

# Friends *forecast*

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## Summer at Friends

We have *MANY* opportunities during the summer for you and your family to stay engaged at NOEFC. For those of you who are planning more of a "staycation," here's what's in store!

**Ice Cream Social & Fireworks - Sunday, July 1, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.** Invite your friends and neighbors to join you on our North Lawn for a delicious ice cream sundae and then settle down and wait for the fireworks to take place right across the street behind Moen. What a great way to kick off the 4<sup>th</sup> of July: friends, ice cream and fireworks.

**GOLF WITH FRIENDS begins July 8 -** Hey golfers - MEN AND WOMEN! Join Pastor Rich on Sunday evenings at 5:30 during the months of July and August for golf and fellowship at Springvale Golf Club in North Olmsted. The cost is \$15 for 9 holes with a cart or \$11 to

walk. He will reserve two tee times each week. Please text him at 440-429-2230 the week before if you would like to play. Please arrive by 5:15 so that we can pray together before we tee off. For more information contact him at [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org).

**WE CARE WEDNESDAYS** July 11, 18 and 25 at 7 pm in room S-2/3. Join the We Care Team on Wednesday nights to learn how to knit/crochet, make cards and scavenger hunt bottles for Memory Care facilities. All skill levels are invited. For more information contact Gloria Graffis at [gloria\\_graffis@yahoo.com](mailto:gloria_graffis@yahoo.com).

**Silver Friends Lunch** – Thursday, July 12, at 11:30 am – JoJo Carloni's, 627 W Bagley Road, Berea - Invite your neighbors and your friends and join us for lunch and fellowship. To reserve your spot, call Margie Metz at 440-779-0784 by **Tuesday, July 10**. Silver Friends is a ministry of fellowship for our older adults. We gather on the second Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship, and more. The complete schedule is available at [www.noefc.org](http://www.noefc.org). For more information, contact Pastor Rich.

**FAMILY MISSION SUNDAY – July 29, 2018** Join us for our second FAMILY MISSION SUNDAY as we celebrate the mission and outreach at Friends. Worship will feature an Operation Christmas Child Full-Circle Speaker, which is a person who received a shoebox as a child and is now a follower of Jesus sharing their testimony. You are also invited to join us from 10 – 11 am in the Family Life Center for breakfast, fellowship and an opportunity to learn how to get involved in missions through the church.

**SAVE THE DATE! Church Picnic and Baptisms – Sunday, August 19 at 3 pm – home of Jack and Joann Hengst in Columbia Station.** If you are interested in getting baptized on that Sunday, please speak to Pastor Rich or send an email to [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org).

A "Preparing for Baptism" Class will be held on Wednesday night, August 8 at 7 pm in S-2/3.

# Children's Discipleship

Hey parents! Have your kids been asking about getting baptized? Well, in case you have forgotten, at the end of each summer we have our Annual Church Picnic! During that time we have baptisms for anyone who wishes to participate. If your kids have asked questions or been curious about baptism as well as other areas of their faith, we have our next set of Children's Discipleship Classes coming up on Saturday, July 28. Get in contact with me for details if you are interested!

Also, please consider coming out to join us for one of our many fun, family events this summer, beginning with our **Youth Group Scavenger Hunt** on Wednesday, July 11! You and your family will scour the city of North Olmsted with sets of clues in search of different groups of our teens! There are point values registered to each group, and the family with the most points at the end of the evening will win a special prize!

- MR. ADAM!

## VBS 2018 Recap: The Dependables

*Over 180 kids in attendance, almost \$1,500 raised for missions and around 40 kids who committed or recommitted their lives to Christ! We had an INCREDIBLE week at Vacation Bible School this year.*



# Adult Discipleship

**Wednesday AM Growth Group** – Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in S-4/5 – “**Prophets and Kings**” Join us for this study, as we explore the turbulent history of Israel’s prophets and kings, and learn what it means to truly trust and serve the Lord.

**Wednesday Night Summer Growth Study – “WHISPER: How to Hear the Voice of God”**

Join Pastor Rich for this 4-week study beginning July 11 – August 1 at 7 pm in S-4/5.

God is speaking. Do you know how to listen? Many people have a tough time believing that God still speaks. We’ve learned from Scripture that God spoke to His people in ancient times and in mysterious ways. The class will help you discover, learn and practice hearing and discerning the voice of God in our lives.

**RightNow Media...**

Are you new to the life and ministry of Friends? If so, we want to invite you to take advantage of a wonderful

online teaching tool that provides thousands of faith lessons for children, youth and adults. It is called RightNow Media. There is no cost to sign up and you can access this wonderful resource on your phone, tablet, or computer. Check it out at [rightnowmedia.org](http://rightnowmedia.org). To get access, contact [pastorrich@nofc.org](mailto:pastorrich@nofc.org).

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**North Olmsted Friends Church**

**50th Anniversary Celebration**

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Worship Celebration in the morning followed by an Anniversary Lunch at the Society of the Donaushwaben at Lenau Park on Columbia Road in Olmsted Twp. Watch for your invitation and details!