

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



MARCH 21, 2010

*“For you have been brought with a price;
therefore glorify God in your body.”*

I Corinthians 6:20

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

This morning Pastor Geoff's message is entitled:
The Way of the Cross: To Be a Slave Is to Be Free

TODAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

- 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)
- 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)
- 12:15 pm Host/Usher Volunteer Meeting (FLC)
- 6:30 pm Upper Room (Sanctuary) (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

Speaking of Volunteers!?!?!? We are in need of more **people for our set-up/tear-down team**. This is a team that helps set-up or tear-down the FLC for events such as Upwards, the Upper Room and transition back to Sunday/Wednesday set up. If you are interested in helping, please circle F on your communication card.

NEW TO FRIENDS?

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 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.

Don't forget NOEFC offers an **ONLINE GIVING** option. Visit our website at noefc.org and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button. After registering, you can securely make your offering using any 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.

THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

9:15 am Service

Nursery: Michelle Trainer, Molly Baker
Welcome Center: Kathleen McClement
Hosts: Laura Dyke, Dick McClement
Ushers: Gary Franklin, Jim McGilvray, Robert Fitzsimmons, Tom Krucek

11:00 am Service

Nursery: Emily Walston, Toni Fenimore
Tiny Tots: Anna Goodman
Welcome Center: Rick Cyngier
Hosts: Malanie Holmes, Rich Ellis
Ushers: Brett Rahlfs, David Loftis, Lowan Laws, Ted Smith

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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

Mon 22 Upward practice (6:00 pm, FLC)
22 Precepts Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-3)
23 Upward practice (7:00 pm, FLC)
23 Moms in Touch (7:00 pm; S-4)
23 Dream Team Meeting (7:30 pm, S-3)
24 SonSeekers Choir Practice (6:10 pm, Music Room)
24 Little Seekers Choir Practice (6:30 pm, Music Room)
24 FW Friends (7:00 pm; FLC)
24 Youth Group: Jr. High (7:00 pm; S-2/3)
24 Youth Group: Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)
24 Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm; Sanctuary)
24 Crown Financial Study (7:00 pm, S-4)
25 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)
25 Upward Cheerleading practice (6:00 pm)
25 Upward practice (7:00 pm, FLC)
26 Upward Practice (6:00 pm, FLC)
27 Men's Fraternity (7:00 am, FLC)
27 Well Women (8:45 am, Sanctuary)
27 Upward Basketball Games and Cheerleading (9:00 am, FLC)

FELLOWSHIP

Silver Friends—join them for lunch on Thursday, April 8, at Frankie's 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 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 and request a registration form. Registration forms are found on the bulletin board in the south hallway; registration goes through March. You can also contact Gina Glazer or Amanda Herwerden for more information. Don't miss out!

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Friends Family Bowling 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 TODAY. 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.

On Easter morning, there will not be any classes at 9:15 or 11:00 am for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5. There will be classes for Tiny Tots and the Preschool during both services. Elementary age children are encouraged to attend worship with their parents.

We need volunteers 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

Join us this morning in the youth room at 9:15 am.

Quilting? We're doing quilting? You bet we are! Help create our new youth group theme quilt with Gabe Adam's Grandma, Mary Jane Travis! Wednesday March 24 and 31! See you at 7:00 pm!

IMPORTANT MISSION TRIP PARENT UPDATE - Sunday, March 28 between the services. Hey Mom's and Dad's - We've begun receiving Circle of Friends donations! Great Job! (if you haven't sent your letters out yet... this might be a good time to catch up!) Pastor Karen has some important fundraising details to share with you. **First** - Easter Sunday we're serving breakfast beginning at 8:30 am. Team members should report to the kitchen by 8:00 am.

Second - Our potato bar luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, April 25.

Third - our second parents meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 28 between the service - where you'll receive your camp registration form to be filled out at the meeting and some important what to bring updates.

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.

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.



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - Join now!

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 "The Jesus Guy."

New Series for Men's Fraternity-Faith, Hope, and Luck by Andy Stanley (5 Weeks) Beginning, Saturday, March 27 at 7:00 am. Meet by the Kitchen in the FLC for coffee and donuts before the study. This 5-part series is guaranteed to transform your thinking about FAITH. As you listen or watch, you will discover the difference between faith and hope. You will be presented with a definition for FAITH that will shed new light on both the Old and New Testaments. Andy Stanley explains what we can expect of God every time we come to him with a request. In addition, he exposes the flaws in what some have labeled The Faith Movement.

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

Ladies, **Well Women** will be beginning a 7-week study, *Stepping Up a Journey through the Psalms of Ascent* by Beth Moore, on Saturday, March 27 at 8:45 am. You are invited to meet us at the "well" as we drink deeply of the Living Water and embark on a journey to a deeper level of intimacy with God. Sign up at the table in the narthex. Workbooks are \$13.

Join the **College and Career Group** on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. They are studying Max Lucado's "Next Door Savior." There will be no class on Monday, March 22, 2010 but we will resume class on Monday, March 29, 2010. If you'd like to participate or have questions please contact Chris Thwing at 440.734.2255.

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

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.

Tuesday, April 27 - **Pink Slip Dessert Connection** - 7:00 pm. Contact Emily Henceroth to RSVP at 216.362.8959.

Sunday, March 28 - **Renaissance Nursing Ministry** at 2:00 pm.

UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

Tonight we're starting a new series called "**Prodigal God.**" Doors open at 6:00 pm with the worship gathering beginning at 6:30 pm. Do you know someone who struggles understanding God? Come find your place at the table!

STAFF

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 | \$148,649.49 |
| General Offerings Year-to-Date | \$141,452.01 |
| Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received | \$566,367.50 |

ATTENDANCE

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| 03/07 | AM Worship—561 | Christian Ed—124 | Upper Room—86 |
| 03/14 | AM Worship—526 | Christian Ed—132 | Upper Room—38 |

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