

# YOUR NFC

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE  
NEWBERG FRIENDS CHURCH COMMUNITY

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## FROM ME TO YOU



by Gregg Koskela, lead pastor

One of the most difficult things in any organization is communication. I think churches our size should perhaps have their own category for an increased level of difficulty with communicating. We've been talking about this in our pastoral team meetings lately. We're too big for someone to know everything that is going on; the sheer amount of information is overwhelming. But we're small enough (and value "community" and "being a family") that we all

sort of expect to know (or at least want to know) all of what is going on.

So since it's time for me to write "From Me to You," I thought I'd write a bit about some of our discussion in order to let you know what we're thinking about. It's also an invitation for you to let us know what might be helpful to you as far as communication.

Sometimes it's best to state the obvious: we want people to know how to be involved in the life of our church. We want people to know good things that are happening. Here are some of the ways we try to do that:

- **Your NFC** (which you are reading right now) is the key place where we put information and stories and things from the life of our church community. A rotation of different types of writings fills the front page. It always includes a weekly event calendar with upcoming events further out in the future. You can find the Need Sheet, Karen McConaughy's *Senior Moments*, event information, ministry opportunities, the monthly financial report, and all kinds of things in here. If you can't read it every week, we hope you can file it in an e-mail folder to go to when you have a question. Printed copies are always available at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. If you hear someone wondering what's going on, please encourage them to grab a copy at the Welcome Center in the sanctuary, or get on the e-mail list by filling out a card on Sunday morning.
- **Our website** has lots of information. You can read *Your NFC* there, but in addition, each area of ministry (worship, youth, children, missions, all kinds of things) has more information available there. Alan Akins does a great job posting audio recordings of all of our services, as well as memorial services, on our website. There is an events calendar you can click on, located on the left side of the home page. The first place it takes you is a



Brandon Buerkle shares his mixed media collages on the art wall.

Go take a look!  
Spend some time interpreting each piece!

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listing of events with a paragraph or so describing it. You can then click on a link that shows the full monthly calendar with everything going on at the church. Click on any of the items for more info and a contact person for more information. Take some time to go poke around now! [click here](#)

- **At each door** you can find an Info Center, which has information about each Sunday school class (children, youth, and adults) and other brochures about various ministries. Take a look on Sunday!
- **You can ask a pastor**—face to face, by phone, or by e-mail. We really are glad to answer questions you might have—nothing is too simple or mundane. If we don't know the answer, we'll figure out how to get it for you. Also, many of the staff maintain their own e-mail lists and send lots of info out weekly or monthly. Eric Muhr and Michelle Akins are especially active in this. Even if you don't have a youth or child in your family, but would like to pray for our youth and children and know what's going on, you could ask either of them to add you to their e-mail list.
- **On Sunday mornings**, we try to keep our reminders brief so that we have most of our time for worship together. Those reminders don't include everything going on but focus on the events happening within a week or so and involving or affecting the whole congregation. We've also been trying to have a brief moment (usually at the offering) a couple of times a month where we highlight a ministry of the church. Most recently, Elizabeth Sherwood reminded us of the many behind-the-scenes people providing hospitality on Sunday mornings, for memorial services, and for our all-church gatherings. In past months we've also talked about the wood ministry, Operation Christmas Child, our camps, and Faith in Action.

Our prayer and our goal is that each person at NFC will be able to find ways to be nurtured in their relationship with Jesus as well as find ways to serve Christ in our church or our community. We see our role as facilitating you as you take responsibility to live as God directs. Maybe you are wondering...

*...who do I talk to about Adult Sunday school, small groups, spiritual formation and direction, visiting people in the hospital, etc.?* Steve Fawver is our pastor with responsibilities in these areas.

*...who do I talk to about children's ministry, women's retreat, vacation Bible school, Boys Camp or Girls Camp, Women's Bible Fellowship, serving and mentoring kids, etc.?* Michelle Akins is our pastor with responsibilities in these areas.

