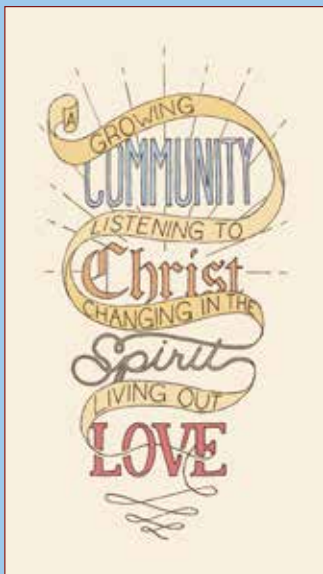


# Your NFC

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

April 7, 2017



## From Me to You

by Gregg Koskela  
lead pastor

Around 25 years ago, I first started hearing Steve Fawver and Shawn McConaughey talk about trips to San Luis, Mexico, to build houses for those in need. Back then, youth from Newberg Friends and North Valley Friends



would join Getaway/Giveaway, an organization started by Clyde Parker, pastor at Eugene Friends Church. The joy of serving, eating tacos (or great food at “the chicken place”), and building community by working alongside people from our churches was compelling, and I wanted to have the opportunity to join.

About 12, maybe 15 years ago, NFC and North Valley Friends formed a new organization of our own, called Equipo. Jim Fisher and Leslie Murray and many others wanted to change the model a bit. Rather than just go build houses and then leave, the goal was to establish a relationship with one church in San Luis, so that over years, relationships could be built. I loved hearing that...and I wanted to have the opportunity to join.



Over the last five or six years, I’ve listened to Eric Muhr talk about further exciting changes Equipo was making. Nueva Esper-

anza, the church in San Luis, was taking more and more ownership: choosing the families who would have houses built, continuing relationships with those people, working with DIF (the Mexican equivalent of our DHS)...and I wanted to have the opportunity to join.

In past years, family situations or work responsibilities kept me from going. But two years ago, I decided that I was going on this Equipo trip no matter what. Our youngest daughter, Aubrey, and I joined 56 others from 2nd Street, West Chehalem, North Valley, and

NFC. And all the things I've been excited about over the years as I've listened to the stories proved to be better than I imagined when I saw them for myself!

On the long van ride on the way down, I listened



to Erinn Baker from North Valley. She's a junior at George Fox, and she has been coming to San Luis since she was a freshman in high school. She's now on the leadership team for Equipo and has gone to San Luis on advance teams, become close enough to consider Pastor Rafael and Vene her family, and spent enough time working with DIF that they are telling her she can come work and intern for them when she graduates. Her love and respect for people there was compelling.

We arrived Saturday night. Sunday night, Nueva Esperanza hosted a dinner and worship meeting. They invited all the people from the church and those for whom homes had been built in the past to come join us and meet us. I saw with my own eyes how amazing it is to stay relationally connected, as hugs and laughter and tears were exchanged

between some from our team and those they had built homes for 2, 4, 6, and 8 years ago.

For three days on our work site, I hammered nails and carried and cut plywood boards with Javier. Equipo built his home in 2013, and this was the third time that he was coming back to join us in helping build someone else's home. He brought a lot of joy to our work crew, not to mention saving us by his skilled work.

And on the last day, I saw 20 or 30 people from Nueva Esperanza travel around with us to visit all the homes we had built. This church had spent the previous 18 months volunteering to build the first story of two of the homes we built, which meant they already knew these families. They were the hands and feet of Jesus long before we arrived, and will be long after we have returned home. My respect for that church could not be higher.

I am so grateful for the chance to see for myself what an amazing ministry partnership Equipo has become! This is something to celebrate.



## **What: Safety Training for all ministries volunteers**

**Who:** All volunteers of the church

**Where:** Room 121

**When:** Sunday, April 9, after 1st service

**Why:** To inform everyone of the procedures in case of emergencies  
*childcare provided*



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all publications items  
to Sherry Macy.

**READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY**

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

**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

**6:30pm** | YM restructuring info meeting - survey report | NFC sanctuary

**Monday, April 10**

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

**Wednesday, April 12**

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, April 13**

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

Maundy Thursday Service | 7pm | NFC sanctuary

**Friday, April 14**

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

**Saturday, April 15**

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

**Sunday, April 16**

Read ahead: Matthew 28

**Plan Ahead**

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

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

April 23 | Listening Forum (leave NWYM) 6:30pm | NFC sanctuary

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

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

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

**NFC's Calendar on the Web!**





## 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.

### **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*

## **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.

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**April 13 • 7 p.m.**  
**NFC sanctuary**



GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES PRESENTS  
**SEEING THE WORD OF GOD**  
THE ILLUMINATIVE IMPACT  
of  
**THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE**

Thursday, April 13, 2017  
7-8:30 p.m., Hoover 105

featuring  
Carmen Imes  
and Paul Anderson

Carmen Imes and Paul Anderson will offer a public presentation and turn the pages of *The Saint John's Bible* during Holy Week.

This presentation will highlight key ways that the new and innovative artwork in this historic seven-volume masterpiece illuminates the biblical text in ways prophetic and inspirational.

*The Saint John's Bible* features graphic and compelling artwork from both the Old Testament and New Testament.

All are welcome;  
chapel elective credit is available.



**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  
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The Spring Rally offering project is to provide blankets, bicycles, and goats for Nepal. Our goal of \$1,200 should cover these items that were not funded by the EFM Christmas Catalog gifts.