



From . . . Dick Sartwell, interim pastor

Your invitation to serve as interim pastor at NFC for the next several months humbles me. I accept that offer with some trepidation because what we have been through in our church has been traumatic for so many of us. We have some serious rebuilding to do in our beloved congregation. While we have been focused on our local situation, many people in the south and southeast of our country and others around the world have faced sudden and tragic natural events like flooding and earthquakes. Those cities and towns most likely to recover from those calamities are those whose citizens work together to help each other rebuild and who use their personal and collective tragedies to rethink how to shape their communities for the future.

Linda and I have been a part of the past of Newberg Friends Church, and that carries rich memories for us. But restoring the past is not the challenge our congregation faces at NFC. Rather, with God's help we want to discern his vision for the future of our church. Have you sensed with us in recent months the clear evidence of God's presence and blessing in our worship? To me that is a sign that he has a plan for our future (*Jeremiah 29:11*). Let's discover it together!

Take a minute now to look at the new fall schedule. If it doesn't look very

new to you, please note two big changes. The worship gathering will now begin 15 minutes earlier, at 10:30am. Obviously, this shortens the time for coffee and conversation (in the library) between Sunday school and worship, but we've noticed folks tend to stay longer after worship to visit anyway. So it's all good.



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)

Also note! Friendsview pick-up time: 10:10 a.m.



Happening at NFC...

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, September 23

Read ahead for Sunday: Colossians 3:12-14; Matthew 18:23-35; Luke 6:27-28

Sunday, September 24

Gathered Prayer • 8am • Room 236

Sunday School • 9am • classroom locations, click [HERE](#)

Coffee and Conversation in the Library • 10am

Gathered Worship • 10:30am

Called Congregational Business Meeting • 6pm • NFC sanctuary • We will consider the proposed Covenant of Separation. Much time and prayer have been invested in its development, and it's important we all have clear understanding as we move toward completion of the discernment process. Scroll down for link to document.

NEXT WEEK

Monday, September 25

Intercessory prayer • 9am • Barclay C

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Wednesday, September 27

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Thursday, September 28

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

Register [HERE](#).

Friday, September 29

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

AFTER THAT

Monday, October 2

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

AND AROUND THE TOWN

Monday, September 25

Margaret Fell WMF, all women welcome! 7pm • Spaulding Oaks Community Center, 1100 N Meridian St, Newberg. Speaker: Barb Mann, YCEW trip to

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

Upcoming Worship Gatherings

September 24, October 1 — Chuck Mylander

October 8, 15, 22, 29 — Dick Sartwell

ANOTHER BUSINESS MEETING

A congregational business meeting has been called for this Sunday, September 24, at 6pm to present the proposed Covenant of Separation. The covenant came about after many months of discernment regarding how to move forward in light of the disagreements within Newberg Friends Church. This document is not intended to be a history or a justification of our separation but is what the representatives believe can be affirmed by both groups. You will find it very similar to other versions we have approved. Please take some time between now and Sunday to read the Covenant of Separation, pray for all of us in this transition, and come with open hearts to our meeting.

To read the two-page Covenant of Separation [CLICK HERE](#).



friends camp

You are encouraged to attend a meeting of Twin Rocks Friends Conference Association on Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 3pm at Reedwood Friends Church in Portland. The purpose of the meeting is to review [THIS DOCUMENT](#) and to seek the association's approval of it.

NFCers PLEASE NOTE:

The document contains two pages. Be sure to scroll to the second page to read the "Corporate Resolution Relating to Ownership & Use of Twin Rocks Friends Camp Facilities."

[HERE!](#)



Read the latest news from Northwest Yearly Meeting [HERE](#).

P.S.

>> If you're feeling crushed or brokenhearted, [THIS](#) might help (sound required). It will take only two minutes unless you can't resist replaying.



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Sunday Schedule:

Gathered Prayer – 8 to 8:50am

Sunday School – 9am

Coffee and Conversation in the Library – 10am

Gathered Worship 10:30am (new service time as of 9/24)

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