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—from Ron Stansell, clerk of elders

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess. 5:18). I continue to believe that injunction can be completed, even when circumstances are difficult. Let me share some of my thankfulness and at the same time bring the Newberg Friends Church congregation up to date.

- An administrative committee has been formed of congregational clerks, clerks or a representative of standing committees, and our administrator. This includes a member from the newly formed Christian education committee. While elders are charged with the spiritual care and nurture of God’s people and spiritual outreach, our administrative committee will work in partnership with the elders to care for business, office personnel, property, and financial concerns brought to them from the various committees
- Sherry Macy's work has been partially redefined and she will continue to help us as office administrator and with publications. Denise Lyman continues as bookkeeper, record keeping. Interim pastor Steve Fawver has been helpful in recent weeks in transition consultation and personnel contacts.
- NFC elders are recommending a ¼ time visitation coordinator position to begin very soon. The NFC administrative committee will consider this. A congregational care committee of volunteers for visitation has been active

for several weeks already.

- REAL: a place for women to study God's word—has been approved as a Newberg Friends ministry to begin September 7, following the format of Women's Bible Fellowship, open to all women of the community and with childcare provided.
- Finality on a Covenant of Separation between Newberg Friends and the Newberg Emerging Friends Church is close. The plan is to seek separate approval by both congregations for an orderly and respectful moving forward in ministry.
- NFC elders and a worship planning group continue to secure pulpit supply and participants in worship. We have been blessed! This will likely continue through October.
- NFC elders are actively evaluating possibilities for an interim pastor to serve until June 30. By that time we hope to have extended a pastoral call for long-term pastoral leadership.

A few weeks ago, I counted reasons for “why I’m smiling,” and several people asked if I was still smiling. Now you can ask me, “what are you thankful for today?” And I will have some answers for you! Pray for the leaders of Newberg Friends Church and for those God is calling to minister with us.

NOTE: In future issues of Friday Focus you will see similar reports from presiding and committee clerks in an effort to keep you informed of our ongoing rebuilding progress.



Happening at NFC...

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, August 19

Read ahead for tomorrow: Romans 2:1-4

Sunday, August 20

Gathered Prayer • 8-8:50am • Room 236

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

Community Time / Library Open • 10am

Gathered Worship • 10:45am

Young families picnic on the NFC lawn • noonish (scroll down for more information)

NEXT WEEK

Monday, August 21

No intercessory prayer today

No Strong For Life today

Wednesday, August 23

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Friday, August 25

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

AFTER THAT

Thursday, September 7 • introducing REAL: a place for women to study God's word • 8:45am • NFC social hall (Please scroll down to find full information and a link to register.)

AND AROUND THE TOWN

September 29–October 1 • NWYM Friends Women Retreat • guest speaker, Retha McCutchen • click [HERE](#) for info and registration

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

Upcoming Worship Gatherings

August 20 — Jamie Johnson
August 27 — David Thomas and YCEW
September 3 — Mark Kelley



Picnic Lunch for Young Families • Sunday, August 20

Young families are invited to gather on the church lawn after worship for a barbecue picnic lunch. We'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, table service, and drinks. You are welcome to add to that, or just come join us. Some may want to bring lawn chairs or outdoor toys for the kids to enjoy.

On Sunday . . .

. . . the Christian Ed committee will be sharing about the need for help in the fall Sunday school season. We'll be asking for your interest in the areas of nursery care, age 3-5, K-5, middle school and high school, Godly Play Storyteller, Godly Play Doorkeeper, and snacks during Community Time. We are hoping for enough volunteers that each helper is only committing to once a month.

Thank you for considering how you might be used by God serving our kids! Please contact [Lisa Nauman](#) (503 538-9362) with questions or to offer help.



Have you ever wanted to try ringing bells? The NFC bell choir is starting its new fall season and this would be a perfect opportunity to come and try out this unique musical form. We plan to begin our weekly Monday night rehearsals on September 11 at 7pm in Room 246. We'd love to have you come and check it out and see if this form of worship might resonate with you either in the short or long term. For more details or answers to your questions, please contact [Jan Cammack](#) (503-476-6067) or any of the usual ringers. (Warning: playing the bells can become addicting.)

Heaven's Gain

Dick Hendricks died on August 14, 2017, his birthday. He had expressed a desire to live to age 108—and he did, by a matter of only a few hours! Family members at NFC include his daughter, **Jo (Johndy) Lewis**. A memorial service will be held in Seattle.



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Women's Bible Fellowship (now called **REAL: a place for women to study God's word**) is gearing up for its first season under its new name. We invite all women to consider joining us at NFC on Thursday, September 7, 8:45-11am, and the Thursdays after that (following the public school calendar). We'll be studying *Esther* by Beth Moore for the fall. Register [HERE!](#) Ask to join the new Facebook group [HERE](#). And if you still have questions, contact [Lisa Nauman](#) / 503-538-9362.

Margaret Fell Friends Women will jump-start their meetings for the 2017-2018 calendar year with a potluck on Monday, August 28, from 6 to 8 pm, at Spaulding Oaks Community Center, 1100 N. Meridian St. Drinks and table service will be provided. Come refresh your memory or learn anew what Friends Women is all about. Men are also invited!



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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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