



**from Cindy Johnson . . .**

I would like share with you a ministry that means a lot to me: Congregational Care. I am back again as your congregational care coordinator. I am so excited and blessed to be asked to do this again. I didn't really have to think about it before I said YES. It is a gift the Lord has given me. I love and enjoy working with you. An awesome team has stepped up to help; I will name them at the end.

What does congregational care mean? It is a ministry that involves visiting those who attend NFC or who can no longer make it to church. It includes hospital visits, sitting with family during a time of grief, praying with them, finding ways to show we care.

It means visiting newcomers with a loaf of homemade bread and a "glad you came." We answer their questions about NFC. Our congregational care may include rides to doctor appointments, a caring note, a birthday greeting.

Prayer shawls, lovingly crocheted and knitted by ladies in our congregation, are given to those who have lost a loved one or who are going through a very tough time. When the recipients put the shawl around their shoulders or on their lap, it serves as a reminder that people are praying for them.

These are the people already involved in this ministry: Steve and Diana Gulley, Sharon Hubbell, Julie Anderson, Howard Harmon, Jo Helsabeck, Merrill

Johnson, Kathy Schlittenhart, Ron Woodward, Ron Stansell, Dick Sartwell, and Sara Grant. If you feel drawn to join this ministry, [please let me know](#).

If you have a need, or you might be in the hospital and would like a visit, or someone to pray with, please call me (503-857-3581) or the church (503-538-8381).

I look forward to being involved again with this ministry.

**FINAL 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 9**

Read ahead for tomorrow: Romans 5:1-11

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

#### **Sunday, September 10**

**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, September 11**

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

### **Wednesday, September 13**

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

### **Thursday, September 14**

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

Register [HERE](#).

### **Friday, September 15**

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

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)

## **AFTER THAT**

**Sunday, September 17** • Called Congregational Business Meeting • 6pm • NFC sanctuary • See NOTE below "Upcoming Worship Gatherings"

## **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.](#)

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## **Upcoming Worship Gatherings**

**September 10 — Mark Kelley**

**September 17 — Dick Sartwell**

**September 24, October 1 — Chuck Mylander**

**October 8, 15, 22, 29 — Dick Sartwell**

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## PLEASE NOTE!

NFC Presiding Clerk Carl Anderson and Clerk of Elders Ron Stansell request a called congregational business meeting for **September 17** at 6 p.m. The agenda will consider a recommendation from the elders body that a 3/4-time call be extended to Richard Sartwell as interim lead pastor beginning October 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. After much prayer and serious consideration of various options, this is the discernment of the elders. Other items of business may be included as needed. Join us in prayer that the Lord's direction be clear and that we might move forward in unity for this next step in our congregational life.



## Committee Clerk Updates

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Christian education • recording • cemetery • nominating

**from John "Hutch" Hutchinson, trustees clerk**

The trustees met last week for the first time since our formation. To get started—especially for new members of the trustees committee—we reviewed the current status of the eight properties owned by NFC. This included looking at the current status of tenants of our properties. Out of these considerations, we agreed to review and update the facility-use fees as a forward moving action item.

Arnie Mitchell brought us a report as buildings manager. Many projects have been on hold during this transitional period. As we get to the backside of that transition, we will begin afresh tackling those jobs. September 13 is Serve Day for George Fox students, and Arnie has requested 15 students to serve us by helping accomplish various tasks around our church.

We also visited the proposal NFC submitted toward the Covenant of Separation so that all of us as trustees are aware and can move ahead in an informed way.

I want you to know that you have a very good trustees committee. For your information, we are Clyde and Carol Thomas, Phyllis McKinney, Steve Gulley, Mark Martin (who also serves on the cemetery committee and is liaison between the two committees), Arnie Mitchell as ex officio member, and me as its clerk. If you have any questions or concerns about the physical properties of our church, please express those to any of us on the committee. It is a pleasure serving you.



**RED CROSS**



**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Friday, September 15**  
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)  
Eligibility questions: 1-866-236-3276



**Cooperative  
NEED SHEET**

Click [HERE](#) for the new Need Sheet.



Read the newest issue of  
NWYM Connection [HERE](#).



**Hooray!**

A volunteer has stepped up to oversee this ministry! Start collecting empty shoeboxes and appropriate items to fill them. [Here's a link](#) that will give you all the information you need. Our knitters have already begun making duduza dolls. Watch *Friday Focus* for updates in the coming weeks.

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## P.S.

- >> Read Jeff and Christine Stanfield's most recent newsletter [HERE](#).
- >> The new fall programming schedule will be unveiled in next week's *Friday Focus*. Stay tuned!
- >> To donate to **Hurricane Harvey Relief via Friends Churches in Texas**, click [here](#). To donate to **Emergency Flood Relief in Bangladesh and Nepal**, click [here](#).



### 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**

**Community Time / Library—10am**

**Gathered Worship 10:45am**

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