



From Dick Sartwell . . .

As part of our service this Sunday we want to recognize our spiritual inheritance from those who've walked the path of Christian discipleship before us. You can share this blessing with others by bringing a family Bible for "Show and Tell." Maybe your Bible has a page with entries of your family ancestors. Or perhaps you inherited a Bible used by a favorite relative whose Christian life you deeply respect. Were you given a Bible by a "spiritual mother" or "spiritual father" who helped you enter a saving relationship with Jesus and presented that Bible to you as a tangible expression of their love and care for you?

Bring that special Bible to church with you on Sunday, and we'll have a table at the front of the sanctuary where it can be displayed. We'll even give you a brief opportunity to tell us what is important to you about the

people represented by that Bible.



THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, October 28

Read ahead for Sunday: Hebrews 11:1 – 12:2

Sunday, October 29

Gathered Prayer • 8am • Room 236

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

Coffee and Conversation in the Library • 10am

Gathered Worship • 10:30am

NEXT WEEK

Monday, October 30

Intercessory prayer • 9am • Barclay C

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Wednesday, November 1

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

Strong For Life • 10:30am • Barclay B

AFTER THAT

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time ends

Monday, November 6

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

55 and older

Sunday, November 12

- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Day • Bring your filled shoeboxes to worship at 10:20am!
- Thank-You Meal with Hispanic Friends Church • noon • Friends Center • bring dessert to share • RSVP to [Cathie Jo](#) please.

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



Committee Clerk Updates

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

From . . . Ron Stansell, elders clerk

NFC Elders Begin Pastoral Search Process

What on earth do church “elders” do? Sit around and act old maybe? I hope it is something better than that!

Scripture doesn’t give a point-by-point job description, but we get the idea: Elders care for the church; they are people of good judgment and good testimony who can live as examples (I Timothy 3:1-7) and shepherds of the flock (I Peter 5:2). These are not strikingly different requirements from the work of a pastor/teacher. Traditionally, Friends pastors and elders have worked hand-in-hand to care for the body, to build it up spiritually, to discern and recommend with wisdom, and to help incorporate new believers into the church.

That job description is especially important to Newberg Friends Church as we enter into a pastoral search process. On Tuesday, October 31, the NFC elders and interim pastor Dick Sartwell will meet for a one-day retreat to pray, worship, and prepare a “road map” for a search for long-term pastoral leadership. That will include discussion of our congregational identity and future goals. Keep tuned—you will hear more and will have opportunity for input!

We want to represent ourselves honestly to candidates and to be able to invite new leadership to help us further develop ministry. We know it all needs to come from the Holy Spirit. The “road map” will of course include

the participation of many others besides the elders and hopefully will lead to a pastoral call approved by the congregation in February or March to begin ministry July 1, 2018.

The pastoral search will be driven by the elders, but meaningful input from everyone is vital. We welcome comments and suggestions regarding our future, the particular needs we have for pastoral leadership, and even suggestions of names for candidates. More important, a high tide of faithful prayer is needed. Good praying means entering into a deeper relationship with God through Jesus, giving thanks for God's promises to our church, and emptying ourselves of self-centered thinking. Good praying means seeking wisdom, discernment of our own needs and of God's will for us. Then we lay out our needs before the Lord and humbly ask in faith for the meeting of those needs.

So, no sitting around acting old! The elders want pray-ers (of all ages) to join us in our pastoral search process.



Remember to pack your shoebox(es) and bring them to church on Sunday morning, November 12! Find a list of packing possibilities [HERE](#). Meet **Lorie Burgess** in the library between Sunday school and church and pick up your box(es), [duduza dolls](#), and child-sized T-shirts (while supplies last).



In lieu of a Giving Tree this Christmas, NFC hopes to provide toys through the "Toy & Joy" program for children in the Newberg/Dundee area whose families qualify. Who among us would find joy in taking on the project as overseer? If it is YOU,

Cooperative NEED SHEET

Click [HERE](#) to read the newest Need Sheet.

Fruit of the Vine

October, November, December 2017

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Organ Hymn Festival Concert

Sunday, November 5
Bauman Auditorium
See full poster [HERE](#).

please contact [Sherry Macy!](#)



Newberg Hispanic Friends Church

INVITES the congregation of
Newberg Friends Church
TO A
THANK-YOU DINNER

at noon on
Sunday, November 12
at Friends Center.

The Hispanic church has agreed
to let us provide a potluck dessert!

They would appreciate knowing
how many will come, so please
RSVP to [Cathie Jo](#).

P.S.

>> **DECEMBER 24:** Yes, along with our usual 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will have two Christmas Eve candlelight services—5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

>> **A FAMILY PLACE** will offer a free



Newberg Friends Church
Women's Retreat at Twin
Rocks Friends Camp is
coming March 9-11, 2018.

6-week moms group for pregnant
women and mothers of children
three years old and younger. Click
[HERE](#) for dates and details.

>> **IF YOU MISSED** the Newberg
Graphic article about Dick Sartwell's
interim pastorate, read it [HERE](#).



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Richard Sartwell, interim pastor

Sunday Schedule:

Gathered Prayer – 8am

Sunday School – 9am

Coffee and Conversation in the Library – 10am

Gathered Worship 10:30am

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