

# 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

- Jan. 6 Women's Bible Fellowship (WBFpm) resumes, Barclay C, 7pm
- Jan. 7 Women's Bible Fellowship resumes, Social Hall, 8:45am
- Jan. 17 Women's Retreat Steering Team Meeting, Barclay C, 3:30pm
- Jan. 17 Children's Ministries Cultivation (CMC) Meeting, Michelle's home, 7pm
- Feb. 4 Pre-K Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6-7pm
- Feb. 11 K-2 Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6-7:30pm
- Feb. 21 Women's Retreat Steering Team Meeting, Barclay C, 3:30pm
- Feb. 25 3:4-5 Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6-8pm

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## Children's Ministry Cultivation (CMC)

by Michelle Akins

Nurturing and growing children's ministries - together.



Mark your calendars! Sunday, January 17, at 7pm, Michelle Akins will host the next CMC meeting of this school year in her home, 14035 NE Tangen Rd., Newberg.

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. Discussion topics include: what needs to develop or improve in children's ministries and summer programming discernment.

## Women's Bible Fellowship



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>

## Christmas Break Bash

Fifty-three children attended our annual Christmas break event. This year we focused on peace by reading Psalm 23 together, playing games that required teamwork and patience, seeing our vacation from school as a sort of "sabbath rest" from our regular routines, crafting, and watching 3 short videos to help further define what peace means in different circumstances.



## 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.

## 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:**  
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## NFC Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for March 4-6 at Twin Rocks Friends Camp. This weekend will provide time to relax at the Oregon coast and space to

connect with God, friends, and nature. A steering team is now forming to plan, prepare, and pray for Women's Retreat. If you'd like to be a part of anything from leading musical worship to decorating tables, planning silly games, or being one of our retreat speakers - please contact Michelle Akins and see the "For Your Calendar" section of this newsletter for time/dates of steering team meetings.



## January is Peace Month

As a Yearly Meeting, we'll be reflecting on the use of Sabbath as a tool to help us focus on peace. Teachers in Sunday school will be provided with resources created by Cherice Bock. Peace readers will be available at the Welcome Center for those who want them.

## Volunteer in the New Year!

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 January availability by filling out the "Doodle" poll: <http://doodle.com/poll/s3ndw6dbzngshiuc>