*...who do I talk to about middle school and high school youth groups, service projects, retreats, etc.?* Eric Muhr is our pastor with responsibilities in these areas.

*...who do I talk to about offering my ability to play an instrument, a desire to sing, read scripture, be part of a musical group, ideas for songs or our worship together, etc.?* Mauri Macy is our pastor with responsibilities in these areas.

*...who do I talk to about opportunities for seniors, connecting with the older generation, JOY Breakfast, senior socials, etc.?* Karen McConaughy is our pastor with responsibilities in these areas.

*...who do I talk to about serving behind the scenes, our buildings or vehicles, peace and justice, welcoming people or ushering on Sundays, the cemetery, etc.?* Elizabeth Sherwood is our pastor with responsibilities in these areas.

*...who do I talk to about missionaries and global outreach, college ministry, vision for the church, 5 o'clock gathering, etc.?* I'm the pastor with responsibilities in these areas.

Know that we want to help! Don't hesitate to pull us aside on Sunday morning, give us a call (503-538-8381), or drop an e-mail. Use our first names [@newbergfriends.org](mailto:@newbergfriends.org).



# YOUR **NFC** THIS WEEK

**Psalm 46; Mark 1:35-39**

## READING ASSIGNMENT FOR FEBRUARY 5

### SUNDAY

Sunday school for children and adults — for times and classroom information, find "Educational Opportunities" at each entrance, each "Info Center," at the welcome center, or ask a greeter to help you.

**9am** | worship gathering

**10-10:45am** | Community Time | social hall and library

**10:45am** | • worship gathering

• unprogrammed worship in Barclay C

**2pm** | Bible quizzing | high school and middle school | Youth House

**6pm** | "The Parent You Want to Be" | Barclay C

**7pm** | high school youth group | Youth House

### Monday, February 6

JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

### Tuesday, February 7

Weigh2Go! | 5pm | Barclay C | open to everyone

### Wednesday, February 8

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Middle school youth group | 6:30pm | Youth House

Worship ensemble rehearsal | 7pm | Room 246 | all singers welcome

### Thursday, February 9

Women's Bible Fellowship | 8:45am | social hall

### Friday, February 10

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friendsview prayer meeting | 1pm | Creekside 2nd floor, TV room | Gregg Koskela invites anyone at Friendsview to join for prayer.

Family Story Time | 6:30pm | Barclay C

### Saturday, February 11

Men's prayer meeting | 8am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room

Wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Tim Goodfellow 503-522-4415

### Sunday, February 12

Reading assignment: Genesis 12:1-9

Senior Sunday Social | noon | social hall

5 o'clock gathering | sanctuary

### Plan Ahead

February 20 | 3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance) | 6pm | social hall

February 27 | Margaret Fell WMF | 7pm | Spaulding Oaks Community Center | featuring Ron and Carolyn Stansell, Nepal

March 4 | Grief Group begins | 9am | Barclay C

NEWBERG FRIENDS CHURCH  
a GROWING community  
LISTENING to Christ  
CHANGING in the Spirit  
LIVING OUT love

