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PURELY ENTERTAINMENT



After effects of the toughest job you will ever...

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I am an Oregonian, specifically a Portlander. If you have ever seen the show “Portlandia,” you know it means something sort of odd. I jaywalk unabashedly, I wear sandals as long as I can, I recycle and feel guilty if I don’t. And when it gets cold most Portlanders are mostly oblivious. Some have nice coats, like the professionals or the outdoorsies, but most get by most of the year in a windbreaker and sandals.

Because here, for whatever reason, we can kind of get away with shorts and sandals and a jacket even when it’s cold. Sometimes someone puts on a sweater or wears pants. My husband, for instance, wears his sandals even to walk in subzero temps, mostly because his sandals are comfortable. He never wears a sweater. Or a turtleneck or a hat or a scarf or anything like that.



Hippy Portland. Why am I wired to like it?

But if you left America, and if you went to a cold place, where the cold is pretty much a part of the culture—like, say, *Russia*—something strange happens. If you don’t wear a hat, you are likely to die in the fetal position in a pile of snow waiting for your bus to come as it grows dark. Next to an old woman properly bundled and selling garlic, scolding you. All because you could not tell if it was a two-layer day or a five-layer day. And because you didn’t eat your kasha.

And for two years, one of the more important choices you made daily was to ascertain—by sunlight or cloud cover, hoarfrost or snow or rain and without the aid of a weather report or a thermometer—just how much clothing would be necessary. (No, Peace Corps volunteers didn’t carry cell phones even 10 years ago.)

So when you return to Oregon, and it gets cold—like, say, it is below



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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40 degrees Fahrenheit (because these numbers make a lot of difference)—a little bit of Russia nostalgia somehow also comes with the cold weather.

You might not wear a shapka, but you darn well better have a decent coat that looks respectable on the street. And if you haven't got a decent scarf to wrap round yourself, well, that is just irresponsible.

And you must look put together. Even if you aren't wearing deodorant, because really, they don't in Russia either, so that is sort of just normal.

So you can be fragrant, but you must look sharp. And for heaven's sake, you must have a decent hat.

But, reality check, we aren't in Russia, we are here in Oregon—the Willamette Valley no less. Hats aren't really necessities, they are more like fashion statements. It never gets to 10 below. Even if it did get that cold (in Oregon people seldom walk anywhere near as much as Russians) any outdoor activity would be purely recreational. So the hat you can skip, in Oregon anyway, which is a relief, especially if you have enormous hair. Ahem.

And here is the Russian Babushka part. If you see a person who is dressed inappropriately for the weather, that is a basis on which to judge them to be foolish. But here in Oregon, people just don't get it, they don't care. So, by the measuring stick of a Russian Babushka, every Oregonian is a fool.



This is what Portland people think is cold weather—notice, no snow, her jacket is unbuttoned, and gloves? hat? Hello? This is not cold.

It is hard to adapt to, seeing so many people improperly dressed for cold weather. The former Peace Corps volunteer might just be inclined to tsk tsk the lack of proper pants, shoes, or cold-weather attire. However, it is not at all beneficial, useful, or otherwise productive to wage a war of disgust at improper weather preparation against your fellow humans. Nor is it going to add a minute to one's life to imagine superiority because one's fellow Oregonians don't know what it is like to live for months in the enduring cold where the weather never gets much above -15 Celsius. And, they don't care.

And as an Oregonian, you have only learned because you were foolish enough to volunteer to be sent to Russia and because you believed sincerely in your heart you might just die in the dark next to the old lady selling garlic at the bus stop on account of not wearing a decent scarf.

Somehow, the volunteer must slowly learn to let go of a sense of superior knowledge because she knows what it is like to have her nose filled with ice and shake uncontrollably (forgot to eat the kasha).

Oregon's mild climes simply don't create the opportunity to stand in mock superiority at the obscure knowledge of how to dress properly in the cold. Hmph. Proper cold-weather dressing might have saved one's life on the steppe, but it will not get one a job, and it will only make one's children embittered by being forced to wear a snowsuit when it is only 50 degrees out. "Mom, why can't I wear my flip flops like the other kids?"

Because they are fools! Fools! I bet they haven't even eaten their Cream of Wheat!

Well, proper cold-weather dressing and a knowledge of golden-age Spanish literature I suppose are two things I might never get paid for but might look for every opportunity to cash in on. Wish me luck!



This is how Babushki dress when it is warm, so perhaps you can imagine cold weather.

