

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



**APRIL 18, 2010**

*“It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High”*

**Psalm 92:1**

**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 we welcome  
**Gary Tesmer, Pastor of Cleveland Community Friends Church**

Are you interested in helping support **Cleveland Community Friends church**? We're looking for people who have a heart for serving in the City and making a real difference in the lives of at risk kids and families. If you would like more information then join us for a brainstorming meeting with CCF on Saturday, May 8 from 10:00 am–2:00 pm. Lunch will be included. Circle “C” on the communication card for more information.

## 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)
6:30 pm	Upper Room (Sanctuary) (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

# 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: Kraig Wiant, Carole Gonska  
Welcome Center: Sherry Lehmann  
Hosts: Mary McGill, Antoinette Fitzsimmons  
Ushers: Chris Holmes, Dave Lubowicz, Doug Kuch, Robert Fitzsimmons

## 11:00 am Service

Nursery: Cindy Millen, Amy Schnupp  
Tiny Tots: Sharon Shumaker  
Welcome Center: Sean Corrigan  
Hosts: Faye Carruth, Nancy Franklin  
Ushers: Jeff and Ann Johnson, David Loftis, Rick Cyngier

## 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 19 Oasis Meeting (6:30 pm, S-4)  
19 Precepts Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-3)  
19 College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)  
19 Children's Ministry Team Meeting (7:00 pm, S-5)  
20 Moms in Touch (7:00 pm; S-4)  
20 Adult Choir Practice (7:30 pm, Music Room)  
21 FW Friends (7:00 pm, FLC)  
21 Youth Group: Jr. High (7:00 pm; S-2/3)  
21 Youth Group: Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)  
21 Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm; Sanctuary)  
22 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)  
22 Softball Meeting (6:00 pm, Sanctuary)  
24 Men's Fraternity (7:00 am, FLC)  
24 Well Women (8:45 am, Sanctuary)

## 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.

We will be having **Child Dedications** on Sunday, May 9 during both services. If you are interested in your child participating, please circle “D” on your Communication Card or call the church office.

**HYMN SING AND PRAYER NIGHT** - Wednesday, April 21 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the sanctuary... Come and join us for a night of singing and praying. Come and share your favorite hymn or song and how it has touched your life.

## FELLOWSHIP

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**LADIES EVENING ESPRESSO** - 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. You can also contact Gina Glazer or Amanda Herwerden for more information. Don't miss out!

## CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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There are only 64 days left until VBS when we will embark on a **High Seas Adventure (June 21-25; 9:00 am–12:00 pm)** from the book of Acts. We have 19 adult volunteers so far. We need at least 75 adult volunteers in addition to our youth helping. Sign up at the VBS Volunteer Table in the Narthex.

# YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



**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.

**NEXT SUNDAY - POTATO BAR!** - Help support the Youth Mission Team's trip to COSHOCTON, OH! We'll be serving lunch in the FLC following the 11am service.

**YOUTH** - Hey workcamper moms and dads! **Don't forget to bring 10 lbs of precooked bake potato sized potatoes** wrapped in foil and in a cooler to keep them warm for next Sunday's Potato Bar!



# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



## SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - Join now!

**9:15 am (in S-4/5)** "Fine Tuning Your Marriage" - On **April 25**, we will begin a four-week series exploring "The Five Love Languages - The Secret to Love that Lasts" by Gary Chapman. In addition, you will have the opportunity to create your unique Marriage Mission Statement, complete with Core Values and SMART goals. For more information contact Chris Reese or Pastor Rich.

**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 Men's Fraternity on Saturdays at 7:00 am for coffee and donuts before the study on Faith, Hope, and Luck by Andy Stanley.

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.

# OUTREACH & MISSIONS

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NO MISSION TEAM MEETING THIS WEEK.

If you are interested in participating in a **Haiti Mission trip**, check out the EFC-ER website at [www.efcer.org](http://www.efcer.org) for updates and trips that are available.

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.

Join us on Saturday, May 1 for **Munching & Mulching!** We need your help with laying the mulch here at NOEFC. Come prepared to work and we will provide the munchies!!!

## UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

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We're continuing our series called "Prodigal God." Tonight we are "redefining lostness." 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!

## SERMON NOTES

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## 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 .....	\$202,703.85
General Offerings Year-to-Date .....	\$198,286.75
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received .....	\$568,747.50

## ATTENDANCE

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04/04	AM Worship—1028	Christian Ed—N/A	Upper Room—N/A
04/11	AM Worship—623	Christian Ed—122	Upper Room—44

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