

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

Dec. 5	Young Friends Singers practice, 10am, Room 246
Dec. 12	Young Friends Singers practice, 10am, Room 246
Dec. 18	Eclectic Christmas, 7pm, NFC Sanctuary
Dec. 19	Young Friends Singers practice, 10am, Room 246
Dec. 20	Young Friends leads in worship, 9am and 10:45am
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Services, 5pm, 6:30pm, and 8pm
Dec. 28	Christmas Break Bash, 2-4pm, Friends Center Gym

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For weekly updates check out the Children's Ministry @ NFC Facebook group. Contact Michelle Akins to join.

Christmas Break Bash

by Michelle Akins

Playtime, peace-themed videos, popcorn, and lots of fun to shake off post-Christmas blues.

Our annual event for children age 3 through 5th graders is just a few weeks away! This year we're getting a jump on January's peace month by using videos and games that promote peace during the Christmas Break Bash. We'll watch the classic Disney short from 1938, Ferdinand the Bull, eat some fresh-popped popcorn, and spend a little time discussing what it means to live peacefully with one another. So when Christmas

Break starts to wear you out and kids complain they are "boored," send them to the Friends Center Gym, 2-4pm, December 28.



Children's Ministry Cultivation (CMC)

Mark your calendars! Sunday, January 17, at 7pm, Michelle Akins will host the next CMC meeting of this school year in her home. Participants (parents, volunteers, interested NFC community members) will enjoy a simple dessert along with conversation and prayer focusing on growing and improving children's ministry at NFC.

Creative Fair Follow-Up

Twenty-one people of all ages from NFC participated in the Creative Fair. Drawing, pottery, wood working, quilting, Lego-constructing, painting, photography, and baking skills were on display at Bauman during our Thanksgiving service. What a show! Thank you for sharing your talents with us. It was a great way to get to know our community a little better.



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.

Women's Bible Fellowship



During December WBF/WBFpm is finishing up a study on contentment and hosting our annual Cookie Exchange (WBFpm) and Christmas Brunch.(WBF). This January we'll begin a study by Ann Voskamp on gratitude. Study materials are \$8 or whatever you can afford. They may be purchased in the NFC office or during WBFpm (7-9pm, Wednesdays in Barclay C) and WBF (8:45-11am, Thursdays in the NFC Social Hall). Our spring session will be a focus on 1st, 2nd, 3rd John, and Jude by Max Lucado. All women are invited and encouraged to join at any time. Register for WBFpm or WBF: <http://bit.ly/WBFRegistration>

Marriage Encouragement Groups

We are encouraging all married NFC attenders to commit to a group of 4-5 couples during the school year. 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

Young Friends Singers

It's not too late for your children to participate in Young Friends Singers! This group for 4-year-olds through 5th graders meets on Saturday mornings in order to prepare to help lead worship on Sunday, December 20. If your child is ready to sing, you'd like to get the music, or just need more information, see the "For Your Calendar" section of this newsletter and contact Nolan Staples.

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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 with you what they know about God. Curriculum is provided for our classes. Volunteer teams are still forming, and training is available. Volunteering means welcoming kids and worshiping together! Adults and youth helpers age 11 and older interested in joining the children's ministry team can let Michelle Akins know their December availability by filling out the "Doodle" poll: <http://doodle.com/poll/kxu82pxqpw6pcd7>