

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



**APRIL 11, 2010**

*“So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ”*

**John 20:19**

**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 Rich's message is entitled:  
**Behind Locked Doors**

Join us today at the 11:00 am service as the SonSeekers and Little Seekers Children's Choirs 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?"

## 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)
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)
12:00 pm	Guest Reception (Music Room)
6:30 pm	Upper Room (Sanctuary) (Doors open at 6:00 pm)
6:45 pm	City Mission Meal

# 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, visit our Family Life Center and find fresh brewed coffee, pastries and fellowship. We hope you'll join us.

Join us TODAY for 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.

**Ministries For All Ages** - There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. A description of classes for adults is 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.

# THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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## 9:15 am Service

Nursery: Lilah Wiant, Sharon Phillips  
Welcome Center: Rosamond Sarkan  
Hosts: Matthew Reese, Sara Porter  
Ushers: Kim McGilvray, Peter Krysinski, Ron Chandler, Terry Ikerd

## 11:00 am Service

Nursery: Holly Miller, Laura Bollinger  
Tiny Tots: Anna Goodman  
Welcome Center: Rich Ellis  
Hosts: Cindy Ellis, LaVerne Ross  
Ushers: Brett Rahlfs, David Loftis, Lowan Laws, Ted Smith

## 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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April 12 Precepts Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-3)  
12 College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)  
13 Moms in Touch (7:00 pm; S-4)  
14 SonSeekers Choir Practice (6:10 pm, Music Room)  
14 Little Seekers Choir Practice (6:30 pm, Music Room)  
14 FW Friends (7:00 pm, FLC)  
14 Youth Group: Jr. High (7:00 pm; S-2/3)  
14 Youth Group: Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)  
14 Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm; Sanctuary)  
15 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)  
15 Board of Elders Meeting (6:00 pm, S-4/5)  
17 Men's Fraternity (7:00 am, FLC)  
17 Well Women (8:45 am, Sanctuary)  
17 Youth Group @ Laura's Home

## 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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Friends Church will be conducting baptisms on Sunday, May 23 (Please note the change!) Baptismal candidates must attend the Baptism Preparation Class offered by Pastor Rich Bennett on Sunday, May 2 from 12:15-1:30 pm. (Lunch will be provided.) To sign up please circle the letter “B” on your communication card.

## FELLOWSHIP

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**LADIES EVENING EXPRESSO** - Save the Date, May 3, at 7:00 pm for STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER. Plan on joining in the fun and bring your guests to taste and hear the delicious fruit from God. More details to follow.

**Silver Friends**—join them for lunch on Thursday, May 13, at Pizza Hut 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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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. Sign up at the VBS Volunteer Table in the narthex starting today!

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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**TODAY IN OUR YOUTH ROOMS...** we're continuing our trek through the Book of Acts. Middle School and High School studies are available!

**ON WEDNESDAY...** we're starting **TWO** new series. The Middle School class will begin a series called Listen and Learn by Andy Stanley AND the Senior High will be beginning The Star, the Cross and the Crescent - finding faith from different starting points.

**A SUPER HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our youth mission pancake breakfast fundraiser! We served A LOT OF PANCAKES! On April 25, we'll be having our annual POTATO BAR fundraiser. Come Hungry!

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.

**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 for our **Adult Bible Study** on Wednesday nights 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. This 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.

**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, Join **Well Women** for a 7-week study, Stepping Up a Journey through the Psalms of Ascent by Beth Moore, on Saturday mornings 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.

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## OUTREACH & MISSIONS



We need your help!!! This week is our Sunday to provide a meal for City Mission. You are invited to help serve the meal. The team meets at NOEFC at 6:45 pm.

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." Tonight Ben Adams will be sharing how we redefine sin in our lives. 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

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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 .....	\$189,190.26
General Offerings Year-to-Date .....	\$183,306.66
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received .....	\$568,517.50

## ATTENDANCE

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03/28	AM Worship—626	Christian Ed—145	Upper Room—48
04/04	AM Worship—1028	Christian Ed— N/A	Upper Room—N/A

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