YOUR **NFC** THIS WEEK

Matthew 6:19-34

READING ASSIGNMENT FOR JANUARY 29

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

5pm | 5 o'clock gathering | 5pm

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

7pm | high school youth group | Youth House

Monday, January 30

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

3:4-5 Fun Night | FC gym | dinner, games, and a missions focus for 3rd-5th graders. \$2/child, \$4/family max

Trustees meeting | 7pm | Barclay C

Tuesday, January 31

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

Wednesday, February 1

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 2

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

Bridgetown Night Strike | 6pm

Friday, February 3

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.

Saturday, February 4

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

Sunday, February 5

Grief Group begins | 9am | Barclay C

Plan Ahead

February 6 | JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older

February 10 | Family Story Time | 6:30pm | Barclay C

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

February 12 | Senior Sunday Social | noon | social hall

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

NEWBERG FRIENDS CHURCH

a GROWING community

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CHANGING in the Spirit

LIVING OUT love

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NFC's Calendar on the Web!



A couple of weeks ago Gregg spoke about community and each offering our God-given talents in the community. It struck me that I have been contributing my love for flowers and decorating to the flower/decorating ministry for many years and that some of you might like to be a part of that ministry too. Perhaps you don't feel comfortable volunteering for one reason or another, so let me just say, "We need your help. There is a place for you right now in the flower/decorating ministry!"

If you are interested in learning more about this rewarding ministry, I would love to talk to you. And I will happily do "on the job training." Please contact Barb Mitchell (503-476-6263) for more information.



Bulletin Bloopers: If you need to leave during the postlude, please do so quietly.

Have you ever noticed how the age groups differ in what they think is funny? I grew up on slapstick comedy. "I Love Lucy" was our fare. In most cases the humor was harmless, with no intention to hurt with words. My dad loved Red Skelton. His jokes and actions were funny and a even little risque (though nothing like what we see on TV today). Then along came Don Rickles, who took joy in saying demeaning and hurtful things to and about others. I felt sick that he would disrespect and demean people so much. Culture has changed so much that what is funny to me is not funny to younger people and vice versa. Views of life are different today. I don't feel threatened by that but want us to learn more about each other. How do you see it?

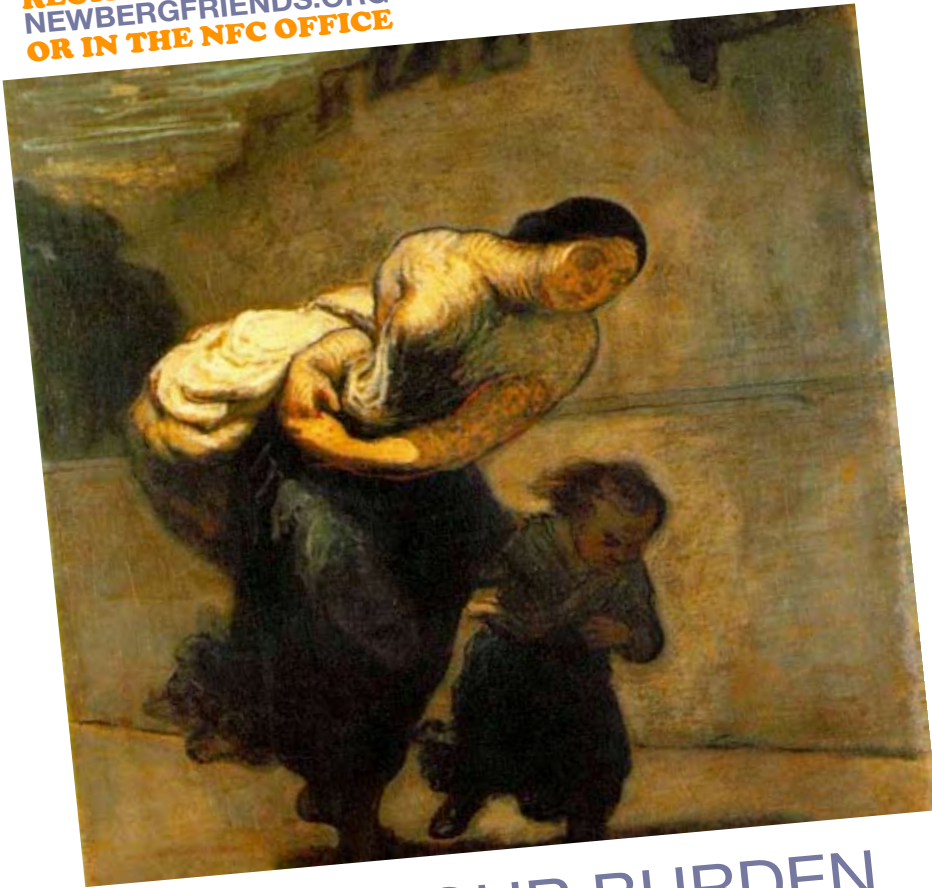
- Reminders:
- JOY Breakfast, February 6, 8 a.m., J's Restaurant
 - Senior Sunday Social, February 12, noon, social hall
- Still needed: 4 people for a large batch of soup; 3 people for 9x13 cornbread; 4 people for pie, fruit cobbler/crisp
- Don't forget that transportation back to Friendsview will be provided after the social.

