

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



**PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 28, 2010**

*“The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the Highest!” ”*

**Matthew 21:9**

**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: Weakness is Strength**

## 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)  
Youth Mission Trip Parent Meeting (S-10)
- 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)
- 2:00 pm Renaissance Nursing Ministry
- 3:00 pm Friends Family Bowling (Fairview Lanes)
- 6:30 pm Upper Room (Sanctuary) (Doors open at 6:00 pm)  
The Prodigal God—2 Kinds of People

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

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We invite all those who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and repent of their sins to the Lord's table. Those who wish to participate will file up to the altar where you will be served the elements. Please feel free to linger at the altar for prayer.

# 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! 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.

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 any number of options including withdrawals from your checking account or the use of your debit or credit card.

# THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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## 9:15 am Service

Nursery: Tom & Cora Kaufhold  
Welcome Center: Rosamond Sarkan  
Hosts: Margie Lasko, Marta White  
Ushers: Eileen Bryant, Keith Stefano, Matthew Nee, Tim Wiens

## 11:00 am Service

Nursery: Cynthia Millen, Debbie Freed  
Tiny Tots: Sharon Shumaker  
Welcome Center: Laverne Ross  
Hosts: Christianna Holmes, Sandy Mozny  
Ushers: Jeff & Ann Johnson, Rick Cyngier, Roger Freeman

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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- Kathleen Risko
- Donald Huck
- Peter Neurohr
- Joan Thomas
- Mike Gerber
- Elaine Ries
- Evelyn Vance
- Doris Mills
- Military Personnel
- Our unemployed
- Leslie Wells

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| Mar | 29 | Upward Awards Celebration (7:00 pm, FLC)              |
|     | 29 | Precepts Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-3)                   |
|     | 29 | College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)     |
|     | 30 | Moms in Touch (7:00 pm; S-4)                          |
|     | 31 | SonSeekers Choir Practice (6:10 pm, Music Room)       |
|     | 31 | Little Seekers Choir Practice (6:30 pm, Music Room)   |
|     | 31 | Youth Group: Jr. High (7:00 pm; S-2/3)                |
|     | 31 | Youth Group: Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)                 |
|     | 31 | Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm; Sanctuary)                |
| Apr | 01 | Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)        |
|     | 01 | Martha/Mary Ministry (9:30 am, S-4/5)                 |
|     | 01 | Maundy Thursday (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)                  |
|     | 02 | Good Friday (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)                      |
|     | 03 | Prayer Vigil (9:00 am to 6:00 pm, S-4/5)              |
|     | 03 | Youth Easter Egg Hunt Eggstavanza (9:00 am at church) |
|     | 03 | Easter Service rehearsal (3:00 pm, Sanctuary)         |
|     | 04 | Easter Sunrise Service (7:30 am, North lawn)          |

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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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.

## WORSHIP & ARTS

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Join us on **Sunday, April 11**, in the **11:00 am** service as the **SonSeekers and Little Seekers Children's Choir** share with us. SonSeekers will perform "Heaven's Kitchen," and share with us about praise and how important it is to God and to our growth as Christians. Little Seekers will perform "Hey, guess what?" They will be talking and singing about how big and awesome God is, His love for us, and our love for Him.

NOEFC will be conducting **baptisms** on Sunday, April 25 during the morning worship services! If you have received Christ and have never been baptized as a believer, we would encourage you to take this step of faith and obedience. A class for baptism candidates will be held on Sunday, April 18 following the 11:00 am service in S-4/5. To sign up please circle the letter "B" on your communication card or call the church office.

## FELLOWSHIP

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**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**. 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; registration 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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On **Easter morning**, there will not be 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

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Join us this morning in the youth room at **9:15 am**—because it's a good thing to do! Right Steven!?!?! ... Huh? What?

**Quilting? We're finishing our quilt!** You bet we are! Help create our new youth group theme quilt with Gabe Adam's Grandma, Mary Jane Travis! See you at 7:00 pm on Wednesday!

**IMPORTANT MISSION TRIP PARENT UPDATE - TODAY** between the services - where you'll receive your camp registration form to be filled out at the meeting and some important what to bring updates.

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 8:15 am. Team members should report to the kitchen by 7:30 am.  
**Second** - Our potato bar luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, April 25.

Mark your calendars—**EASTER EGG HUNT EGGSTAVAGANZA**—NEXT 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**



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### **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.

**The Adult Study on Wednesday night will not be meeting this week.** Join us next Wednesday night at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary and continue "**The Compassionate Life.**" In a world filled with violence, heartache and pain, the body of Christ needs to be a compassionate people. Next week's study is "The Mystery of the Cross."

Join Men's Fraternity on Saturdays at 7:00 am for coffee and donuts before the study on Faith, Hope, and Luck by Andy Stanley. As you listen or watch, you will discover the difference between faith and hope and what we can expect of God every time we come to him with a request. **Men's Fraternity will not be meeting Easter Weekend.**

**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. We 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.

**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 2nd 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.

The North Olmsted Food Pantry is in need of **Spaghetti Noodles!** If you'd like to help meet this increasing need, you can drop donations off in the church office.

## UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

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We're continuing our 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!

## EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

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**April 1—Maundy Thursday Service—7:00 pm.** A reflective time of worship shared in commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus.

**April 2—Good Friday Tenebrae Service—7:00 pm.** A special Tenebrae service of shadows as we reflect on the crucifixion, death, and burial of Christ.

**April 3—Easter Prayer Vigil—9:00 am to 6:00 pm.** A prayer room (S-2/3) will be open all day to help you prepare your heart for Resurrection Sunday.

**April 4—Easter Sunrise Service—7:30 am.** Bring your own lawn chairs and join us on the north lawn for a special sunrise service.

**Easter Breakfast** served by the Youth Mission Team at 8:15 am in the FLC.

**Easter Worship Services** at 9:15 and 11:00 am. Join us for a special Resurrection Day service.

**Please note adult and children's ministries (except Children's choir) will not meet on Wednesday, March 31 and Easter morning.**

## 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 .....        | \$162,163.08 |
| General Offerings Year-to-Date .....     | \$154,564.94 |
| Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received ..... | \$566,702.50 |

## ATTENDANCE

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| 03/14 | AM Worship—526 | Christian Ed—132 | Upper Room—38 |
| 03/21 | AM Worship—571 | Christian Ed—133 | Upper Room—76 |

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