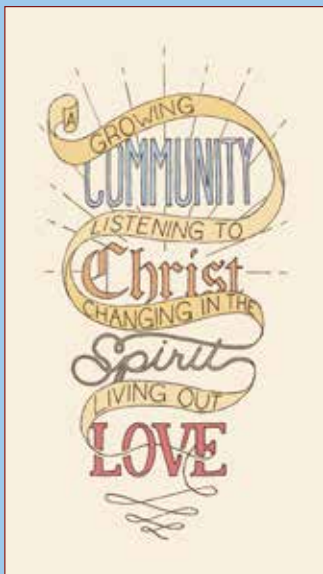


Your NFC

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

April 14, 2017



Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

by Zach Maurer

During the summer of 2016, I interned at the NWYM of-
fice with Rachelle Staley in the
youth/young adult department.
She told my coworker Jess Ice
and me that we were going to
Quaker Cove to run a training
program on child abuse preven-
tion in order to better equip the
caretakers, Liz and Karl Seume.

On the drive, Rachelle de-
scribed the condition of the
camp before Liz and Karl arrived.
Stories of random strangers
walking along the campgrounds,
the burial site of a Native American being discovered on the prop-
erty. Then her stories changed into how God had provided—sending
mostly new mattresses the morning before a camp started, ways the
community came together to patch up and work on the camp. As we
arrived, I was astonished by how normal the camp looked, and the
area was gloriously beautiful.

We stayed only two days but long enough to hear stories of camp
transformation, and I was even able to help out. Many things ran
through my head, but I had one constant thought: *...they have done all
this in a year. And with four kids under the age of five! That's amazing, but
they need more help.*

I finished my internship and looked for new work. My heart was
burdened with a desire to serve, and after a disappointing rejection I
decided to connect with the Seumes about Quaker Cove.

I came up here out of love, to work as hard as I could to help my fel-
low Quakers in their task. And I admit
I would have left by the third month if
God had not strengthened my desire to
help the Seumes for no pay except the
cabin roof above my head.

After a jam-packed college cur-
riculum, it feels nice to be able to set
work aside at the end of the day. In
the mornings when I check in with the
Seumes for my assignment, I get my-
self ready for the joy and laughter that
comes from James, Amelie, and Benny.
I'm told the kids have a calm side when
I'm not around, but I don't believe that



for a second. Life here at the camp is simple and from it I find peace.

Living in this section of Washington, where I know no one and communication technology regularly fails, causes isolation. I miss all my friends, family, and community in Oregon. But God has provided with some friends and bible groups where I get my weekly dose of socialization.

I struggle too. Some jobs are tedious, cleaning the cabins for the umpteenth time, knowing I will do this same job in a couple weeks. Some jobs are frightening as I climb steep rooftops to kill moss, and some are just work—cutting boards for this or that project



and digging or painting for another. But I'm here to work, and in some strange way, that is love.

I recently heard that love toward a significant other has a few stages that begin with a fiery passionate love. You just want to hold your partner forever because you are intoxicated by their presence. Then stage two arrives and the adorable qualities become mundane, and you wonder whether you are with the right person. I feel I am in stage two. I'm no longer a superhero rushing off to save this camp. My desire to make a difference has evolved into living out each day and doing my normal routine. I no longer feel called to this work. I continue to work but I know that this is not where my journey is meant to end. Still, I can see transformation! Whether I leave tomorrow or at the end of September, a part of my heart and soul will always reside here, for I have bonded with the Seumes and their care and compassion for this camp. The glory belongs to God, who has used my work here to spread love these past seven months.

Love is tricky. Everyone has the power to make a difference in someone else's world. It doesn't have to be working at a camp for free. It could be going off to teach English at a university in China; it could be working as a busser, cleaning dishes for barely minimum wage. When we remember we are always living out love, we begin to change the world. And what a world it will be.

