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Why am I smiling?

by Ron Stansell, clerk of elders

One of the most encouraging prayers in all the Bible is found in [Ephesians 3:16-19](#), the passage we read in our Sunday evening congregational business meeting on July 16. Glorious riches are found in Jesus from which he draws to give us inner power, allowing the eternal Son of God to live in us. The Spirit prays with Paul that the church of Christ be established in love that we might *know* the love that is beyond knowledge! That makes me smile!

In the spirit of those strengthening words, Newberg Friends carefully approved members of standing committees for the coming year and established an administrative committee composed of congregational clerks Carl Anderson and Dick Sartwell, clerks from the elders, stewards, and trustees, and others as needed. A part-time church administrator will be named by the administrative committee to help in transitional matters and beyond. That makes me smile!

Elders for the coming church year are Julie Anderson, Bob Hampton, Hank Helsabeck, Gail Hutchinson, Ron Stansell (clerk), Ron Woodward, and David Woolsey. That enthusiastic group is charged with caring for the spiritual life of the congregation, congregational care and visitation, worship planning, and working alongside interim pastor, Steve Fawver. Steve will assist the administrative committee and elders on immediate issues during the remainder

of July and all of August. That all makes me smile too!

Why am I encouraged? Let me count still other ways!

- Judy Woolsey reported for the nominating committee that nearly every person contacted for positions said “yes!”
- A worship committee is working prayerfully and quickly to arrange pulpit supply and plan worship, working several weeks in advance. We have been blessed by messages from George Fox University President Robin Baker!
- Sunday morning prayer gatherings have been lively and rich. Elder Julie Anderson has led these each Sunday from 8 to 8:50 a.m.
- Two couples, Darin and Cathie Jo Sturdevant and Ralph and Holly Miele, opened our last two services with enthusiasm and grace. More to come!

No denying it, Newberg Friends Church has passed through hard times in the past year. Grief and sadness remain. At the same time, the Holy Spirit is leading us into a deeper place. What else makes me smile? One Sunday a younger adult stood in open worship and expressed a longing for revival and renewal for the entire believing community of Newberg! That’s what [Ephesians 3:16-19](#) is all about. Go read it again!



THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, July 22

Marcille Comfort memorial service • 1pm • NFC sanctuary

Global Outreach Picnic • 7pm • NFC lawn (see details below)

Read ahead for tomorrow: [2 Corinthians 5:16-20](#)

Sunday, July 23

Gathered Prayer • 8-8:50am • Room 236

Christian Education • 9am • classroom locations, click [HERE](#)

Community Time / Library Open • 10am

Gathered Worship • 10:45am

NEXT WEEK

Monday, July 24

Intercessory prayer • 9am • Barclay C

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Wednesday, July 26

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Friday, July 28

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

AFTER THAT

**August 7 • JOY breakfast • 8am • Friendsview Hess Creek dining room • \$4
• for seniors 55 and older**

**August 12 • wood ministry work session • 9-11:30am • Friends Cemetery on
Everest Rd • contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508**

AND AROUND THE TOWN

**This week • [Northwest Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions](#) • George Fox
University**

Sunday, July 23 • Friends Women Banquet • for information, [CLICK HERE](#)

**August 12 • Arnie and Barb Mitchell will reign as king and queen of
the [Aurora Colony Days parade](#).**

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

Upcoming Worship Gatherings

July 23 — [Jim Le Shana](#)

July 30 and August 6 — Jerry Baker

August 13 — Elizabeth Todd



Global Outreach Picnic

Elizabeth Todd, Karen Swenson, Marilyn Harmon, and Johan and Judy Maurer invite you to a simple, finger foods + ice cream sort of potluck on the north lawn of Newberg Friends Church beginning at 7 p.m on Saturday, July 22.

If you'd like, bring something savory or sweet to be eaten summer-style as we mill about underneath the trees at NFC in the cool of the day. But do come. We'd like to see you.

We'll have ice cream and the fixin's there, and fruit, and lemonade of course!

The photo (with Karen, Elizabeth, and Johan) was taken

in Budapest during a staff retreat a few years ago.



Congratulations to Anna Thomas and Mark Smith, who were married on Sunday, July 16, at Camp Tilikum. They invite you to their reception at the Friendsview auditorium tomorrow morning, July 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. They will leave right after the reception for their honeymoon in Cozumel, Mexico, where they will scuba dive and swim with whale sharks! Mark works in maintenance at Friendsview and Anna still has two more years of occupational therapy school at Pacific University. Photo credit: Judy Maurer



Opportunities for ministry waiting for you...

• **Women's Bible Fellowship** is looking for volunteers who love to hold babies, read books to toddlers, and spend time with the cutest of the creation a few hours a week on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11:10. Please contact [Lisa Nauman](#) (or call 503-538-9362) if you would like to help.



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Sunday Schedule:

Gathered Prayer—8-8:50am

Christian Education—9am

Community Time / Library—10am

Gathered Worship 10:45am

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