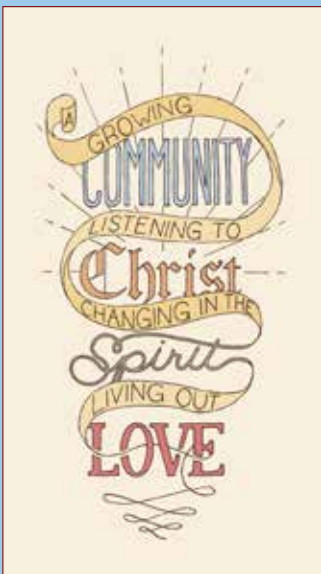


Your NFC

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

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Ministry Happens

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You may ask what in the world is Margaret Fell Friends Women? Good question! It's a women's group made up mostly of women who attend Newberg Friends Church. You may also wonder why you haven't heard much about this group? I'm glad you asked!



To begin with a little history, the Friends Women organization was started by a couple of sisters who attended Newberg Friends Church back in the early 1940s. Their names were Julia Pearson and Marie Haines. They had a concern for women missionaries who had left their home churches and families to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of Bolivia and Peru. Back in those days, traveling to a foreign country meant taking a boat or a plane and spending either a couple of weeks on the boat or a few days going by plane. The missionaries often lived in places without adequate plumbing and running water, making it necessary to always boil their water and schedule cooking and washing clothes when electricity and running water were available. Snail mail and telegram were the only ways for missionaries to communicate with those in the States—and vice versa. Mail could take up to several weeks and telegrams were expensive, so telegrams were limited to emergency contact, unless it was celebrating the birth of a child!

Concern for the safety, well-being, and loneliness of the women missionaries was of great concern to these sisters. So they organized a group of women to specifically pray for these missionary women, raise funds for special projects, and send cards and letters of encouragement. These groups sprouted up all around the yearly meeting and were officially united as NWYM of Friends Women in 1945.

When these missionary women came back to the States to raise funds (called deputation or home assignment) many would share of their experiences with these Friends Women groups and thank them for their spiritual, financial, and emotional support. It was also a way for the missionaries to put faces to the women who had been praying for them while they were sharing Jesus Christ with the people of Bolivia and Peru, and around the world. Hearing missionary stories and seeing how God worked in the lives of people they served benefitted both missionaries and supporters.

Newberg Friends Church started with a Friends Women group that met once a month during the day. Margaret Fell Friends Women formed in 1963 as an offshoot of this group, meeting once a month in the evening. Carolyn Staples was the first president, bringing her infant son, Don, with her. The purpose of Margaret Fell Friends Women is still the same: to pray for women missionaries, raise funds

for special projects, and send cards and letters of encouragement.

Margaret Fell Friends Women meets the 4th Monday from August through May from 7 to 8:30 p.m., usually at Spaulding Oaks Community Center. Most of our meetings begin with refreshments, followed by a short devotional and a few minutes spent taking care of current business. We then take an offering that helps cover membership in Friends Women, followed by a missions-related speaker (often one of the women missionaries we pray for). We end with a time of prayer for our women missionaries around the world, specifically women missionaries from NFC, NWYM, and from EFM (Evangelical Friends Mission).

The projects NWYM of Friends Women groups support vary each year but range from: providing funds to purchase bibles in China and Russia; providing retreat funds for Teaching Abroad teachers; providing hospitality funds for Friends Serving Abroad in Russia; providing funds for Discipling for Development (Rwanda); and even providing funds for projectors and toilets! Each year Margaret Fell

Friends Women signs up to support a dollar amount toward these projects. Funds for our support of the projects comes from serving the coffee break and lunch on Saturday during Yearly Meeting Mid-Year Boards, usually the end of January. NFC members who participate in these Mid-Year Boards help provide our support for these projects, so thank you! And our missionaries (Friends Serving Abroad) thank you as well!

