

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

- Oct. 1 Pre-K Fun Night, 6pm, Friends Center Gym
- Oct. 15 K-2 Fun Night, 6pm, Friends Center Gym
- Oct. 22 3:4-5 Fun Night, 6pm, Friends Center Gym
- Oct. 25 CMC meeting, 7pm, 14035 NE Tangen Rd., Newberg

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FUN NIGHTS

by Michelle Akins

Living out love with pre-schoolers through grade-schoolers.

Fun Nights provide our children with programming that is unique to their age and stage. Everyone seems to love pizza, so a simple dinner of pizza, fruits, and veggies is a staple at every Fun Night.

Children learn quickly that when they come to Fun Night, they have a say in just how “fun” these evenings will be. We talk about respect, kindness, and showing love to our friends and leaders. We play silly games and learn about teamwork.



Each Fun Night includes a devotional, stories, and scripture passages centered around the theme. This year we are focusing on living out love during each of our Fun Nights in the 2015-2016 season. We’ll be doing practical things together. This month during our K-2 and 3:4-5 Fun Nights children will put together lunch kits for Love INC. Our goal is to heighten the awareness of how we can experience God’s love for ourselves and share that love with others.



We are grateful to partner with 2nd St. Community Church. Children’s pastor, Janelle Garman will join me at each Fun Night to contribute leadership and lots more FUN! Check out the “For Your Calendar” section to see details about times and dates and then email me to RSVP for your child.

Children's Ministry Cultivation (CMC)

October 25 at 7pm, Michelle Akins will host the first of several CMC meetings this year in her home. Participants will enjoy a simple dessert along with conversation and prayer focusing on growing and improving children's ministry at NFC.



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 1st service 9-10:15am. Nursery care for 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 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.



We have an awesome nursery facility! Come volunteer.

Marriage Encouragement Groups



For a number of years, NFC has hosted 3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance). This year we are trying something new to build relationships and strengthen marriages. We are encouraging all married NFC attendees to commit to a group of 4-5 couples October through May. You may meet in your own homes, reserve a space at the church, or even decide to gather at a local coffee shop. Simply find the place you feel comfortable to **read, share, and pray together**. We'll help you connect with a group, provide study materials to guide your conversations, and offer ideas for facilitation. **Contact us with questions and/or to find a group:** michelle@newbergfriends.org or steve@newbergfriends.org

What It Means To Volunteer

Each week children's ministries needs approximately 24 volunteers. We have babies to hold, toddlers who love stories and music, preschoolers content to play or pray, and grade schoolers who want to share what they know about God with you. Curriculum is provided for our classes. Volunteer teams are still forming and training in all areas of ministry is available. Volunteering means welcoming kids and worshipping together! Adults and youth helpers age 11 and older interested in joining the children's ministry team can let Michelle Akins know their availability this October by filling out the "Doodle" poll at: <http://doodle.com/poll/drda2s8zrc7643mp>

Women's Bible Fellowship

WBFpm and WBF began in September by using Linda Dillow's book, *Calm My Anxious Heart*. Our theme throughout the year is FREEDOM! Women are welcome to join us at any time. Study materials are \$13 or whatever you can afford. They may be purchased in the NFC office or at WBFpm (7-9pm, Wednesdays in Barclay C) and WBF (8:45-11am, Thursdays in the NFC Social Hall). Our season together will include a study by Ann Voskamp and a deeper look at 1st, 2nd, 3rd John, and Jude by Max Lucado. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Register for WBFpm or WBF: <http://bit.ly/WBFRegistration>