2017 Easter Offering

a golden anniversary in
Mexico City



When you give to the **Easter Offering** you are helping EFM continue to plant mustard seeds in tough places. On Easter morning, NFC will receive your Easter Offering donations for that collection (only those checks with "Easter Offering" written on the memo line). We will then send those funds to EFM. Other ways to donate will be to send your check directly to EFM's temporary address, PO Box 771139, Wichita, KS 67277 and note that it is for the 2017 Easter Offering.

You can also call 303-421-8100 to give by debit or credit card. Or you can click [HERE](#) to give online.

Thank you for prayerfully considering what your part in this offering will be.



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all publications items
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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

Matthew 28

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, April 17

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, April 19

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

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

WBFpm | 7pm | Barclay C

Thursday, April 20

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

Friday, April 21

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Sunday, April 23

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

Listening Forum (leave NWYM) 6:30pm | NFC sanctuary

Plan Ahead

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

April 24 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

April 24 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Cindy Johnson

April 30 | Youth Dinner and Discussion | 6:30pm | FC Room 100

May 1 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

May 4 | Pre-K Fun Night | 6-7pm | FC gym | ages 3-5 yrs

May 7 | Taizé gathering | 5pm (*note earlier time*) | NFC sanctuary

May 7 | business meeting with a minute of recommendation

May 13 | wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

May 18 | K-2 Fun Night | 6-7:30pm | FC gym | dinner, games, and stories for children K through 2nd grade

May 21 | Senior Salute | 6pm | celebrating high school seniors

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

In December 2008 I began as pastor of children and families here at NFC. It was a mutual calling – God affirming within me that Newberg Friends was the place I was to focus my time, energy, and service, and NFC discerning that it was my unique gifting that was desired in leadership.

At NFC we practice Dedication for children. Here's how I described it in 2015:

Dedication is a time when we commit, as the church - as the body of Christ, to come together and surround our children and families with love, support, and prayer. It is a time when we not only dedicate ourselves to teach children about Jesus, but I hope it can be a reminder for us as well to consider what it means to dedicate our individual lives to Christ. Dedication is about relationship. This morning these parents publicly affirm they have said yes to a relationship between themselves and God, and this is something they want to share with their children. At NFC we believe the responsibility to learn about God and invite a child into a loving relationship with Jesus is best accomplished in community.

For me, the business meeting in which I was called into pastoral ministry was in essence my “Dedication service.” I have felt loved, supported, and prayed for time and time again in my years as pastor of children and family ministries. Thank you. I have felt the joy and transformation of being in a community dedicated to God and to one another. It has changed me and shaped me and brought me closer to Christ. We have been dedicated to one another in service and submission to Jesus. I am forever grateful. I love you.

NFC has been a place for me to grow, struggle, wrestle, wonder, and listen. I consider these freedoms gifts this body of believers has given to me and to generations of people who have called NFC their home church. During my 17 years of attendance I've enjoyed and been blessed by relationships with people of all ages, stages of life, viewpoints, theological beliefs, and questions of faith. I grieve that my perception and belief about NFC valuing diversity has been damaged in light of our current circumstances. But I'm also learning that diversity in some circumstances isn't just holding tension, it's holding people in pain. I want to be a person that stands for compassion over comfort.

I knew in 2008 that I was called to the whole community of NFC. My title covered programming for children birth to 5th grade, it encompassed marriage and parenting ministry, and I used the word “family” to expand my service with ministries that included all of NFC through Letters of Hope, Family Game Nights, Meal and Mission potlucks, etc. When my mentor, friend, and teammate Jo Helsabeck retired, my position grew to include women's ministry. I have loved with all that I am, providing leadership to Women's Bible Fellowship and NFC's annual Women's Retreat. I've found deep joy being on an incredible pastoral team and in a faith community that flings the doors wide open for ministry. In that wideness I've been led to share messages on Sunday mornings, join the Refugee Response and Peace and Justice Committees, advocate for children through Compassion International, direct Girls Camp at Twin Rocks for six years, counsel at Tween Camp multiple years, and serve on the NWYM committee for Christian Education. Serving with my whole heart to the whole community at NFC and in NWYM has been my passion.

