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**Pastor's Corner**

Someone once said, “I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn’t work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.”

We laugh, but isn’t that the way we can tend to treat God if we’re not careful? We will ask Him to guide us; we will ask for the power of His Spirit so we can discern His Will, but then when we get impatient or are not happy with His answer, we try to take matters into our own hands.

But the Bible says a lot about God’s Will. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” Romans 8:28 says, “We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

As we head into a very busy summer, I can’t help but think that our goal at Friends is to allow God to lead and teach us how to follow. We are wrapping up a very successful capital campaign, having nearly reached our goal of \$1 million over three years. Now there is much work to do, and we want Him to show us which path to take. We will have VBS, the youth mission trip, and baptisms. We want to seek His Will instead of leaning on our own understanding.

In everything we do at Friends Church, we want God to lead. Let’s trust Him as we embark on this new journey together.

In Him,
Pastor Zach

Adult Discipleship Opportunities**Sunday Mornings -**

9:15 am - “Prayer that Changes Everything” - This is not study... This is practical teaching, practicing, and experiencing prayer that can change everything. Led by the Word of God and the Spirit of God we are going to gather for the purpose of seeking God’s face and praying God’s Word and His agenda for our lives. We will meet in the Youth Room. It will begin on Sunday, June 19, and meet throughout the summer. For more information contact Pastor Rich.

11:00 am - “Deeper Life” Study - Learn about the principles and practices that are vital to generating a transformed life. The class meets in S-4/5 and is facilitated by Marian Johr.

Mid-Week, Mid-Morning Study - Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in S-4/5. During the month of June, we will continue our study on the early church. Join us as we travel to Pergamum, Ephesus, and Laodicea. Be inspired by the passion, commitment and struggles of the early believers. It is never too late to join. Got questions??? Contact Pastor Rich at pastorrich@noefc.org. The study will not meet on June 13 due to VBS.

Wednesday Night Study - We are taking a break during the month of June and will return on July 6 to begin a summer study on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. We may be on break, but don’t let it be an excuse to neglect God’s Word. Summer study details in the July Friends Forecast.



Upcoming Dates from Children's Ministry

VBS is just around the corner (JUNE 13-17 FROM 9 AM–NOON)

Are you ready to “SUBMERGE” yourself in God’s Word and love?

If you have not signed up your children and/or are able to volunteer, sign up as soon as possible on Sunday mornings or at www.noefc.org/vbs.



Here are some important dates:

- **VBS Prep Week, June 6-11:** Help us transform the church into an underwater adventure.
- **All Volunteers Meeting, Sunday, June 12 at 6 pm:** This is a very important meeting for all volunteers as we make sure everyone is on the same page as we launch VBS the following day.

SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER—This past month we had a powerful night of worship and prayer with children-adults.

This summer we have an opportunity to model worship to our children.

During both worship services at 9:15 and 11:00, all children Prek - Grade 6 will attend worship with their families until the time for the offering. At that point, the children (PreK - Grade 4) will be dismissed to the Family Life Center for the remainder of the time

where they will break up for age appropriate Bible lessons.

Each hour will contain a different lesson. Grade 5-6 during the 11:00 service only will be dismissed to their class in S-2/3.

We are excited to develop this concept of family worship and one generation learning from another the joy of worship.

Please direct any questions to Liz Kannel or Pastor Rich.



COMING THIS JULY: FRIENDS FAMILY NIGHTS

Join us for a variety of different activities for families on Wednesday nights from July 6–August 3. A full list of activities will be available in the July Friends Forecast. Here is a sample... “Life is Sweet! An evening of baking for parents and kids with RuthAnne Vanden Bosch on July 20.”

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY—CHILDREN’S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

NOEFC is seeking to fill the Children’s Ministry Director position. The position will come with a *full-time salary and benefits*. For a complete job description and application, please visit our church website at www.noefc.org.

The STAND silent auction and dinner will be on Saturday, June 4 from 5-7 pm! Tickets are \$12 each for adults, and can be purchased in the lobby after Sunday morning services or by calling the church office. All proceeds benefit this summer’s high school mission trip to Nashville.



Attention 7-12 graders: We’re going to FY United! FYU is a camp open to all high schoolers and middle schoolers taking place from July 23-26 at Malone University in Canton. This is a great chance for us to make some new friends from other Friends churches, hear great speaking and worship, play a lot of games, and eat a lot of food. This year, we will be going to the ALIVE festival the first night of FYU! Cost is \$95/person and due by June 29. Request a registration form or more info from Pastor Zach.

Please pray for the 27 students and 7 adult leaders going to Nashville with STAND on a short-term mission trip from June 18-24. We will be leading a sports camp, working with a local homeless ministry, canvassing the neighborhood to invite people to church, and spending a lot of time with each other and with Jesus. Your prayers are valued greatly!



“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!

Hey ladies it's that time again!!!! Our PinC Summer Lock-In is from Friday, June 10, at 7:30 pm to Saturday, June 11, at 9:00 am at the church. Bring your sleeping gear & clothes, movies, games, makeup and nail stuff, etc. We will provide pizza, drinks, and breakfast. Also, bring snacks to share and if you want to have some fun baking and creating, we will open up the kitchen. RSVP by June 3 to your PinC leader or to Angeline Labrado (angelinenoelmelendez@yahoo.com). We hope to see many of you there for a fun weekend!



Silver Friends

If you team up with the Silver Friends this summer, you won't be bored. Because we canceled our original Holden Arboretum adventure, we've rescheduled for Tuesday, May 31. Pack your lunch and head to the church for a 9:30 am departure time. Admission is \$5 and as always, please RSVP to Margie Metz.