If you would like to be part of Friends Women, two groups that meet are:

- *Margaret Fell Friends Women* meets the 4th Monday from August through May at 7 p.m., usually at Spaulding Oaks Community Center. (See below for a schedule of the next three meetings.)
- *Julia Pearson Friends Women* meets the 3rd Wednesday from September through April at 1:30 p.m. at Friendsview Retirement Community, Hess Creek Classroom.

If you aren't able to attend during these times and want to start a new group, please contact me. Or if you want to help support some of these Friends Women projects, also contact me. I'm in the directory!

Margaret Fell Friends Women Monthly Meeting Dates:

- **March 27, 2017**, 7-9 pm—speaker: Retha McCutchen, interim superintendent for NWYM; location: Spaulding Oaks Community Center, 1100 N Meridian St.
- **April 24, 2017**, 7-9 pm—speaker, Cindy Johnson; location: Spaulding Oaks Community Center, 1100 N Meridian St.
- **May 22, 2017**, NEW! 6-8 pm—speaker, Stuart Willcuts. Potluck at NFC social hall. Watch for more details.

Youth Ministries Update

We are grateful for the continued leadership provided for our youth at NFC. As Kara Estep moved to Washington last week, other current leaders have stepped up to offer continuity for youth. Corbin Gronvold has moved into the youth coordinator role, previously held by Kara, and Isaak Swan has transitioned from volunteer into the paid youth intern role previously held by Corbin. We are also grateful for the dedicated team of youth group and Sunday school volunteers who continue to create safe, worshipful places of connection for youth.





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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Galatians 5

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 27

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Retha McCutchen

Wednesday, March 29

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, March 31

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, April 1

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

Memorial service for Reta Stuart | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

Sunday, April 2

Read ahead: Galatians 6

Memorial service for Wanda Beebe | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

Plan Ahead

April 3 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

April 3 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

April 7 | Family Game Night | 7pm | Barclay A | an evening of intergenerational fun! Bring your favorite card or board game, a snack to share, and some friends.

April 8 | wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

April 9 | YM Restructuring Info Night | 6:30pm

April 13 | Maundy Thursday Service | 7pm | NFC sanctuary

April 19 | Julia Pearson WMF | 1:30pm | Friendsview Hess Creek Classroom

April 23 | Listening Forum (stay w/NWYM) | 2pm | NFC sanctuary

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April 24 | Red Cross Blood Drive | 10am | NFC social hall | by appointment

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

NFC Discernment Process regarding NWYM Restructure

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

Childcare and Friendsview transportation
provided for all gatherings

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*

Heaven's Gain

Wanda Beebe died on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at age 83. She had been a member since 1976. Family members at NFC include Wanda's husband, Ralph Beebe. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m.



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
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Pray for ...



NFCers on this trip:

Jacob Brand; Greta Brand; Shawn Durham; Michael Fawver; Elyse Fawver; Isaac Fawver; Ron, Erinn, Ben, Sicily, and Sadie Hampton; Bob Hampton; John Hampton; Gregg Koskela; Aubrey Koskela; Josh Nauman; Elli Nauman; Eliana Swan; Taylor Swan



Syrian Supper | April 8 @ 5:30pm | NFC social hall

Are you interested in having an authentic Syrian meal and helping support a refugee family at the same time? Newberg Friends is hosting a fundraising dinner to support the Alodahs, the Syrian refugee family we helped relocate last summer. The support the family was receiving from Catholic Charities has come to an end, and this dinner will help Ibrahim and Hajar support their family.

Hajar will be cooking up a storm on April 8 (with the help of a few NFC folks) to provide a delicious meal. Space is limited, so plan to call the church office (503-538-8381) soon to reserve your spot! Suggested donation: \$20 per adult, \$10 per child. Pay at the door. Checks can be written to Evergreen Presbyterian Church.



Celebrate Life!

I would like to buy ___ flowering spring plant(s) in honor/memory of my loved one(s) and help decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Please clearly mark your check "Easter plant." Put this slip and your payment (\$7.50/plant) in an offering envelope and place it in the offering plate or take it to the church office by April 10. You may take your plant home following second service on Easter Sunday.



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