It has become clear to me that my original calling is now gone. The whole of NFC no longer sees me qualified to pastor. There is distrust and disappointment within us as a body and aimed at me personally. Along with the rest of the pastoral staff, I've felt released from ministry in NWYM. As I have prayed, listened, and discerned – my call was to the NFC community as a whole. At this time, I cannot imagine serving in a pastoral role to only some of the people in this community. So it is with deep sadness and grief that as of June 30, 2017, I lay down my call to NFC and to pastoral ministry entirely for the next season of my life. I will miss my weekly interactions with you at NFC, but I welcome and hope for continued relationship with you. As always, I want to stay open to what God has next. I've been a mall employee, preschool director, and a pastor. Life is beautiful and unpredictable. God is good and faithful. I will continue to submit my life to Christ as my offering.

—Michelle Akins

From the Newberg Friends Church Elders: With sadness the elders accepted the resignation of Michelle Akins from the role of ministering to children and families at Newberg Friends Church. Michelle's servant heart and her thoughtful interactions with the children of Newberg Friends and families creates a caring place to grow in the love and worship of Jesus. We find ourselves in difficult time at Newberg Friends, and our pastoral team has carried many difficult pieces of the process with grace and love. Michelle has typified grace within her ministry to all and love in her life lived within our community. She will be ministering among us for the next two months and there will be more formal opportunities to thank her for her ministry in June. However, perhaps it makes sense to begin this process by taking opportunity to thank her as you see her at work over the next weeks.

NFC Discernment Process regarding NWYM Restructure

Gatherings are intended for regular attenders and members only.

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



The Easter lilies and plants that enhance the beauty of our sanctuary this season are given...

In Memory of:

Arden Butler

by Joan, Jodi & Dennis Butler

Don Staples (my son)

Nancy Perisho (my niece)

David Bishop (my brother)

by Carolyn Staples

Reta Stuart

Roy Hiebert

by Elizabeth Todd

Ruth & Oscar Brown

Ralph & Edith Comfort

by Rick, Laurie & Andy Comfort

Victor & Mae Johnson (Merrill's parents)

by Merrill & Candy Johnson

My husband

by Miriam Staples

Don Staples

by Ron Staples

Don Staples

by Nolan Staples

Don Staples

by Matt Staples

Don Staples

by Roy Staples

Don Staples

by Mark & Sarah Kelley and Sam & Tavi Staples-Kelley

Edie Moore (Karen's mother)

Cloe & Viola Angus (Garry's parents)

by Karen & Garry Angus

Martha & Henry Swindler

by Wayne & Nora Adams

Emily Hutchinson

by John Hutchinson

Annette Howe Carlisle

by Ken Howe & family

Dick Hampton (our brother)

by Bob & Cheri Hampton

In Honor of:

My grandchildren –

Sarah & Mark Kelley

Nolan Staples

Matthew Staples

Roy Staples

DeLancey Lane

Rue Lane

My great-grandchildren –

Octavia & Sam Kelley

by Carolyn Staples

My kids

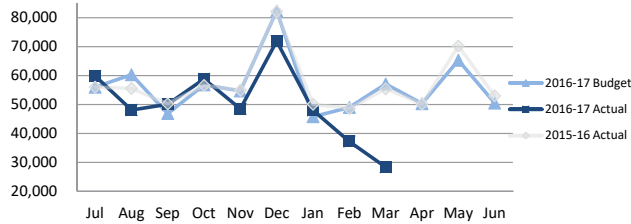
by Miriam Staples

Our wonderful pastors, staff, and elders who work so faithfully on our behalf

by Kennard & Margene Haworth

Financial Recap for March 2017

YTD General Fund Giving



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Difference (in thousands)	4	(12)	3	2	(6)	(10)	2	(12)	(29)			
	4	(7)	(0)	2	(6)	(10)	(2)	(11)	(27)			