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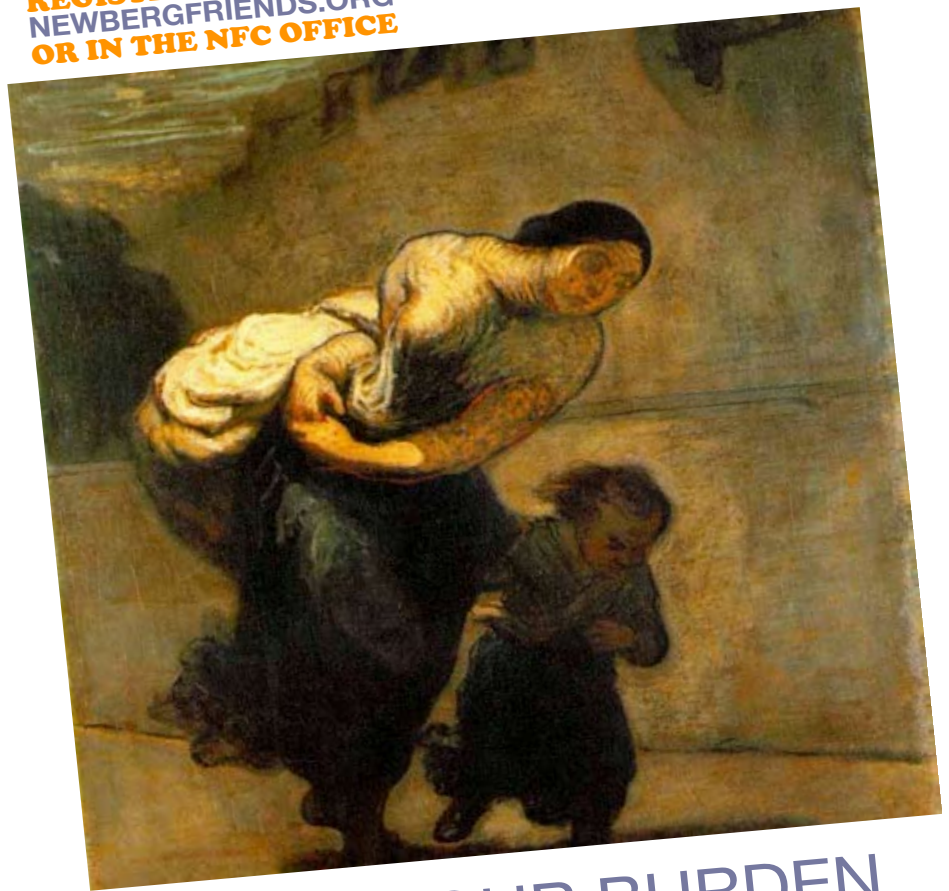
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**NFC's Calendar on the Web!**



Girls Camp at Twin Rocks is looking for musicians and vocalists interested in helping with worship and silly songs at Girls Camp this summer, June 30-July 6. Please contact Michelle Akins (503-538-8381 / michelle@newbergfriends.org) if you want to enjoy a week of praise, prayer, and laughter with 4th through 6th graders. This summer our goal is to put our faith into action at Girls Camp 2012.

**REGISTER TODAY AT  
NEWBERGFRIENDS.ORG  
OR IN THE NFC OFFICE**



**LAY DOWN YOUR BURDEN  
MARCH 9-11 • TWIN ROCKS  
NFC WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Women's Retreat is an opportunity to get away to the Oregon coast. You'll delight in delicious food, fabulous facilities, and bountiful friendships. This weekend is your chance to take a nap, be crafty, or stroll along the beach with a buddy. Make it whatever you want, just don't miss it!

**\$110**  
Scholarships available through NFC



If NFC registers more than 10 women together on one registration, our cost is only \$33 per person. If you plan to attend SELAH, please contact Michelle Akins to register by February 5 for the lowest cost available!

If you register independently, the cost is \$38 by February 15, \$43 February 16-March 16, and \$48 at the door.

**Look for info HERE on George Fox website.**

# Senior Sunday Social

**Sunday, February 12 • noon • social hall  
soup • cornbread • dessert  
transportation back to Friendsview**



*Bulletin Bloopers: The church office will be closed until opening. It will remain closed after opening. It will reopen Monday.*

Last Monday was my last birthday in my sixties, and I wasn't much in the mood to celebrate. However, my son Mike and his wife, Adina, invited me to lunch. It was so special, as we are all busy. However, as I came out of the restaurant there was a yellow ticket on my car. My heart sank, as I haven't had a ticket for many years. My "crime" was that the back of my car was too far out in the street. What really frosted me was that the ticket was \$110! A card that accompanied my ticket invited me to call the ticketing officer. I did, and I told him it was my birthday. He was not moved. He told me if I go before the judge and tell my story he would probably knock it down significantly. I might have to go to traffic school. I wasn't having trouble with the traffic, evidently, while parking my car. I am tempted to pay the fine, but my frugal self says go see the judge. I am undecided but will let

you know. What would you do? Send me an e-mail!

