

Children & Family

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Our October 3M includes a meal for the whole family followed by free childcare, a group discussion on individuality within the context of marriage, and then time for you and your spouse to talk and pray together. 3M provides a space in your monthly calendar to focus on Christ at the center of your marriage. Contact Michelle Akins or Steve Fawver if you plan to attend. RSVPs are always helpful as we prepare for the evening.



This month is all about FUN! October is full of Fun Nights for Pre-K age children through 5th graders. Each evening features a biblical theme, a simple pizza dinner with veggies, fruit, and a little something yummy for dessert. We play large group games together and listen to stories.

Each evening has its own unique qualities. Pre-K Fun Night is only an hour (6-7pm), allowing 3- and 4-year-olds to get the rest they need on a weeknight. After the meal the group runs around and plays simple games, excelling in silliness. We then settle down with a few devotional type stories before it's time to go.

K-2 Fun Night is for kindergarten through 2nd graders. This 90-minute

gathering is high energy and usually includes a lot of laughter, cheering, and amazingly some pretty awesome conversations about our theme verse or story.

3:4-5 Fun Night takes its name from a Bible verse as well as being for children in 3rd through 5th grade. A full two hours never seems like quite enough time for this interactive bunch. In addition to the stories, games, and food we enjoy at the other two Fun Nights, 3:4-5 Fun Night includes something extra special: a missions focus! Our October gathering will feature Brynn Akins and Hayley Koskela sharing about their time serving in an orphanage this summer in Kampala, Uganda.

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For Your Calendar

October 7	Pre-K Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6pm
October 14	3M, Social Hall, 6:30pm
October 21	K-2 Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6pm
October 28	3:4-5 Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6pm
November 11	3M, Social Hall, 6:30pm
November 24	Thanksgiving Service, Bauman Auditorium, 10:45am

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Fun Nights

If your child wants to attend any one of the Fun Nights scheduled in October, please contact Michelle Akins to RSVP. This helps with meal planning. Friends, neighbors, and visitors are always welcome. Fun Nights are open to the whole community.

Cost: \$2 per child, \$4 family max (1st time visitors are free)

Women's Bible Fellowship

Women of all ages/stages of life, from all over the Newberg/Dundee community have joined WBF or WBFpm. We began September 5, but you're still welcome to join us at anytime throughout the school

year. Our first study of the year is on the book of James. WBF meets at 8:45am in the NFC Social Hall on Thursday mornings. WBFpm is a smaller group that unites for study and prayer on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9pm in Barclay C. Registration forms are located on the church website or in the NFC office.

Sunday School Update

From nursery workers to 5th grade Sunday school teachers, several volunteer positions in children's ministries are still open! Please contact Michelle Akins if you are sensing a call to enter in to the worship that happens in children's Sunday school, Godly Play, Children's Care, or our nursery each week September through June.

Our goal is to find volunteers who are willing to be in the classroom 2-4 times per month.

Without this type of commitment, we lose not only a structured schedule and consistent teaching style, but, most important, we miss out on building meaningful relationships with the children and fellow volunteers of our congregation. Currently we combine several age groups each week in order to "cover" our classes. Our hope is to provide loving, dedicated teachers for every age group.

This allows us to really connect with children through play, discussions, and our Sunday school curriculum at an age-appropriate level and provides the best volunteer-to-child ratio in our classrooms. We need to look beyond the parents of our young children to be the teachers and volunteers for children's ministries. Many parents are already involved with children's ministries! Of course the church goes far beyond the doors of our building. Parents coach soccer, run carpools, and teach their children about Jesus at home. Some parents long for a weekly break and a chance to simply worship and fellowship with other adults. So those of you who are in your 20s through 70s, who have a heart for children and are ready to serve not only kids, but parents as well, I'm asking for your help! Let's live out this truth: our community values children for who they are today!



Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday school for children age 2 through 5th grade provided during 1st service at 9am.

Nursery care for children up to age 2 during 1st service 9-10:15am. Nursery care infants and children through 2 years is available during the 2nd service from 10:30 to noon in Room 243.

Godly Play is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:45am worship service. Children are dismissed during the service to Room 232.

Children's Care is for children ages 3 through 5 during the 10:45am service. Children are dismissed during the service to Room 133.

Community Time is open for you to gather with your church family from 10 to 10:45am in the Social Hall or on the lawn, weather permitting.