

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



**MARCH 7, 2010**

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*

**John 3:16**

**It is our privilege to welcome you to NOEFC! At Friends we invite you to do these things:**

- 1. Friends Celebrate!** We worship a great God who has poured out His love through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We were made to praise God! When we come together and give testimony to His goodness and praise Him for who He is, we take a step toward wholeness.
- 2. Friends Connect!** Pastor Geoff says that one of the greatest gifts God gives to His people—is His people! We were not meant to be alone. Part of being a part of this community is getting to know one another. We challenge you to invest yourself in others by staying for coffee, joining a small group or attending a ministry team meeting. We encourage loitering after services!
- 3. Friends Care!** When we consider what God has done for us, we become aware that we can help others. The Bible tells us to put on a heart of compassion. We desire to be a church that puts our words into action by demonstrating the love of God in and outside of the church. You can help us!

**SERVICE TIMES: 9:15 AM AND 11:00 AM**

As a courtesy, please turn off pagers and cellular phones before the start of the service. Thank you!

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

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This morning Pastor Geoff's message is entitled:  
**The Way of the Cross: Raising People**

## TODAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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8:50 am	Prayer Group (S-3)
9:15 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Nursery for Ages 0-1 (S-1) Ages 1-2 walking (S-11) Children and Youth Sunday School Classes Ages 3- pre-K (S-8) Kindergarten (S-5) Grades 1-2 (S-4) Grades 3-4-5 (FLC) Grades 6-8 (S-2/3) Grades 9-12 (S-10) Adult Discipleship Class iMarriage (FLC)
10:30 am	Friends Fellowship Café (FLC) Gardening Meeting (S-2)
11:00 am	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Nursery for Ages 0-1 (S-1) Tiny Tots Church for Ages 1-2 walking (S-11) Kid's Church for Ages 3- pre-K (S-8) Kindergarten-5th grade (FLC) Adult Discipleship Class BEING A DISCIPLE: Counting the Real Cost (S-4/5) DivorceCare (S-2)
6:30 pm	Upper Room (Sanctuary) (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

Wildflower gardeners! Gather this morning in S-2 at 10:30 am for a short meeting.

**Don't forget that next week is Daylight Savings Time! Make sure you "spring" your clocks ahead an hour on Saturday night so you don't miss church!**

# NEW TO FRIENDS?

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**Welcome to Friends Church!** We're excited that you've joined us for worship and look forward to getting to know you a little better! Take a minute and fill out a communication card which you'll find in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by.

Here's some information to make your visit more comfortable:

**Free Gift and Church Information** - Stop by and introduce yourself at our Welcome Center located in the main lobby and receive a free Friends gift and some great literature about the church.

**Friends Fellowship Café**—On Sunday, you can follow your nose to the end of our Family Life Center and find fresh brewed coffee, pastries and fellowship. We hope you'll join us.

We highly recommend our quarterly **Guest Reception for newcomers**. We'd like you to be our guest! An awesome lunch is served! You'll meet the staff and have the opportunity to ask questions about Friends Church. Our next Guest Reception will be held on April 11.

**Ministries For All Ages** - Throughout the week, there are many opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. We hope you'll take the opportunity to get involved. A description of classes for adults can be found in the bulletin.

Our youth (grades 6-12) and children's programs (birth-grade 5) are safe places where children can learn about Jesus through age appropriate, biblically-based curricula.

**How to Get Connected.** We believe that if you don't make a Friend at Friends Church you won't be at Friends Church very long. The best way to get connected is to visit one of our small groups. Just check the box on your communication card for small groups and someone will contact you right away with more information.

**Website** - Check out [www.noefc.org](http://www.noefc.org) for up-to-date information about our ministries, staff, current bulletin, and our Sunday sermons online.

**Considering membership?** If you have been visiting Friends and believe God is leading you to make a deeper commitment to the ministry, we'd encourage you to participate in our **Welcome to Friends Class** - it's a requirement for membership and will give you a great picture of who we are as a church and where we're going. Let the church office or Pastor Geoff know if you are interested in membership.

Please Note: Sermons are available on CD. See the display in the north hallway.

# THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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## 9:15 am Service

Nursery: Carole Gonska, Sherry Lehmann  
Welcome Center: Laura Dyke  
Hosts: Pam Drottar, Jim McGilvray  
Ushers: Don Sabo, Kim McGilvray, Peter Krysiniski, Ron Chandler

## 11:00 am Service

Nursery: Brett and Melanie Rahlfs  
Tiny Tots: Sharon Shumaker  
Welcome Center: Cindy Ellis  
Hosts: Faye Carruth, Sean Corrigan  
Ushers: Jeff and Ann Johnson, Roger Freeman, Rick Cyngier

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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- Kathleen Risko
- Donald Huck
- Peter Neurohr
- Joan Thomas
- Mike Gerber
- Elaine Ries
- Don & Carol Brough
- Evelyn Vance
- Leslie Wells
- Doris Mills
- Eileen Baechle
- Military Personnel
- Our unemployed
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## IMPORTANT DATES

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Mon	8	Upward practice (6:00 pm, FLC)
	8	Precepts Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-3)
	8	College and Career Group (7:00 pm, S-2)
	9	Upward practice (7:00 pm, FLC)
	9	Moms in Touch (7:00 pm; S-4/5)
	10	SonSeekers Choir Practice (6:10 pm, Music Room)
	10	Little Seekers Choir Practice (6:30 pm, Music Room)
	10	FW Friends (7:00 pm; FLC)
	10	Youth Group: Jr. High (7:00 pm; S-2/3)
	10	Youth Group: Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)
	10	Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm; Sanctuary)
	11	Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)
	11	Upward Cheerleading practice (6:00 pm)
	11	Upward practice (7:00 pm, FLC)
	11	Board of Elders Meeting (6:00 pm, S-4/5)
	12	Upward Practice (6:00 pm, FLC)
	13	Men's Fraternity (7:00 am, FLC)
	13	Well Women (8:45 am, Sanctuary)
	13	Upward Basketball Games and Cheerleading (9:00 am, FLC)

## FELLOWSHIP



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**Silver Friends**—join them for lunch on Thursday, March 11, at Baker's Square in North Olmsted. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. RSVP to John & Pat Savage at 440.235.7391.

**Moms in Touch** meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm in S-4/5. Please contact Nancy Lentz at 440.236.8296 for more information.

It's that time of year again! It's time to **sign up and get ready for the 2010 softball season**. This is a co-ed league that plays on Saturday afternoons and evenings at the North Olmsted Park. The minimum age to play is a freshman in high school right now. If you already have a team, please contact Phil Cox at 440.777.7287 or [cox23647@aol.com](mailto:cox23647@aol.com) and request a registration form. Registration forms are found on the bulletin board in the south hallway and goes through March. You can also contact Gina Glazer or Amanda Herwerden for more information. Don't miss out!

## CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



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**Friends Family Bowling...** Praise the Lord! There was such an overwhelming response to this activity we had to move the date. We are now taking over all 20 lanes at Fairview Lanes on Sunday, March 28. We will have the whole facility from 3:00-5:00 pm... There are only a few slots left... The cost is \$6.00 and needs to be prepaid by Sunday, March 21. Please drop off your money at the Children's Ministry Bowling table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or give it to Pastor Rich or Liz Goodman on Wednesday Nights.

The final VBS Paint Party at John Knox is Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Contact Pastor Rich or Liz if you can help out. Many volunteers will be needed for our **VBS High Seas Adventure** from the Book of Acts. The dates are June 21-25 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We are looking for more than 75 adult volunteers. See Pastor Rich or Liz Goodman if you can help!

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



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Our Sunday School welcomes Mr. Smith!! Join us this morning in the youth room at 9:15 am.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm - Youth Group!

Saturday, April 17—We're serving at Laura's Home! Movie Night for the kids! If you'd like to participate, please sign up on the youth bulletin board.

Mark your calendars—**EASTER EGG HUNT EGGSTAVAGANZA** Saturday, April 3 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Serious fun, seriously! Sign up on the youth bulletin board.



## SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - Begin Sunday, March 7

**9:15 am (north end of the FLC)- "iMARRIAGE"** - In this DVD and study guide from Andy Stanley we will consider three key teachings that will help you transform your expectations and examine the "I's" of marriage: "Keeping My 'I' On You," "Putting Your 'I' Out," and "It Takes Three." Chris and Matt Reese are facilitating.

**11:00 am (in S-4/5) "BEING A DISCIPLE: Counting the Real Cost"** - Is following Jesus really worth it? You will be challenged to follow Jesus into radical living and discover the blessing that comes from completing surrendering to Jesus. The class will be taught by Ted Smith.

For more information, please contact Chris Reese or Pastor Rich.

**11:00 am - Divorce Care** - Join Linda Henderson in S-2 (Jr. High room) and a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. There's no need to go through separation or divorce alone.

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for a study called "**The Compassionate Life.**" The compassion of God is a key theme throughout Scripture. In a world filled with violence, heartache and pain, the body of Christ needs to be a compassionate people. This week's study is "Touching Our Wounds."

Calling all men... **MEN'S FRATERNITY** is under way on Saturdays at 7:00 am. Each Saturday, we gather for fellowship (donuts and coffee), video teaching, and small group discussion and support. We look forward to seeing you bright and early on Saturday morning.

**Precepts Bible Study** meets on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm. Romans (Part 4) "**Life as a Living Sacrifice—Because Jesus paid the price to save us, how are we to live now?**" begins March 8, at 7:00 pm with video and discussion. There are 8 lessons, so we will be finished on April 26. The cost of that workbook is \$21.00. For more information, call Kathryn Kinkus at 216.848.0364.

Watch for details about Well Women's new series on the Psalms!

Join the **College and Career Group** on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. They are studying Max Lucado's "Next Door Savior." If you'd like to participate or have questions please contact Chris Thwing at 440.734.2255.

The Women of Canton First Friends would like to extend an invitation to join them on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, for a Women's Conference called ***Faith to Fruit: Aspiring to Abundance.*** See Pastor Karen for a brochure.

Are you dealing with overwhelming bills, credit card debt, or even a home foreclosure? Crown Financial is a class that "equips people to learn, apply, and teach God's financial principles so they may know Christ more intimately, be free to serve Him, and help fund the Great Commission." Emily Henceroth will be teaching the 10 week Crown Financial class on Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm beginning March 17. Contact Emily at 216.362.8959 to sign-up.

## OUTREACH & MISSIONS

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Calling all small groups! Is your small group looking for an opportunity to serve together? **We are looking for small groups to serve a meal at the City Mission on the 3rd Sunday of each month.** If your small group is interested in helping to meet this need, please contact the church office.

Gateway West has a special opportunity to reach the families of West Cleveland with the Good News of Jesus. They have almost 15,000 clear door hanger bags in which we are putting two inserts: One is the plan of salvation and the other is an invitation card to Easter service at Gateway West along with basic information about our church. Would you help us with the distribution of the door hangers? See Pastor Karen Cuy if you are available to help during any of these times.

Saturday, March 20

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

1:30 - 4:00 pm

Monday, March 22

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

1:30 - 4:00 pm

6:30 - 8:00 pm

## UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

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On March 21 we're starting a new series "Prodigal God, Finding Your Place at the Table." Doors open at 6:00 pm with the worship gathering beginning at 6:30 pm. Do you know someone who struggles understanding God? Upper Room is a great place to connect!

## CONGRATULATIONS

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To Chris and Sarah Cordrick on the birth of their daughter **Violet Grace Cordrick** on February 25. Violet weighed 8 lb, 8 ozs and was 20 inches long.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Don't forget NOEFC offers an **ONLINE GIVING** option. Visit our website at [noefc.org](http://noefc.org) and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button. After registering, you can securely make your offering using a number of options including withdrawals from your checking account or the use of your debit or credit card. Have questions? Call Walt Sheffield at the church office or Doug Deutsch at 440.979.0873.

Our new **Daily Breads** are available now! Stop by and pick up one or a few to share with friends!

## STAFF

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

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## GIVING

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General Budget Year-to-Date .....	\$108,108.72
General Offerings Year-to-Date .....	\$95,837.28
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received .....	\$565,137.50

## ATTENDANCE

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February 21 .....	607
February 28 .....	444

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