I am praying for you.

- Reminders:*
- JOY Breakfast, Monday, February 6, 8 a.m. at J's Restaurant. See you there!
  - Senior Sunday Social: February 12 at noon. We still could use one more pie. We could use some more soup, but we don't intend it to be cannibal soup as I intimated last week. We will take you back to Friendsview after lunch, that is, if you live there and want to go there. Come and have fun!

**Reach me by phone — 503-899-9229 (cell) or 503-487-6380 (home)**

## Let Us Come Boldly — a call to pray —

Each week the yearly meeting sends suggestions for prayer. If you have requests or answers to prayer, please contact Tresa Redford ([tresa89@msn.com](mailto:tresa89@msn.com)) or Lana Thurston ([lanat\\_9@msn.com](mailto:lanat_9@msn.com)). If you would like to share requests and answers to prayer with the wider community, you can visit the yearly meeting website.

- Day 1 – South Salem Friends Church
- Day 2 – South Salem Friends pastoral staff: Jim Pike (Sharon)
- Day 3 – Iglesia Amigos en Lynwood (Portland, OR)
- Day 4 – Iglesia Amigos en Lynwood pastoral staff: Hernan Diaz
- Day 5 – Twin Rocks Friends Camp (Rockaway Beach, OR): board of directors
- Day 6 – Friends Church Extension Fund: Floyd Watson (Arline), president
- Day 7 – Friends Men Executive Committee: Ron Mulkey (Deb), president



# Love INC Updates

February 2012

## Non-Food Pantry Now Available at GodSong!



There is a high demand in our community for necessities that are not covered by food stamps. These are items that many of us take for granted, including:

- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Body Wash
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothpaste & Tooth Brushes
- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Feminine Products
- Garbage Bags

If you have extra supplies please send them to GodSong at 1025 Industrial Pkwy Bldg. C in Newberg or call 503-537-3999.

### Specific Ministry Needs

Non-Food Pantry - GodSong

Gorilla racks, toilet paper, garbage bags, razors, shaving cream

Diaper Ministry - Joyful Servant Lutheran

Diapers sizes 4, 5, or 6 and wipes

Over the Counter Medication - Church of Nazarene

Children's cold medicine, ibuprofen, tylenol

Linen Closet - St. Peters

Towels, blankets, pillows

Gift Closet - Church of the Nazarene

Adult gifts (teenager, male & female)

Wood Ministry - Newberg Friends

Seasoned wood

Bike Ministry - Multi Church

Volunteer able to repair bikes

Newberg Community Shelter

Plastic forks, paper plates and bowls, sandwich bags, coffee, coffee filters

## Hear What's Happening at the Gap Ministries!



A Coordinator of one of Love INC's Gap Ministries took time to tell us her view of serving our community:

"I have met a lot of awesome people who come through [our Gap Ministry]. I currently have my daughter coming in to help me. I like to get to

know [our clients] on a more personal level rather than just [giving away items]. I'm currently going through a divorce myself and now a single mom so I can relate to a lot of [our clients]. I see their faces light up a bit when they find out I'm going through tough times too. Then they start talking a bit. We have a lot of laughs too."

Take a look at some of the Gap Ministries offered by Love INC and your church today!