Actual vs. Budget
Current vs Prior Yr

YTD Donor Restricted and Memorial Funds

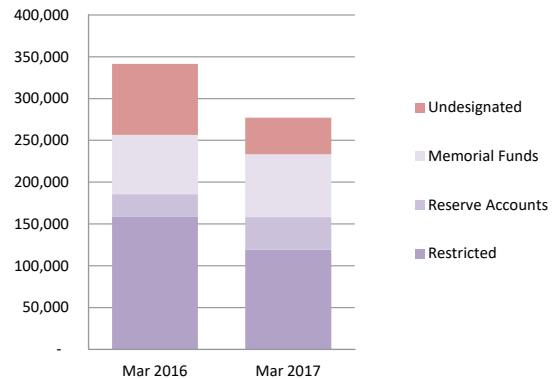
	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	(360)	13,690	13,043	287
Outside Ministries	4,728	8,321	8,421	4,628
Compassionate Care	12,108	11,161	13,706	9,563
NFC Ministries	10,331	2,843	5,285	7,889
Scholarships	6,722	1,710	4,755	3,677
Facilities	138	950	120	968
Other Funds	105,441	12,901	26,131	92,211
NFC Operations Fund	-	16,176	16,176	-
Memorial Funds	73,000	2,233	-	75,233
Totals	212,108	69,985	87,637	194,456

IMPORTANT NOTE: The monthly general fund giving shown in the upper left chart does not include the designated gifts of \$10,171 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).

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

General Fund Year-to-Date			
	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	506,815	551,377	(44,562)
Expense	(556,629)	(589,552)	32,923
Net	(49,815)	(38,176)	(11,639)

Cash & Investments



Added note from Rich Brown, clerk of the steward committee: This financial report became available on Monday, the 10th, and stewards met to review it on Tuesday. While we have concern, we project that if the level of giving in March continues at a stable level, our unrestricted cash reserves will still allow us to get through our current budget year. We estimate a net cash loss of about \$40,000 between April 1 and June 30, which can be offset by about \$100,000 NFC has in unrestricted cash reserves. We will continue to monitor as financial reports become available.



to schedule an appointment,
call 1-800-733-2767
or visit
www.redcrossblood.org
(sponsor code:
NewbergCommunity)

Monday, April 24 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
NFC social hall



**Abuse Recovery
Ministry & Services**

Now available in our community:
a faith-based support group
for women who have
or are experiencing
domestic violence or abuse of any kind.
Please call 503-846-9284.

Need Sheet

Available:

- Room for rent in Newberg: Upstairs unfurnished room with private bath available for one person. Shared kitchen, dining room, living room, laundry, wifi & house chores. Month to month rental agreement for \$550 includes water/garbage/wifi. Security deposit \$300. No smoking, no pets. One mile from GFU & downtown Newberg. Country setting with gardening space. Available May 2017. Contact Ron or Debbie Dingman at 503-550-7385.
- Room for rent in Newberg: Upstairs unfurnished room with private bath available for one person. Shared kitchen, dining room, living room, laundry, wifi & house chores. Month to month rental agreement for \$650 includes water/garbage/wifi. Security deposit \$300. No smoking, no pets. One mile from GFU and downtown. Country setting with gardening space. Available May 2017. Contact Ron or Debbie Dingman at 503-550-7385.

For Sale:

- Gently used six-foot sofa in good condition. Dark brown custom upholstery. Some slight damage at ends of the front, barely detectable in most light because of the dark color. Firm but very comfortable. Comes with two pillows. Selling because it's no longer needed in our current location. Asking \$250. Call Shari at 971-732-2502.
- Nautica 32" wheeled duffel - navy/gold; used once, \$50. Call or text 503-550-2536.

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: April 26 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads
online at newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/

2017 Friends Women Spring Rally His Steadfast Love

SW Washington, Portland,
and Newberg areas

Saturday, April 22, 2017 • 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sherwood Friends Church
23264 SW Main St, Sherwood, OR

*Hear more about what
God is doing in his world!*

Potluck! Please bring a salad to share.

For more information, contact Janelle Nordyke
at 503-550-4114 or jnordyke@comcast.net.



Attention, Young Friends Singers!

We are inviting children to lead us in worship through song on Sunday morning, April 23! We 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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