

# CHILDREN & FAMILIES

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God. 1 John 3:1

## For Your Calendar

May 3	Tilikum Promo Day - Register for day camp during community time
May 7	Pre-K Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6-7pm
May 14	K-2 Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6-7:30pm
May 18	3M, NFC Social Hall, 6:30pm
May 21	3:4-5 Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6-8pm
June 29	VBS Begins
July 5	Summer Sunday School Begins
July 12	Outdoor Service

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## Stamps for Camp

by Michelle Akins



Earning up to \$30 towards summer camp is just one of the benefits!

I've been surprised this year that only two children have come in so far to have their packets stamped as they recite memory verses and volunteers make notes of how many passages of scripture have been read. Stamps for Camp is a program that has been going on in various forms for decades at NFC. Currently it is offered during April and May. Perhaps the glory days of Stamps for Camp has come and gone...but I'm holding out hope that presenting a way for children to earn some of their own money for summer camp isn't "old fashioned." We live in a culture that competes for our time, attention, and focus. I remember when my children were in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Even with the best of intentions, making time for Stamps for Camp was difficult and sometimes we flat out chose not to do it. However, I still see Stamps for Camp as a wonderful and simple way to encourage and affirm children reading and memorizing parts of the Bible. No longer is verse memorization and recitation a necessary part of Stamps for Camp participation. We want to remove the fear factor some children feel when asked to recite verses. Instead the focus is on learning and letting the stories from Sunday school sink deeper by reading them at home with family members. My prayer is that during this month of May we'll see many more Stamps for Camp participants! Stamps for Camp packets and more info can be emailed to you or you can pick up a packet this month, Sundays in Room III.

## Camp Dates

Twin Rocks Girls Camp, June 28-July 3

Twin Rocks Boys Camp, July 12-17

Tilikum Day Camp during Yearly Meeting, July 20-24



**May is FUN NIGHT month! Make sure to contact Michelle Akins to RSVP your child for Pre-K Fun Night, K-2 Fun Night, or 3:4-5 Fun Night. We'll feature child advocacy through Compassion International as our missions focus for 3:4-5 Fun Night. See the calendar for dates and times.**

### Sunday Mornings at NFC

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

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

Godly Play is for children in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:45am worship service. Children are invited to attend during the service to Room 134.

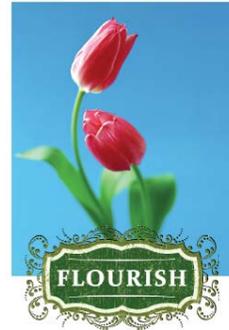
Children's Care is for children ages 3 through 5 during the 10:45am service. Children are invited to attend during the service to Room 133.

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.

## 3M: A Place to Flourish

3M is a place to intentionally nurture your marriage and help it flourish. We believe marriage is a complex relationship that grows and deepens and is most fulfilling when God is at the center. At 3M we seek to know and follow God through all we study, discuss, and strive to live out.

Each month, we offer a full meal for the whole family at a suggested donation of \$5. Gluten-free, dairy-free, or vegetarian options are prepared upon request. No prep, no clean-up...just relax and spend time in fellowship. Free childcare for infants through grade schoolers is provided after the meal. Dessert, laughter, large-group teaching, and lively discussions are frequent parts of the evening. 3M also values creating space for you and your spouse to communicate and pray one-on-one. Contact Michelle Akins or Steve Fawver to RSVP.



This month we wrap up our 3M season of Listening Life's L.I.S.T.E.N descriptions of spiritual formation as a guide to our focus on marriage and spirituality. Join us May 18 when we are planning a special evening for you and your spouse.

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible school is ministry done in partnership with Newberg Foursquare Church. This year's program will be Monday, June 29, though Thursday, July 2 – 9 to 11:30am.



This year we're recycling, reformatting, and reenergizing a VBS program based on the Lord's Prayer we did at NFC in 2009. We'll need everything from snack helpers to a registration team - and of course a whole herd of adult and youth "safari guides" to take our 4-year-olds through 5th graders around to the different stations of VBS. How will your passions and talents combine with a VBS program for 200+ kids? Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/VBS2015Volunteer> to register as a volunteer.