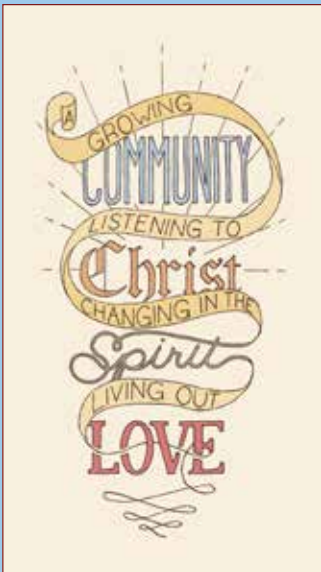


# Your NFC

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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Please direct  
all publications items  
to Sherry Macy.

**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)**

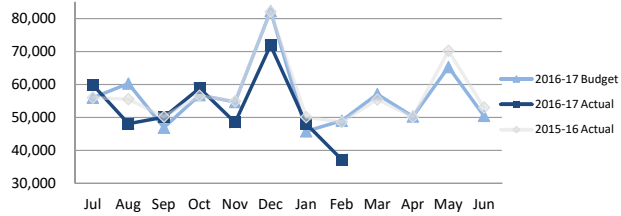
*includes refreshments both days and box lunch on Saturday*

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



Difference (in thousands)	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Actual vs. Budget	4	(12)	3	2	(6)	(10)	2	(12)				
Current vs Prior Yr	4	(7)	(0)	2	(6)	(10)	(2)	(11)				

### YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds

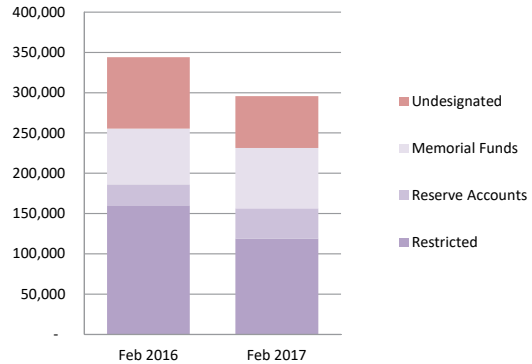
	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	(360)	12,730	12,083	287
Outside Ministries	4,728	7,745	7,845	4,628
Compassionate Care	12,108	10,556	13,346	9,318
NFC Ministries	10,331	2,581	5,044	7,868
Scholarships	6,722	1,560	4,331	3,951
Facilities	138	950	120	968
Other Funds	105,441	12,209	25,592	92,058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

**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
<b>Net</b>	<b>(31,447)</b>	<b>(30,015)</b>	<b>(1,432)</b>

### 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!

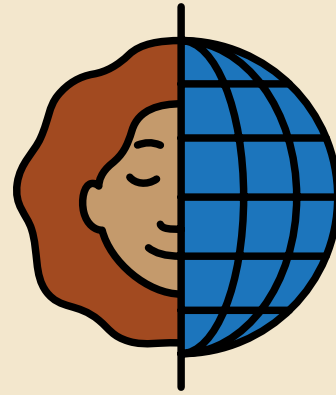
**Newberg Friends Church** has begun a search for a full-time youth pastor who would begin July 1, 2017. The complete application can be found by clicking the link below. Hard copies of the application can also be found at the Welcome Center in the sanctuary and in the NFC office. We encourage you to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

[tinyurl.com/NFCYouthPastorApp](http://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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:richkath@hotmail.com).

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: [sherry@newbergfriends.org](mailto: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/](http://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](#)