



from Joe Thouvenel . . .

"Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back everything is different." -Prince Caspian

I am incredibly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve and work alongside college-aged young adults for all of my professional career. I was first blessed as an admissions counselor at George Fox, guiding prospective students through the process of deciding on a college and preparing them for what Fox could offer them academically, socially, and spiritually. Then, during my 11 years on staff at Twin Rocks Friends Camp, I supervised and mentored college students from around the country who participated in the camp's Summer Staff program. Currently, I work with students transitioning from George Fox to the world of work, coaching them to make the most of their knowledge and experiences as they pursue their callings in fields as diverse as engineering, social work, or art.

What has kept me committed to this particular age group? It's the potential I see for transformational growth as these young women and men transition into adulthood. It's an exciting time of clarifying values and beliefs, seeking out friendships and connections, new-found purpose, and asking important questions about who they are and where they're heading in life. Often this time of life is full of a confusing mix of emotions: hopefulness and excitement alongside fear and uncertainty. I find a willingness in young adults to embrace authenticity in newly discovered ways that can lead to deeper connections with

one another and with God. I love being a part of that journey.

This Sunday at 10am* we'll begin talking and praying about how to provide a space for this to occur at Newberg Friends Church in the coming year. I hope students and young adults can encounter a time and place to come together, away from the pressures of everyday life, to share with one another, to listen to each other's stories, to learn from the stories of those who have gone before them, and to be encouraged through fellowship, scripture, song, and prayer.

**scroll to calendar below for details*

REMINDER: New Office Hours!
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Monday through Friday
2 to 5 p.m. by appointment



THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, September 2

Read ahead for tomorrow: 1 Corinthians 2:1-13

Sunday, September 3

Gathered Prayer • 8-8:50am • Room 236

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

College-Age / Young Adults • 10am • social hall • Doughnuts, coffee, and

conversation. Meet one another and begin to envision an ongoing young adult class during the Sunday Christian education hour this fall. Contact [Joe Thouvenel](#).

Community Time / Library Open • 10am

Gathered Worship • 10:45am

NEXT WEEK

Monday, September 4

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

NFC office closed for Labor Day holiday

Wednesday, September 6

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Thursday, September 7

REAL: a place for women to study God's word • 8:45am • NFC social hall • Register [HERE](#).

Friday, September 8

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Saturday, September 9

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

AFTER THAT

Friday, September 15

Red Cross Blood Drive • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. • NFC social hall • to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or [click HERE](#) (sponsor code: NewbergCommunity)

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

September 3 and 10 — Mark Kelley

September 17 — Dick Sartwell

September 24, October 1 — Chuck Mylander

October 8, 15, 22, 29 — Dick Sartwell

Thank you to all who responded to the Christian education committee's request for helpers in Sunday school. It has been encouraging to see God working through his church! We still have greatest need for helpers during the service in the age 3-5 and Godly Play classes. There are also spots open in the nursery and K-5 class during the 9 o'clock hour. Please consider being blessed by ministering to our youngest.

Contact [Lisa Nauman](#) 503-538-9362 or if you can help.



Committee Clerk Updates

**elders • presiding • stewards • trustees • YM reps • treasurer
Christian education • recording • cemetery • nominating**

from Chuck Scott, stewards clerk

Let me report the bottom line first – we are doing okay. You may recall that we created a very conservative first quarter (July, August & September) budget. Thus far the income has been a little better than expected and the expenses have been a fair amount under budget; so overall we are a bit ahead of the game.

The stewards continue to meet on a monthly basis to closely monitor the income and expenses to ensure a stable basis. At our last meeting we decided to prepare another three-month-only budget for the months of October, November, and December. At that meeting the stewards authorized Carl

Anderson and me to make limited decisions regarding any unexpected or unusual expenses that were not included in the current budget. We expect the second quarter budget will be presented to the congregation before the end of September. This gives us a little flexibility to deal with some of the unplanned expenses that have, and will likely come up in the near future.

Added note for those who've wondered: All of your tithes to NFC will stay with NFC and not be part of the Covenant of Separation.



Sunday School Staff
and Classes

Two years after **Jerry** (and Yvonne) **Carr** began attending NFC in 1956, he began keeping Sunday school attendance records. Add up the years between then and now, when the Carrs moved to Arizona full time, and you'll see why we want to recognize his "job tenure" in this position: 59 years. **Thanks, Jerry!** We should all be so dedicated! (pic from '70s NFC directory)



Raise your hand if you started (or will start) reading the New Testament today.

If not, choose your Bible translation, print the reading schedule, and create a small block of time in your day for reading your Bible with your NFC community.

RED CROSS



BLOOD DRIVE

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10 a.m. to 3 p.m. • NFC social hall
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call 1-800-733-2767
or [click HERE](#) (sponsor
code: NewbergCommunity)
Eligibility questions: 1-866-236-3276



Winter is still a few months away, but it's time to think about Operation Christmas Child. Do you have a heart for this annual outreach ministry? If you would like to see it continue at NFC, please contact [Sherry](#) to learn what's involved. The project would not need to be a large time investment; it can be as small or as big as you want to make it.

P.S.

>> In case you missed it in the calendar above: **College age young adults** are invited to gather at 10am this Sunday, September 3, in the social hall for doughnuts, coffee, and conversation. This will be a time of meeting one another and beginning to envision an ongoing young adult class during the Sunday Christian education hour this fall. Please contact [Joe Thouvenel](#) with questions about this opportunity.

>> If you have friends, acquaintances, or family in the Friendswood, League City and Houston areas, you might be interested in reading [Weekly Encourager](#), a publication distributed by Eastern Region Friends. The lead article shares ways folks can be part of organized efforts helping people who suffered the results of Hurricane Harvey.



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NEW office hours: 9a to 1p Monday-Friday • 2 to 5pm by appointment

website: <http://newbergfriends.org>

Sunday Schedule:

Gathered Prayer–8-8:50am

Christian Education–9am

Community Time / Library–10am

Gathered Worship 10:45am

Friday Focus editor: Sherry Macy • [Send submissions to her](#) by Wednesday for Friday publication.

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