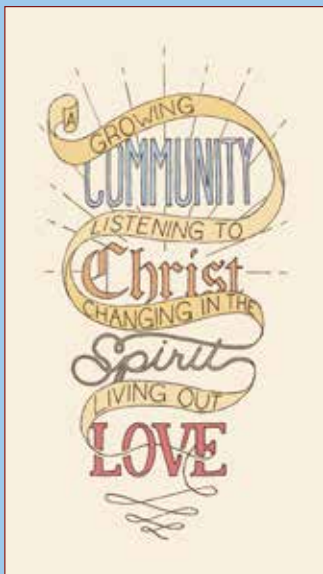


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Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

Tabouli, Baba Ghanoush, Hummus and More...

by Irene Dunlop

The smell of frying eggplant fills the air as Hajar efficiently dips chicken legs in tomato sauce. Brandon Buerkle and I busy ourselves chopping piles of parsley, tomatoes, and cucumbers. Hala, age 5, entertains herself with toys on the floor.



On April 8 I joyfully offered my hands in service as Hajar Alodah worked to prepare a traditional Syrian meal for 35 lucky attendees. Last year we at NFC and North Valley joined together in the Welcome Home project, gathering the household items necessary to furnish a home for the Alodah family. Last August, they arrived in the U.S. from Syria via a refugee camp in Jordan. Ben and Emily Wynsma hosted the Alodahs in their home until the Alodahs' housing in Salem became available. At Christmas, my children—Abram and Meika—and I colored and folded envelopes into airplanes, for the giving tree to raise funds to pay off the Alodah family's travel debt. God provided through you, and their \$ 7,000 debt was paid in full. God also afforded a wonderful connection for the Alodah family in the congregants of Evergreen Presbyterian, who took on the role of cultural mentors and navigators.

The ensuing months have been full of transition, learning, connection, and struggle. Hajar attends English classes; the kids are settling into school, and Ibrahim is looking for year-round, full-time work. Monetary support for the Alodah family through the U.S. resettlement agency and Catholic charities ended after six months. Ibrahim, a baker by trade, is currently working as a seasonal employee at a nursery up to 50 hours a week to provide for his family's needs.



Hajar also uses her culinary skills to help provide for the family. Just after noon that Saturday we met her in the social hall kitchen to help prepare a delicious traditional meal for community members at Newberg Friends arriving at 5:30 p.m. to partake of delicious Syrian fare.

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The first task was boiling chicken legs—with star anise, garlic, onion and chicken bullion, and Keba spice mix. After peeling and chopping the eggplant, we used Google translate to discover we needed more oil for frying. Hajar deep fried the eggplant for baba ghanoush. This technique was new to me, as my mom always *roasted* the eggplant for baba ghanoush. I joyously discovered deep-fried eggplant makes a baba ghanoush better than any I have ever tasted (probably not nearly as healthy, but quite delicious). Once the chicken boiled, we removed it from the pot, then added rice to boil in the chicken water. Next we dipped the chicken legs in tomato sauce (mixed with a little Keba spice mix) and put them on trays under the broiler. All the while, we communicated with smiles, hand ges-

tures, and the occasional translated sentence. Food is a universal language of friendship.

At 4 p.m. my husband, Aaron; Tamara Brand; and Erinn Hampton arrived to set and decorate the tables with flowers and candles. Hala, Meika, and Abram played joyously as we filled the buffet table with delicious food: hummus, pita, tabouli, baba ghanoush, leban (homemade yogurt), chicken, and rice. As the whole group gathered and ate together, I was reminded that we all have gifts to offer and receive within community. It was an evening to enjoy the culinary delights Hajar created, and in so doing we glimpsed the beauty of Syrian culture, helped provide for the Alodahs' financial needs, and basked in each other's loving, joyful presence.



College Scholarships for undergraduates will be available for those who consider NFC their church home and who attend Friends colleges or universities such as George Fox. Find an application at the welcome center, pick one up from the church office during the week, or download it from [this link](#). Return your completed application by June 15. We ask that students reapply each year for this scholarship.

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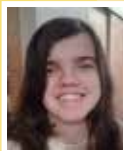
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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-22

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, May 29

NFC office closed for Memorial Day holiday

Wednesday, May 31

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Middle school youth group | 6:00pm | Friends Center

High school youth group | 7:30pm | Friends Center

Friday, June 2

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Sunday, June 4

Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

Plan Ahead

June 5 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

June 10 | wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

June 11 | congregational business meeting | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

June 12 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

June 25 | 8th grade graduation celebration at Old Spaghetti Factory | depart after second service

June 26 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

[Click here to see the calendar online.](#)

Many family and friends of Gregg and Elaine Koskela pulled off a memorable surprise party posed as a "Lord of the Rings scavenger hunt," which led them to the Tillikum Fawver Center where a "Surprise!" awaited them. To view the *other* big surprise, click on the image . —>



Save the Dates!