Let Us Come Boldly

Each week the yearly meeting sends suggestions for prayer. If you have requests or answers to prayer, please contact Tresa Redford (tresa89@msn.com) or Lana Thurston (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 – Sprague River Friends Church
- Day 2 – Sprague River Friends pastoral staff: Tim Henry (Tonya)
- Day 3 – Iglesia Amigos en McMinnville
- Day 4 – Iglesia Amigos en McMinnville pastoral staff: Angel Diaz (Marbellys)
- Day 5 – George Fox University (and a stronger Friends identity there)
- Day 6 - Twin Lakes Friends Camp (Rathdrum, ID)
- Day 7 – Friends Church Extension Fund: Floyd Watson, president

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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



Young Friends Singers

Calling all Young Friends! On January 30 we're starting a new season of Young Friends Singers. We'll meet Mondays at 3:45 to sing, laugh, and learn together. We'll be helping to lead worship at NFC every few weeks throughout our 3 month season and will hit the road in April for a small tour around Newberg.

Please contact **Bethany** (503-504-7566) or **Mauri** (503-538-4647) with questions or to RSVP.



Restoring life to rescued children! This is the mission of Door To Grace, a local Christian aftercare agency. Come to a one-day workshop to see if this is a ministry you are called to! February 4, 8:30-5:00 at River West Church, 2000 Country Club Road, Lake Oswego. You can register at www.doortograce.org.

If you have questions, contact the Door to Grace's program director and NFCer, Cara Copeland.
cara@doortograce.org or 503-747-5474

NEED SHEET

NEEDED:

- Wedding decorations for a friend: horseshoes (any kind) and old-fashioned glass mason jars (need 10-15). If you have any of either of these items that you would be willing to part with for free or for a small fee, please e-mail jfink09@georgefox.edu or call 509-988-0323.
- Tilikum is looking for 30 amazing individuals to serve on its 2012 summer staff. A summer at Tilikum offers an incredible experience that will push you to grow in community, Christian living, and service, plus the chance to share God's love with thousands of children and youth! If you or someone you know is interested in a summer at Tilikum, we would love to hear from you! Benefits include a summer stipend (\$2,300 first-year staff; \$2,500 returning staff) and housing at GFU. For more information and application materials, go to www.camptilikum.org. Applications due February 29, 2012. Call Tami Ankeny at 503-538-2763 or e-mail tilikum@goergefox.edu if you have questions.
- Recent Linfield grad, and newly employed, is looking for ride share from McMinnville to Tigard Transit Mall during morning commute, adding possible evening return at a later date. Contact Mai Doan at xuanmai90@yahoo.com.

AVAILABLE:

- Free: Exercise bike, TV (24in?), rattan papasan chair. Call Patti at 503-740-6221.

*To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: sherry@newbergfriends.org • mail: NFC, P.O. Box 487, attn. Sherry
• bring a written ad to the NFC office at 600 E. 3rd Street
deadline: February 8 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Jan McLeland Delaney Sump	February 8	Jen Maurer Melissa Stoltzfus	February 19	Jack Copeland
February 2	Josh Voth	February 9	Les Comfort Bob Crandall	February 20	Art Pruitt Kendra Rathkey
February 3	Lucille Brown Nolan Cummings Ruth Evans Gray Ragsdale Carolyn Stansell Killian Sump Riley Sump	February 10	Ernest Yoder	February 21	Janice Trollinger
February 4	Nate Hyatt Iva Rickey Karen Bates Smith	February 11	Violet Richey Madison Sturdevant	February 22	Tyler Gerdin Tabitha Greller
February 5	Janie Dillow Jackson Foster Prissy Hampton	February 13	Laura Goodfellow Elaine Koskela	February 23	Quentin Nordyke
February 6	Kathy Watson	February 14	Ralph Beebe John Budd Micah Stoltzfus	February 24	Wayne Adams Corey Beals Sam Perez Michael Rathkey
February 7	Jerry Carr Karen Scott	February 15	Mike Comfort Sharon Holdahl Janet Wheeler	February 25	Irene Dunlop Don Swan
		February 16	Abigail Crisman Elli Nauman	February 26	Benjamin Mock Gertrude Willard
		February 18	Brynn Akins Ginger Mackey	February 28	June Brown Jerald Magee Kara Maurer Chuck Scott