 p.m.



NFC Discernment Process regarding NWYM Restructure *Gatherings and survey are intended for regular attenders and members only.*

Childcare and Friendsview transportation provided for all gatherings

**Be sure to take the
discernment survey by March 19!**

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
(clerks of the meeting, elders, pastors)*

May 7

6:30 p.m.

*Business Meeting with a minute of
recommendation from the
leadership team*



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)

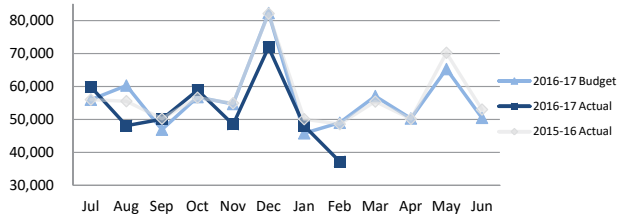
includes refreshments both days and box lunch on Saturday

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](#).

Financial Recap for February 2017

YTD General Fund Giving



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Actual vs. Budget Current vs Prior Yr

YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds

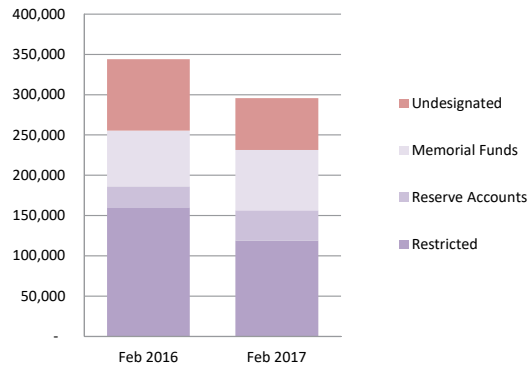
	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	(360)	12,730	12,083	287
Outside Ministries	4,728	7,745	7,845	4,628
Compassionate Care	12,108	10,556	13,346	9,318
NFC Ministries	10,331	2,581	5,044	7,868
Scholarships	6,722	1,560	4,331	3,951
Facilities	138	950	120	968
Other Funds	105,441	12,209	25,592	92,058
NFC Operations Fund	-	6,005	6,005	-
Memorial Funds	73,000	1,999	-	74,999
Totals	212,108	56,335	74,366	194,077

IMPORTANT NOTE: The monthly general fund giving shown in the upper left chart does not include the designated gifts of \$6,005 that were given to the NFC Operations Fund. The donations in that fund were transferred to the general fund income totals at the end of the month, and are reflected in the year-to-date general fund report (upper right corner).

General Fund Year-to-Date

	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	464,850	489,864	(25,014)
Expense	(496,297)	(519,879)	23,582
Net	(31,447)	(30,015)	(1,432)

Cash & Investments



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



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

Youth Pastor Search Has Begun!

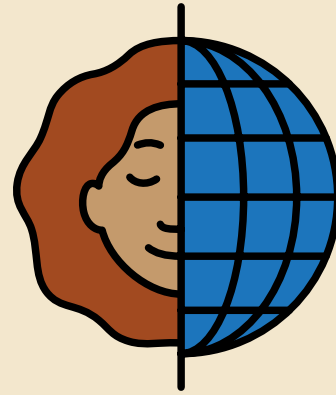
Newberg Friends Church has begun a search for a full-time youth pastor who would begin July 1, 2017. The complete application can be found by clicking the link below. Hard copies of the application can also be found at the Welcome Center in the sanctuary and in the NFC office. We encourage you to share the link with others you sense might be interested in youth ministry. Direct questions to Steve Fawver or Michelle Akins.

tinyurl.com/NFCYouthPastorApp

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2017 JOHN WOOLMAN PEACEMAKING FORUM

PEACE: PERSONAL & GLOBAL



Monday, March 20

Community Lecture: Peacemaking: More Than Good Intentions
7-8:30 p.m., EHS 102

Guest Speaker: Dr. Michelle Loyd-Paige

Peacemaking can take many forms. No matter which path is followed, it is hard and costly work. It is not for the faint of heart. Yet, when we pursue peace with our neighbors – locally and globally – we are doing kingdom work.

Refreshments will be provided by the Center for Peace and Justice.

Tuesday, March 21

Chapel: A Bigger Hospitality
10:50-11:40 a.m., Bauman Auditorium

Guest Speaker: Dr. Michelle Loyd-Paige

As Christians, no matter where we live, our worship is shaped by culture. Cultural differences can separate and cause tensions, but they don't have to. How can embracing cultural differences enrich our worship?

Peacemaking Connections Expo
11:30 – 1:30 p.m., Canyon Commons 103

A job and internship opportunities fair with non-profit peacemaking and service organizations.
Refreshments will be provided by the Center for Peace and Justice.



Michelle Loyd-Paige is the executive associate to the president for diversity and inclusion and also holds an appointment of professor of sociology at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 2015, she was the recipient of the Floyd Skinner Justice Award. Michelle serves on the CCCU Commission for Diversity and Inclusion, and as the associate pastor at her home church, Angel Community Church.

*"Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."
Luke 1:45*



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CENTER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Need Sheet

Needed:

- Wanted: We are looking for a used outdoor patio set to purchase. Please let us know if you are looking to lighten your load! Call Colleen at 503-476-6842.

Available:

- Sweet indoor/outdoor one-year-old female cat. Spayed with all shots. Calico, slightly skittish but affectionate with her people. Ideal farm, barn cat who can also come inside for love. To a good home only. Call Robert at 503-487-6571.
- Alaskan lodging available: Large private cabin available for rent on 5 acres 25 miles north of Homer on the Kenai Peninsula. Nightly, weekly, monthly. Sleeps 8, 1.5 bath, W/D, WiFi, satellite TV, fully furnished kitchen and all linens/towels. Plan a great vacation and make Happy Valley Haven your home away from home. Mention this ad for a 10% discount. Search Ninilchik, AK - Happy Valley Haven to see pictures. Contact meclock@gmail.com for details.
- Does anyone need housesitters during the coming summer months, while we wait for the new apartments to be finished at Friendsview? Dates are flexible. Contact Dick or Kathryn Eichenberger, 928-345-6662 or 503-476-2888 or email at richkath@hotmail.com.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: sherry@newbergfriends.org

• mail: NFC, P.O. Box 487, attn. Sherry

• bring a written ad to the NFC office at 600 E. 3rd Street

deadline: March 22 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads
online at newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/

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



**Remember to pray for those attending
NFC's Women's Retreat this weekend.**

Spring
Forward
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Links You Might Appreciate:

[About Don Staples](#)

[About Gwen Thomas](#)