April 2016

FRIENDS FORECAST

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North Olmsted Evangelical FRIENDS church

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends:

This month at NOEFC we Kick-off our ***Generations Capital Campaign***. For years we have been praying and planning and planning and praying about God's vision for our congregation. Our goal is to raise $1 million dollars over the next three years to build a foundation for our church to reach out to our community in new and innovative ways. Discipling our young people is at the top of our objectives.

In Deuteronomy 6 we learn that every generation must take upon itself to pass on to the next generation the story of God's saving work. All the miracles that God performed for the nation of Israel including His deliverance from Egypt were forgotten only a generation or two later. In the book of Joshua we learn less than 30 years after Joshua died the Lord was no longer being followed in Israel.

It is parents and the community working together that will allow us to pass on our faith in a culture becoming more openly hostile to it. God has no grandchildren.

I ask you to simply pray this prayer daily during this short time when we are talking about the campaign: ***Lord, what would you do through me to accomplish your vision for North Olmsted Friends Church? Help me discern a sacrifice that is meaningful and joyful***.

His,

Pastor Geoff

GENERATIONS
BELIEVE, BELONG, BUILD

Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am The Gospel of John – led by David Hoovler in room S-5.
11:00 am The Deeper Life – led by Marian Johr in room S-5.

"DEEPER LIFE" Study - 9 week video study with Daniel Henderson, Sunday AM at 11:00 in S-5, facilitated by Marian Johr. Daniel Henderson shares the principles and practices that are vital to a transformed life. He explains the longings that resonate in our souls - longings such as wanting to know God more fully, to know ourselves better, to spend our time on things that matter - and shows how to systematically apply them to daily decisions and even long-term goals. As countless believers have already discovered, this gospel-oriented, Spirit-empowered approach will touch every part of your life and change the trajectory of your journey - Suggestion donation for the book and workbook is $15.

Mid-Week, Mid-Morning Study – Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in S-4/5 beginning April 6. "Walk as Jesus Walked" is the title of this 5 week study. Come and discover the fierce passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters as they sought to walk like Jesus - even when the path became treacherous. This study is part of the Faith Lessons by Ray Vander Laan. For more information contact Pastor Rich.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY - *beginning April 6 at 7 pm*
"*Be Hopeful*" is a study on the writings of Peter. After years of walking with Jesus and then being a catalyst as an early church leader who was transformed by the experience of Pentecost, we uncover Peter's words of encouragement to the church towards the end of his life. Peter reminds the faithful followers of Jesus that we have a great hope and His name is JESUS. The class will meet in S-4/5. For more information, contact Pastor Rich. This series will conclude the Wednesday before Memorial Day.

Upcoming Dates from Children's Ministry

Get ready for this year's underwater Vacation Bible School adventure from June 13-17.
It is called "SUBMERGED: FINDING TRUTH BELOW THE SURFACE."
We are going to be submerged, as we discover the deep love of Jesus. We need 100 volunteers to make this week successful. We will begin registering volunteers on Sunday April 17th.
Please consider joining us for the week!

Join us on Saturday morning April 23rd for a morning of VBS prep. We will be getting things ready to transform our church into an underwater adventure. We will be working from 9:00-12:00 that morning. Please contact Liz Kannel for more information (liz@noefc.org).

CM Volunteers: We are looking for a teacher for the 3rd and 4th grade class during the 11am service. We also need more adult helpers on Wednesday nights. See Liz Kannel if you are interested!

Little Seekers & SonSeekers children's choirs will present our **Spring Musical** on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

The Little Seekers choir proudly presents the mini musical "*The Praise Team*" where we have fun learning how to praise God and why we should praise Him. Come join the praise team!!

SonSeekers will be presenting "*King of the Jungle*" where "The God of creation is Lord of my heart." Join us as we jump on a tram and go through a jungle safari to learn more about the nature of our Creator God. Throughout the Bible, God uses animals and nature to teach Biblical truths we can all learn about by looking at His creation.

Invite your friends, family and neighbors for these great musicals!

STAND summer mission trip: The STAND youth group will be going to Nashville, TN this summer from June 18-24 on a short-term high school mission trip open to incoming 9-12 graders!
Get in touch with Pastor Zach for more info.

Save the date! STAND will be hosting a third annual silent auction on Saturday, June 4 at 5 pm. Come to bid on some great items, see our youth perform, and enjoy a meal together with friends. Tickets will be on sale next month and are limited by space, so keep an eye out for us on Sunday mornings! All proceeds will benefit this summer's mission trip to Nashville.

GUEST RECEPTION - Sunday, April 17 at 12:15 pm

What is the Guest Reception?
The Guest Reception is an opportunity for you to have a light lunch with the staff at Friends Church. More importantly, it is an opportunity to meet the staff and learn about the life and ministry of Friends Church.

Who is invited?
If you have started coming to Friends since January of 2016, you are invited.

Where is it and how do I sign up?
The lunch will be held in the Family Life Center. It is not a long lunch and will be over by 1:30 pm. You can write "Guest Reception" on the pew pad on Sundays or you can contact Pastor Rich or the church office to reserve your spot.

"Like" us on Facebook and stay updated on recent happenings and upcoming events!

Check out videos from past mission trips, worship experiences and also our announcements!