For those interested in the emerging Friends church, here are some summer dates for your calendar.

June 4

At 7:15, after the Taize worship service, we will meet for business in the sanctuary. We will be sharing a vision for the new church and its pastoral leadership.

June 11

We will meet for worship at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, ending in time for the NFC business meeting.

June 18 and every Sunday following until further notice

We will meet for worship from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the NFC sanctuary, sometimes gathering for a picnic supper on the lawn after the worship gathering.

We look forward to crafting this new community with you, growing and learning together as we center our attention on Jesus.

Summer Sunday School Programming

Beginning June 4 our Sunday school programming will change to the summer schedule.

Nursery offered both services
Pre-K Sunday school, 9 a.m., Room 124
K-5th Sunday school, 9 a.m., Room 121
No Godly Play or
Children's Care at 10:45 a.m.

Volunteers who want to help with nursery or Sunday school are asked to let Michelle Akins know your availability by going to [THIS SITE](#).

Happy June Birthday

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Maisee Kulpa | Candy Johnson | 22 Alison Bay |
| 2 Dorothy Farmer | Auden Neff | Titus Foster |
| 3 Caleb Graham | 11 Roy Staples | Barbara Morse |
| Paula Hampton | 12 Mary Lou Long | 23 Greta Brand |
| Anna Virginia Millage | Henry Shaw | 24 Debra Buerkle |
| Matt Ross | Austin Shelton | 25 Kevin Brooks |
| Reid Thurston | 13 Tami Ankeny | Jeff McDonough |
| 4 Damon Sump | Clynton Crisman | 26 Morgan Evans |
| Barbara Wood | Paul Fertello | Lisa McMinn |
| 5 Hiller Sturdevant | Susan Hockett | 27 Elsie Dillow |
| 6 Steve Watson | Anna Rose Rekow | Yulia Graham |
| 7 Ellouise Chandler | 14 Kati Voth | Debby Thomas |
| Diane Hopper | 15 Gelene Hutchens | 28 Michael Fawver |
| Liz Wood | 16 Darel Herlocker | Leif Linvog |
| 8 Diana Gulley | 17 Brad Christensen | Colleen Moist |
| 9 Emily Christensen | Jim Long | Sally Woodyard |
| Tom Payton | Hans Stoltzfus | 29 Paul Frankenburger |
| Oliver Ragsdale | 19 John Kreutz | 30 Leo Crisman |
| Vivian Thornburg | Mark McMinn | Edwin España |
| 10 Elizabeth Curtis Gemeroy | Ron Staples | Derrol Hockett |
| Tim Goodfellow | Gary Townsend | Moses Roberts |
| Brenda Headrick | 21 Denise Brooks | Addy Shaw |
| | Jamie Johnson | |

Senior Salute!



Seniors pictured: Eliana Swan, Morgan Evans, Gabe Fawver, Seth Baird, Joshua Passmore

A copy of Dan's message "Please Stay Connected to the Church" can be found at the Welcome Center.

Thanks to Celeste Stone, Shanna and Stephanie Andres, Cheri Hampton, Isaak Swan, Corbin Gronvold, Dan McCracken, Nate Macy, Steve and Diane Fawver, and Michelle Akins for all their wonderful gifts of ministry and service to make it such a special event for our seniors.



Need Sheet

Needed:

- I will start George Fox's physical therapy program this fall and need affordable housing (ideally just a room with access to a kitchen) in the Newberg area starting the end of August. I was born in Germany, moved to Pennsylvania as a child, moved to Indiana for college, then Arizona for two years voluntary service. I currently work in Portland at a physical therapy clinic and homeless shelter and attend a Mennonite church. I love making food, hiking, and writing letters. Please contact Karina Kreider at karinakreider@gmail.com if you can help me. Thanks for considering.

Available:

- Friendsview Retirement Community is having a Really Big Garage Sale on Friday, June 2, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. You will find a wide variety of household, furniture, clothing, and personal items. Everything is priced to sell.

For Sale:

- Three-bedroom, 3-bathroom house near George Fox University (606 Brandon Dr., Newberg). Built in 1993. Please call Marbellys Diaz at 503-583-6770 for more details.

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: June 7 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

online at newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/