### Second Tuesday:

Red Hills Market

115 SW 7<sup>th</sup>, Dundee - [www.redhillsmarket.com](http://www.redhillsmarket.com)

### Third Tuesday:

Pogy's Subs

2855 E Hayes Street, Suite 100 Newberg  
[www.pogys.com](http://www.pogys.com)

### Fourth Tuesday:

Jem 100

208 N. Main Street Newberg  
[www.jem100.com](http://www.jem100.com)

# parenting 101

saturday, february 18, 9:30 a.m. to noon

tigard community friends church

*a fundraiser, in the form of a parenting class, for parents/grandparents of all shapes, sizes, and ages.*

*fundraiser to benefit will cammack and kaija magee's upcoming ycew trip to haiti (see below)*

## **ycew: youth challenged to expand their worldview**

ycew is a ministry of northwest yearly meeting of friends. this years' ycew team will be traveling to haiti to work alongside the youth and young adults of the haiti yearly meeting of friends as well as to help with the building of a boarding school in the countryside southwest of port au prince.

<http://nwfriends.org/ycew>

<http://hcdf.biz/blog/>

## **will cammack**

will is a senior at newberg high school who plans to study engineering in college. he plays rugby, is in the school choir, volunteers in the community and enjoys swing dancing with his cousin kaija. will spent his early childhood living in peru.



## **kaija magee**

kaija is a junior at westside christian high school. she is a part of dojump's youth performance troupe and is involved in drama and cheer at her school. she loves swing dancing with her cousin will.



## about the class:

parenting is hard, come learn some information to make the task easier. this fast paced, interactive class will provide information about the following topics:

parenting styles and approaches

partnering while parenting

child development

effective communication (with kids and partners)

healthy emotional development

creating a discipline plan and sticking to it

creating a play-filled and loving home.



**haiti is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. due to previous political corruption and ongoing violence, haiti is found to be the poorest country in the americas and is still struggling to recover from last year's 7.0 earthquake.**

## about the presenter:

dr. doreen dodgen-magee is a licensed psychologist in portland oregon, maintaining both an individual therapy practice and a national public speaking docket. she has 20 years of clinical experience, is an author, and a frequent guest lecturer in professional, medical, and parenting circles. her public speaking style is engaging, quick paced, research based, and continually up to date as she endeavors to keep a finger on the pulse of both popular cultural trends and shifts as well as scholarly discourse and research. doreen excels at creating hospitable spaces, both personally and professionally, allowing people to engage one another and themselves and investigate new ideas. [www.doreendm.com](http://www.doreendm.com)

*Join the*



## **Family Meeting Workshops (2 sessions)**

### **TWO SATURDAYS**

**Feb. 18 & Mar. 3  
2012**

### **10:00 AM - Noon**

Please arrive at 9:45

**Newberg Friends Church  
Social Hall  
307 S. College Street  
Newberg, OR**

### **WORKSHOP FEE**

**\$25 per family  
Due at Registration**

### **Fee covers ...**

Both sessions, a book,  
handouts & refreshments

**Registration will  
remain open for the  
first ten families  
who register**

Your Community Mediators of Yamhill County presents this two-session Workshop where families will find answers to questions such as ...

1. How does a Family Meeting work?
2. What is the top skill families can use to strengthen relationships?
3. How can we raise concerns with each other without getting defensive?

Presenters Vyrle Owens and Kathy Beckwith will lead learning activities and practice communication skills.

The workshop is open to families of all ages and all members of the household.

***Could it work for your family?***

**Call with questions or for more info: 503-435-2835**



**Workshop space is available for only ten families.** Please contact YCM by email ([marlenab@comcast.net](mailto:marlenab@comcast.net)) or by phone (503-435-2835)

Once you are registered, send a check for **\$25 registration fee** made out to **YCM Family Workshops** with your name, address, phone number, and the name and ages of family members planning to attend to:

Your Community Mediators  
P.O. Box 444, McMinnville, OR 97128

*The workshops are jointly sponsored by ...*

**Yamhill Valley Peacemakers**

  
**Newberg Friends Church**



**Your Community Mediators  
Of Yamhill County**



For further information about workshop content, feel free to call Workshop presenters:  
Vyrle Owens at 503-864-4599 or Kathy Beckwith at 503-864-2749.

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