Silver Friends Potluck/Game Day

Time to bring on your game. On April 14th at 11:30 in the FLC we will be having a potluck/game day event for the Silver Friends. If you provide a main or side dish to share, we will supply the dessert and drinks. This will be a fun time of fellowship and an opportunity to play a game you are really good at or try a new one.

Hope to see you there!

Contact Margie Metz at 440-779-0784 for reservations.

Oxcart Food Pantry

Our neighborhood food pantry is in need of peanut butter this month of April. Creamy, chunky, unsalted, or other varieties just to name a few! Please drop the items off in the white bin in Tim Labrado's office.

All Church Clean Up

Save the Date for Saturday, May 7, at 9:00 am for our annual church clean up! Stay tuned for details.

Saturday Men's Breakfast

You are invited to join us for breakfast at 7:30 am on Saturday, April 2, at Denny's on Lorain Road in North Olmsted. Come for a time of fellowship, conversation and prayer. For more information, contact Pastor Rich.

GENERATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

After much prayer, our leadership has felt God's leading to move forward with our building campaign. Here are some important dates we wanted to make you aware of these next couple of months:

Sunday, April 10: Kick Off Sunday!

April 19-28: Group Fellowships

May 3-5: Family Conferences

Wednesday, May 4: Family Spaghetti Dinner & Worship/Prayer Service

Sunday, May 8: Commitment Sunday

Sunday, May 15: Impact Sunday

"Generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts!" ***Psalm 145:4***

For more information regarding the Generations Capital Campaign and these events, please visit www.noefc.org/generations.

GENERATIONS KICK OFF SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, **April 10**, as we **Kick off** our Generations Capital Campaign. We'll show a video capturing the heart of our vision and will share the exciting things God has in store during these next couple of months.

GENERATIONS GROUP FELLOWSHIPS

Join Friends in your area for an evening of refreshments and fellowship, while learning more about the vision and purpose of this building campaign. Grab an invitation at the Welcome Center or main office to participate!

GENERATIONS WORSHIP/PRAYER SERVICE

Gather with the entire body on Wednesday, May 4, as we commit ourselves and our families to the Lord in this campaign. A spaghetti dinner will begin at 6:00 pm in the FLC, followed by a family worship and prayer service at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Women's Fellowship Events

Ladies' Teas: Saturday, April 23—Join other ladies in various homes for an afternoon of fellowship. Sign ups will begin on April 3 in the lobby. This is an absolutely free event, so we hope you'll join us. Space is limited, so make sure to sign up quickly! (*Hats welcomed, but not required*).

SAVE THE DATE: October 7-9—Women's Retreat at Heartland Retreat Center in Marengo, OH. Details to follow!

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Our mission at NOEFC is to be a body of growing disciples who know, love, follow, and lead others to Jesus.

Service Times:
Sundays 9:15 & 11:00 am
Wednesdays 7:00 pm (Youth at 6:15 pm)

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Prayer Requests:

Please join us in praying for members and friends:

Ginger Dittrick
Roger Dixon
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Emily Rose Shaffer
Tom Sturgeon
Tim Roche
Dotty Foschke
Margie Metz
Becky Clark
Loretta Morabito
Deb Haskins
Dennis Wells
Emily Henceroth
Tom Mason

Regular Happenings at NOEFC:

Mondays
6:30 pm Well Women Fitness
7:30 pm Gaining Hinds' Feet Bible Study

Tuesdays
7:00 pm Moms In Prayer
7:30 pm College & Young Career Bible Study

Wednesdays
10:30 am Mid-week, Mid-day Bible Study
6:15 pm *STAND* Youth Group
7:00 pm Club FX Children's Program
7:00 pm Club 56 Program
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Thursdays
6:30 am Thursday Morning Prayer

Happy Birthday to…

4/1 Penny Kuch
4/2 Nathan Kobelka
4/4 Dawn Snell
Karen Speck
4/5 Jacqueline Soos
4/9 Pat Saunders
David Millen
Karen Williams
Jaeden Roman
4/10 Regina Glazer
4/11 Nancy Smith
Sharon Broschk
4/12 Doug O'Conke
Nancy Wyder
Wendy Getz
4/13 Gary Bowden
4/14 Clark Shaffer
Bob Conkey
Jennifer Schuett
4/15 Lonnie Dittrick
Luke Fitzsimmons
4/17 Kevin Knight
Kim Nee
4/18 Margaret Holler
4/20 Jen Trudel
Michael Andrews
4/21 Wesley Leibolt
4/22 Ed Botke
Aaron Deutsch
4/23 Kyle Bowden
4/24 Rebecca Sirek
Joshua Schultz
4/25 Marian Johr
4/26 Laura Baylon
4/27 Mike Junkins
4/28 Tom Kaufhold
Fermin Lorenzo
4/29 Emily Henceroth
Daniel Holmes

Happy Anniversary to…

4/10 Charlie & Kelli Freed
4/15 Dave & Karen Swartz
4/22 Glenn & Susan Novak
4/24 Tim & Connie Roche
4/26 Scott & Andrea Barlow
4/28 Glenn & Sue Goodman
4/28 Michael & Jessica Laursen
4/29 Don & Carol Brough