

Children and Family Ministries

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The Parent You Want To Be

Beginning Sunday, January 8, 2012, we're offering a program developed by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott. It's a 6-week small group. Our focus will be: Who you are matters more than what you do. It is based on the Parrotts' book "The Parent You Want To Be." The study includes video presentations as well as a workbook and group discussion time. This class is great for parents of toddlers through teens. Childcare is available. Contact Michelle Akins for more information and to register.



When: Sunday evenings
Jan. 8 - Feb. 12
Time: 6:00-7:30pm
Where: Barclay C
Cost: \$7 for the workbook



Reflecting on a Merry Christmas

Christmas time was joyful at NFC! We began the season with "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Over 30 children participated in this hilarious and meaningful play.

On December 18, our 3-year-olds through fifth graders gathered together for a Christmas sing-a-long and story time during Sunday school. Miriam Staples led us in some delightful carols and even a spontaneous round of "Rudolph" at the children's request. Michelle read the picture book version of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." She had enthusiastic help from her audience! We finished our time together with a short story about God's true gifts of Christmas. The third grade Sunday school class helped hand out bags filled with nativity books, pencils, bookmarks, and stickers to each

child as they went back to their classrooms. Age-appropriate gifts were also given to the children in the nursery, 2's class, Godly Play, and children's care. Children visiting NFC on Christmas Eve also received gift bags.

Christmas Eve was extra special with Scripture reading from Luke 2 and Matthew 2 by: Moriah Reid, Brooke Zatterberg, Asher Frankamp, Samuel Perez, MacKenzie Powell, Jonathan Beals, Aubrey Koskela, Grace Anderson, and Jolee Akins.

On Christmas morning we celebrated Jesus' birth with a story time for the kids during the service. It was heartwarming to hear that the children understand they can find God everywhere.



NFC WOMEN'S RETREAT
Register online at newbergfriends.org or in the NFC office. March 9-11 at Twin Rocks Friends Camp will be a time to lay down your burdens. Cost is \$110. Scholarships available at NFC.



ADOPTIVE FAMILIES GATHERING
January 8 at 5:30pm, North Valley Friends Church. January's discussion time will focus on food issues. Contact Melanie Mock for more details. mmock@georgefox.edu



CHILDREN'S MID-YEAR MEETING
For all parents, volunteers, and teachers involved in children's ministries at NFC, please attend this important one hour meeting. January 8, Room 132, 12pm.

MONTHLY MARRIAGE MAINTENANCE



Marriage is hard. The other day a friend of mine said, "if you're married, you're going to struggle." I couldn't agree more. It's not easy being married. Some couples make it look simple while others we know are outwardly showing signs of strain, depression, or anger.

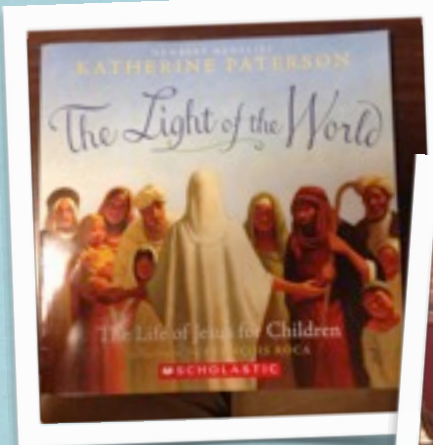
3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance) is for all couples. Whether or not your marriage is bliss or a source of frustration and loneliness, 3M is for you.

At 3M we have a family meal for only \$5. Kids go to childcare while couples enjoy time together around a set theme for the month.

You will have the opportunity to laugh, talk, and pray with your spouse. Each 3M includes time for couples to meet independently.


We know that marriage takes more than 90 minutes of work each month. But if you are struggling to find even a couple of minutes per day to really connect, attending 3M could be

FAMILY STORY TIME



Join us in Barclay C in the NFC office for Family Story Time.

January 13, 6:30pm



* Our Theme will be "Children of God" and will feature Katherine Paterson's book **The Light of the World**.

helpful. With 3M, you'll have at least once per month carved into your schedule to spend on each other and the health of your marriage. Perhaps you and your spouse are good at making time for one another. If so, 3M is still a place to grow, strengthen and develop your marriage. We hope you'll join us! Couples of all ages are welcome.

Monthly Marriage Maintenance (3M)

- January 16, 2012
- 6-7:30-pm
- Newberg Friends Church Social Hall
- \$5 Family Dinner
- RSVP: steve@newbergfriends.org
michelle@newbergfriends.org

WHAT IS "58:?" COME FIND OUT JANUARY 6, 7PM



We'll be showing the film "58:" on Friday, January 6, at 7pm, in the NFC Sanctuary. This film is based on Isaiah 58 and challenges us to see how we can end extreme

poverty in the next generation. Childcare will be available during the screening. Go to live58.org for more information.





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My hope is to serve you and partner with you to love and support children and families to the best of my ability.

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K-2 FUN NIGHT

Don't forget to RSVP for K-2 Fun Night coming up on January 23 from 6-7:30pm in the Friends Center Gym.

Dinner, games, and a story for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.



For Your Calendar



- January 6 58: Screening, NFC Sanctuary, 7pm
- January 8 Children & Family Ministries Mid-Year Mtg., Rm. 132, 12pm
- January 8 Adoptive Families Gathering, NVFC, 5:30pm
- January 13 Family Story Time, Barclay C, 6:30pm
- January 16 3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance), NFC Social Hall, 6pm
- January 22 Women's Retreat Steering Team Mtg., Rm. 238, 1pm
- January 23 K-2 Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6-7:30pm
- January 30 3:4-5 Fun Night, Friends Center Gym, 6-8pm
- February 10 Family Story Time, Barclay C, 6:30pm
- February 20 3M (Monthly Marriage Maintenance), NFC Social Hall, 6pm
- March 4 Women's Retreat Steering Team Mtg., Rm. 238, 1pm
- March 9-11 NFC Women's Retreat at Twin Rocks Friend Camp

3:4-5 FUN NIGHT

Third through fifth graders come eat, play, pray, and learn together.



January 30, 6 to 8pm in the Friends Center Gym.

This month will feature the stories and pictures of Lisby Rogers and her amazing bike tour last summer. Lisby rode for hundreds of miles in support of Blood:Water Mission.

WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

A HUGE thank you to the helpers who made our Veggie Tales movie day such a rousing success!

I'm grateful for:

Jen Dalziel, Barb Mann, Alan Akins, Juan and Naivit Velazquez, Bailey and Rachel Sherwood, Jolee Akins, Meira and Hannah Lee, Isaac Fawver, Anna Rose Rekow, and Taylor Menare.

With love, Michelle

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-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.