We have two fun outings planned for June, as well. On Thursday, June 9, we're leaving from church at 9:30 am for the Hartville Flea Market and Kitchen for a day of shopping and eating! Then on Thursday, June 23 we're taking an afternoon cruise on the *Good Time III*.

Again, pack your lunch and we'll meet at NOEFC at 10:00 am so we can picnic before the 12:00 pm cruise.

Good Time III charge is \$15/person.

RSVP to Margie Metz at **440-779-0784**.

Oxcart Food Pantry

Our neighborhood food pantry is in need of canned fruit. Peaches, mandarin oranges, apple sauce, just to name a few. Please drop the items off in the white bin in Tim Labrado's office.

Saturday Men's Breakfast

You are invited to join us for breakfast at 7:30 am on Saturday, June 4, at Denny's on Lorain Road in North Olmsted. Come for a time of fellowship, conversation and prayer. For more information, contact Pastor Rich.



Women's Ministry

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

RightNow Media Update...

Have you been blessed by the ministry of RightNow Media? It provides thousands of faith lessons for children, youth and adults. If you lost our email invitation or never got one, contact pastorrich@noefc.org and access this great resource for your computer, tablet, phone or TV.

Support the Cleveland Pregnancy Center, while eating great food at Chick-Fil-A. Just eat at the North Olmsted Chick-Fil-A on Tuesday, June 14 and *make sure to mention the Cleveland Pregnancy Center* when placing your order, and the CPC will receive up to 25% of sales that day. Take the entire family and invite your friends, too!



Do you play the piano? Are you willing to play hymns 1-2 times a month at Westlake Village on Sunday afternoons at 3 pm? If so, please contact Pastor Rich.

GRADUATION SUNDAY—CLASS OF 2016!
Help us celebrate with you or the graduate in your family on Sunday, June 12! Fill out the online form at noefc.org/graduate and let us know where you are graduating from, as well as any future plans. We will take some time during our service to recognize you and also pray for the next steps God has in store.



CLOTHE-A-KID with LOVE INC
Area churches have the opportunity to impact about 600 kids! In partnership with local agencies and schools, Love INC identifies families in need of clothing assistance this year. The need is great! If

you are able to help, pick up a form from the table in the lobby and return to the church office by June 19. For more information, stop by the table in the lobby on Sundays.

GENERATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

GENERATIONS Commitments YTD
\$990,515.00
GENERATIONS Fulfilled Commitments YTD
\$105,930.00



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)

Address:
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We're on the Web!

www.noefc.org

Prayer Requests:

Please join us in praying for members and friends:

Tim Roche Alan Roach
Dianne Marks Ron Baechle
Dennis Wells Kraig Wiant
Calvin Yeager Rick Henderson
Emily Rose Shaffer



Happy Birthday to...

6/1	Camryn Leonard	6/19	Walt Sheffield
6/2	Colin Myers	6/20	Dominic Campo
6/3	Connor Bowden		Riley Glazer
	Mavis Freed		Josh Kullberg
	Taylor Freed		Ann Marie M'Tambo
6/4	Madison Hollins	6/21	Mary McGill
	Eli Pepsin		Sara DuVall
6/5	Allison Nee	6/22	Chris Reese
6/6	Donna Cuebas	6/23	Faith Wolters
6/7	Kylie Brown		Pete Aponte
6/8	Colin Harriman		Darryl Archer
	Hannah Prante		Ruth Douglas
6/9	Marc Chokan	6/24	Chuck Palmer
6/10	Jonah Pietrick		Katelyn Botke
	Mark Weston		Kevin Botke
6/11	Kathy Shepardson	6/25	David Britton
	Shiloh Snavely	6/26	Cynthia Millen
6/12	Dick McClement		Grace Broschik
	Matthew Reese		Ann Johnson
6/13	Phaidra Cox	6/27	Sierra Karoly
6/14	Vicki Douzos	6/28	Jade Freed
	Kathryn Kinkus		David Kokita
	Rosemary Meyers		Emily Loftis
	Faith Schultz	6/30	Dave Lubowicz
6/15	Kim Reinking		MacKenzie Burke
6/17	Mary Elaine Karoly		Anna Loftis
	Dave Swartz		
6/18	Noah Schneider		
	Brittany Wells		
6/19	Debbie Freed		
	Garrett Karoly		
	Kathleen McClement		
	Donna Reitler		

We are happy to answer any questions. Ministry staff email addresses are located below and on our website or you can call the church office at 440.779.9484

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Happy Anniversary to...

6/2	David & Ginger Hoovler
6/3	Frank & Dorothy Haugh
	Ted & Nancy Smith
6/5	Brad & Chris Thwing
	Jeff & Ann Johnson
	Doug & Kathy Deutsch
6/13	Rick & Cheryl Mikoletic
	Tom & Cora Kaufhold
6/15	Phil & Alice Pier
6/18	Tim & Angeline Labrado
6/19	Jerry & Della Garrison
6/20	Dave & Char Lubowicz
6/21	Tom & Nadine Dubowski
	Lon & Ginger Dittrick
6/23	Dr. Juanito & Laura Baylon
6/24	Terry & Melissa Ledwell
6/27	Darryl & Cindy Archer
	Jansen & Amanda Musselman
6/28	George & Vicki Douzos
6/29	Rich & Elizabeth Bennett
	Brian & Kendra Gevry
6/30	Dave & Pat Saunders
	Leo & April Spagnola