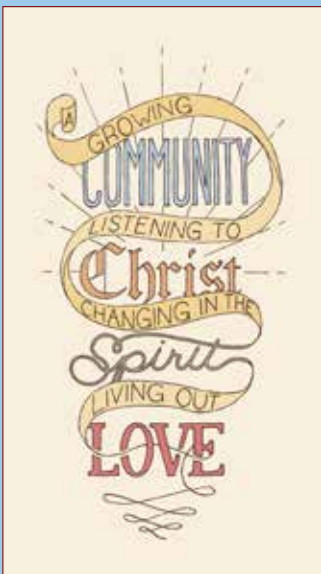


Your NFC

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

March 3, 2017



Ministry Happens

King of the Cab

a poem by David Thomas, written from his memories as a four-year-old missionary kid in Bolivia

I stand tall, feet spread, braced, comfortable.
My arms rest on the back of the bench seat in the cab of the pickup.
I face the wide front window
Relaxed, but intense, ready to take everything in.

We're going on a trip,
and nothing could be
better.
It's me, my dad and
some hermanos.
We're up and out of La
Paz, into the campo.
We've got many miles
ahead of us.
We get to drive all day!



There is so much to see, so much to imagine.
You never know what
we'll experience
We might see vicuña or a condor
We'll probably get to cross a river.
It might even be deep enough to splash over the hood!

*Hal Thomas with David and Kristin and the
1974 GMC pickup*

We might be going high into the mountains above the Altiplano, up to Pacajes,
Or maybe we'll drive down into the steep Yungas valleys to Coroico or Caranavi,
At night in the jungles, the bushes and trees flash by.
Maybe we'll see a puma jump across the road, frozen for a split second in our headlights.
It's best to always pay attention,
Sometimes we're lucky and get a flat tire or engine trouble.
Then we get to fix the problem.
Usually just one tire goes flat, but if two go flat then we get to patch the tube.
Of course Dad does the work, but I can help; I hold the lug nuts.
Sometimes we get stuck in mud, or a landslide blocks the road,
Then the fun multiplies as we get to work our way through the mess.
Even with so much excitement I get tired,
I sit down next to Dad. I see no road, just the bright red dashboard.
I doze off; an hermano makes me comfortable.
But soon I wake and stand up again.
I've got to pay attention—there is so much to see.

I don't want to miss the shapes of the clouds.
The sky is always trying to tell me a story.
I might miss a dragon!
I listen to the laughter and stories we share in the cab.
The landscape keeps changing around me.
I need to keep my mind wide open, to dream, to listen, to see.
Later when it's getting dark, with hours of driving still to go,
I lay my head down on Dad's lap.
I see the steering column and feel the wheel turning an inch
from my face.
Dad's legs, feet, and arms are moving,
Acting without thought as he pays attention to the road.
A sweater makes this active, bony, uneven bed more
comfortable.
I watch his feet on the pedals,
Quick, precise, steady, sure, safe.
I see the wires and dust under the dash,
I feel the heater on my face,
My hand brushes the dust on the floor.
Content, bouncing, confident, dusty, satisfied—I fall asleep,
I know I will wake up ready for some more wonder-filled adventures.



David, Kristin, and Teddy in the pickup cab

Years have passed—other roads in other lands,
filled with adventures and problems to solve,
and many wonderful companions along the way,
It's late now, and there are still miles of road to go.
I sit down and rest.

Who is in the driver's seat now?
Where does my Father want to take me?
Am I ready to be King of the Cab again?
Am I ready to stand up and take in the
road?

I'm only 46, my best years still ahead.
Father, with you in the driver's seat,
I take my place standing tall, feet braced
wide, comfortable.
I can't wait to see what's ahead.
I'm here, I'm ready, let's go!



*Dad walks
with Kristin
and David on
the Desagua-
dero road by
Lake Titicaca*



The *NFC Art Wall* now features the creative talents of **Gwen Thomas**, high school senior and future George Fox nursing student. Gwen's art represents the love she carries for the people of Rwanda, her heart home. Please make time to visit the art wall in the social hall.





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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Philippians 2:1-11

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

5pm | Taizé gathering | NFC sanctuary

6:30-8pm | YM Restructuring Info Night | NFC sanctuary | childcare available

Monday, March 6

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

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, March 8

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 9

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

Friday, March 10

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, March 11

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

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

Don Staples memorial service | 10:30am | Bauman Auditorium, GFU

Sunday, March 12

Read ahead: Micah 6:6-8

Daylight Saving Time begins

Plan Ahead

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](#).

Heaven's Gain



Aaron Hutchens died on Friday, February 24, 2017, at age 84. He had attended NFC since 2000. Family members at NFC include his wife, **Sandra**.

A public graveside service at Friends Cemetery will be held on Saturday, March 18, at 11 a.m., followed by a reception at Rebekah Lodge in Sherwood.

Reta Stuart died on February 25, 2017, at age 86. She had been a member since 2004. A memorial service will be held at Newberg Friends on Saturday, April 1, at 2 p.m.



[Read full obituary here.](#)



Don Staples died on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at age 53. He grew up at NFC, but his membership changed from associate to active in 1982. Family members at NFC include his wife, **Miriam**, and sons **Nolan, Matthew, and Roy**; his mother, **Carolyn Staples**; and his dad, **Ron (Claudine) Staples**. A memorial service at Bauman Auditorium will be held on Saturday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m.

[Meal Train for the Staples family](#)

SAVE THESE DATES!

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

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
(clerks of the meeting, elders, pastors)*

May 7

6:30 p.m.

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



Youth Pastor Search Has Begun!

Newberg Friends Church is searching for a full-time youth pastor to 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



Sandals Sunday School Invitation

Join the Sandals class as Howard Macy, a retired Old Testament professor, leads a series on the roles and messages of several “Mi-

nor Prophets” - Micah, Amos, Hosea, and Habakkuk. This Sunday, we will continue last week’s introduction to Micah before focusing on Amos. If you have opportunity, read Amos ahead of time, though all are welcome with or without reading! The Sandals class meets in the social hall at 9 a.m. Sunday morning.

Taizé Gathering Sunday, March 5 • 5 p.m.

(note earlier time)

2017 NFC Photo Directory—You might have noticed we haven’t offered the new directory, so you might then have figured out what is true: NFC is in a transition period with an unknown future. Publishing a directory that could be outdated in a few months did not make fiscal sense.