

From ... Angel R. Diaz, pastor, La Iglesia Evangelica Los Amigos

Hello, Friends!

The Hispanic Friends Church of Newberg (Iglesia Evangelica Amigos) thanks the Friends of Newberg Church for all the years we've shared. We want to tell you that we deeply want to continue in this relationship until Christ comes. Also the pastoral family thanks you for all the support received in the circumstances of our lives in the month of August when my wife vacationed in Venezuela. First she suffered the death of her sister of 36 years, and then she needed an emergency operation for appendicitis that has delayed her return to the United States. But in the midst of all these adversities, the baby, born prematurely to her sister just before she died, survived and today is in a state of recovery in the home of a family member who is a military nurse. The baby girl has been the gift of God in all this storm.

As a church we want to celebrate the 10 years of financial independence from NFC with a meal in honor of you. Our church men put a new floor on the left side of the chapel. In an attitude of gratitude we wanted to do it, even though the building will be sold. We continue in our plan to clean the entire Friends Center, each family per month. So choose the day\* and kind of food you want to celebrate our unity in Christ and in our Faith and Practice.

We also want to share that we started a Hispanic Friends Church in Sherwood with brother Acasio Solis as pastor and with the full support of Sherwood Friends Church. We have services on Sundays at 5 p.m. In McMinnville we have already reached 10 years (5 years as a self-sustaining church). We have also started a community garden in McMinnville that is already reaping its fruits these days.

\*NFCers! Watch *Friday Focus* for an announcement of the date for this celebration dinner!



# FALL SCHEDULE Beginning Sunday, September 24

Gathered Prayer • 8 to 8:50 a.m. (Room 236)
Sunday School • 9 to 10 a.m.
Coffee in the Library 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Gathered Worship • 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School Classroom Assignments:
Children of Light (Social Hall)
Agape (Barclay B) • Shalom (Room 238)
College / Young Adult (Room 236)
Middle / High School Youth (Room 232)
K-5th Grade (Room 121)
Nursery-Pre-K (Room 231)



# THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, September 16

Read ahead for Sunday: Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Sunday, September 17

Gathered Prayer · 8-8:50am · Room 236

Christian Education • 9am • classroom locations, click HERE

Community Time / Library Open • 10am

Gathered Worship · 10:45am

Called Congregational Business Meeting · 6pm · NFC sanctuary · agenda:

1) consider elders' recommendation of Dick Sartwell as interim lead pastor; 2) proposed three-month budget from the stewards

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Monday, September 18

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Wednesday, September 20

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Thursday, September 21

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

Friday, September 22

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

#### **AFTER THAT**

Sunday, September 24

Called Business Meeting • 6pm • NFC sanctuary • In addition to the business

meeting on the 17th, this called congregational meeting will be held to consider the Covenant of Separation that has been prepared over recent months.

# Monday, October 2

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

## 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 17 — Dick Sartwell
September 24, October 1 — Chuck Mylander
October 8, 15, 22, 29 — Dick Sartwell

Looking for people (all ages) to jump into leading the opening song set on Sunday morning...this Sunday. Here are the tunes..."We Are Singing" (for the Lord is our light)/"Like a Rock"/"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High." We'll meet for a short rehearsal on the stage after\* Sunday school (\*as soon after 10a as you can). So think about it...and show up—this Sunday morning. — Mauri Macy



# Committee Clerk Updates

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

# from Ken Howe, Christian education clerk

Christian Ed is a new committee in our church, formed as a result of our recent reorganization. Consequently our responsibilities are somewhat nebulous, yet also exciting because we can plan for new ventures. I have the privilege of working with five individuals who are dedicated, enthusiastic, and eager to respond: Candy Johnson, Lisa Nauman, Cathie Jo Sturdevant, Ursa Shaw, and Barb Mann.

Our objective is to provide a Christian education opportunity for every age group, and thankfully we are able to do that because of the volunteers coming forward. Even in recent weeks, as we have requested additional helpers, you have responded. Initially we focused on staffing for our children and teens, especially the nursery, but lately we have turned our attention toward adults. *REAL: a place for women to study God's word* is now meeting on Thursday mornings, and last Sunday a class for college-age and young adults met for the first time.

God is blessing this ministry and working through it. Christian education is a vital part of a local church ministry; we are grateful for what God has done, and we are excited to see what he will do in the future.

On Sunday mornings you may notice a bouquet of flowers or a plant at the front of the church. For at least 40 years, Barb Mitchell has served NFC as coordinator for this ministry and we want to say **thank you!** 

In the past, Barb has served with a team, but lately she has provided the lovely flower arrangements on her own. She wants to continue, but only one time each month, which means we'll need volunteers to fill in the other Sundays. Who might step up and share this ministry with Barb? If you're interested, please call <u>Cindy</u> at 503-857-3581 or <u>email her</u>.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to bring beauty to the front of



## TWO BUSINESS MEETINGS

Please come at 6pm on Sunday,
September 17, to consider the
elders' recommendation of Richard
Sartwell as interim pastor and to
review the proposed 3-month
budget. Please come back a week
later at 6pm on Sunday, September
24, to consider the Covenant of
Separation. Both are important!

# P.S.

- >> Donna Kreutz has sent updates on the earthquake that hit the town and communities of Guevea. Click <a href="HERE">HERE</a> to read the full report.
- >> Twin Rocks Friends Camp is at the 99% mark of being fully funded for its Million Dollar Makeover. Watch <a href="this video">this video</a> for a more complete picture of the Makeover projects.



# REFERENCE INFORMATION: Newberg Friends Church

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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