

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



**MAY 2, 2010**

*“The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God stands forever.”*

**Isaiah 40:8**

**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:  
**My Next Step: Changing Your Mind is a Good Thing**

## TODAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

## CONGRATULATIONS

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To Toni and Tim Fenimore on the birth of their daughter, **Cambria Fenimore** born April 1. She weighed 8 lbs, 7 ounces.

# 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 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. **Our next class is Saturday, May 22, from 9:30 am -1:00 pm.**

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: Melissa Ledwell, Sherry Lehmann  
Welcome Center: Joanne Krucek  
Hosts: Carole Gonska, Pam Drottar  
Ushers: Eileen Bryant, Fritz Lehmann, Keith Stefano, Matthew Nee

## 11:00 am Service

Nursery: Melanie Rahlfs, Rachel Johnson  
Tiny Tots: Cindy Ellis  
Welcome Center: LaVerne Ross  
Hosts: Rich Ellis, Melanie Holmes  
Ushers: Brett Rahlfs, Roger Freeman, Lowan Laws, Ted Smith

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| May | 3 | Ladies Evening Espresso (7:00 pm, FLC)            |
|     | 3 | Precepts Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-3)               |
|     | 3 | College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2) |
|     | 4 | Overseers Meeting (5:00 pm, S-4/5)                |
|     | 4 | Moms in Touch (7:00 pm; S-4/5)                    |
|     | 4 | Youth Team Meeting (7:00 pm, S-10)                |
|     | 4 | Dream Tree Meeting (7:30 pm, S-3)                 |
|     | 4 | Adult Choir Practice (7:30 pm, Music Room)        |
|     | 5 | FW Friends (7:00 pm, FLC)                         |
|     | 5 | Youth Group: Jr. High (7:00 pm; S-2/3)            |
|     | 5 | Youth Group: Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)             |
|     | 5 | Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm; Sanctuary)            |
|     | 6 | Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)    |
|     | 6 | Martha/Mary Ministry (9:30 am, S-4/5)             |
|     | 6 | National Day of Prayer                            |
|     | 8 | Men's Fraternity (7:00 am, FLC)                   |
|     | 8 | Well Women (8:45 am, Sanctuary)                   |

## FELLOWSHIP

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Ladies - are you in need of a night out and adult conversation? We invite you to a special Strawberry Fields Forever night at **LADIES EVENING ESPRESSO - TOMORROW NIGHT!!!!** It's hard to believe but even strawberries are mentioned in the bible - come find out where and be encouraged by the message! The cost is \$2.00/person. Come join us for some wonderful worship, devotion, discussion, fellowship and of course... STRAWBERRIES! YUM!

**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.

## CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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There are only 50 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 45 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.

Take me out to the ballgame...Tickets will go on sale soon for a trip to Avon to see the **Lake Erie Crushers** battle the Windy City Thunderbolts on **Saturday night, July 17**. Last year, Lake Erie was the Frontier League Champions. Tickets will be \$8.00 with the opportunity to purchase \$5.00 meal vouchers. **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Friends Family Retreat...**Children's Ministry has scheduled a family retreat at Beulah Beach for Saturday morning, August 28 to Sunday afternoon, August 29. Cabins, RV sites and tents sites are available. Some of the retreat activities will include swimming, boating, mini-golf, archery, bonfire, worship and a whole lot more. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

## 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 have started **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.

**HEY SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP! GUESS WHAT? Remedy Drive is in Concert** at Cornerstone Friends Church in Madison, Ohio on Monday, May 24; 7:00-9:30 pm AND... WE'RE GOING! Cost is \$10. Please give Pastor Karen \$10 to reserve your spot!

**A SUPER HUGE BAKE POTATO BAR THANK YOU** to everyone who helped support the Youth Mission Trip last weekend. So far we have raised about 1/2 of the funds needed for our trip! If you can help our fundraising efforts please make checks payable to NOEFC and write YOUTH MISSION in the memo field.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE! SATURDAY, JUNE 5** from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the FLC. Tables (8ft table space) cost is \$25 each and 20% of your sales. To reserve your table please email [pastorkaren@noefc.org](mailto:pastorkaren@noefc.org) and submit your table cost of \$25.

Hey Moms and Dads - Do you feel overcommitted, overtired, and overwhelmed? You're not alone! Parenting your teenager can be a challenge! **Join us on a journey that will help to lead us out of guilt and explore what God says about parenting** as we study the book "Parenting is Your Highest Calling" And 8 other Myths That Trap Us in Worry and Guilt. In the book, author Leslie Leyland Fields, says this is not a license to sweep away our concerns about our family's well-being, but that we have to let go of this idea that the only way God will save and sanctify our children is if we do our part exactly right to create the perfect Christian home. This class will be facilitated by Kim Klima beginning on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm. Cost of the book is \$10.



## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



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### SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - Join now!

**9:15 am (in S-4/5) "Fine Tuning Your Marriage"** - Today, 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.

"START>Being a Good Samaritan" is the title of the new series for the **Wednesday Night Adult Study**. This is a 6-week video series featuring a variety of Christian leaders. The series is designed to "help Christian live out Christ's love in the world-changing ways, right now, right where we live." This Wednesday's topic is "Caring for the Sick" and is facilitated by Pastor Rich in the sanctuary from 7:00-8:15 pm.

Considering membership? We'd encourage you to participate in our **Welcome to Friends Class**. Our next class is **Saturday, May 22, from 9:30 am -1:00 pm**.

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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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.

**Our next pink slip dessert will be on May 18 at 7:00 pm.** Join us as we learn about LINKEDIN—an employment networking tool that will be facilitated by Mark Madere. This is a ministry to the unemployed and underemployed members of our congregation and community. Bring a friend! Get connected! Write a Big PSD on your communication card if you're interested in participating.

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.

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 at 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.

## UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

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We're continuing our series called “Prodigal God.” Tonight we are “**redefining hope.**” 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!

**Sunday, May 16**—Upper Room presents **David Swidrak in concert.** Mark Rein from The Fish will provide opening comedy. The concert is free and a love offering will be taken to support the band. Doors open at 6:00 pm with the concert at 6:30 pm.

**Sunday, June 6** @ Upper Room—NEW SERIES—Green By Design.

## 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 .....        | \$229,731.03 |
| General Offerings Year-to-Date .....     | \$221,463.02 |
| Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received ..... | \$569,182.50 |

## ATTENDANCE

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| 04/18 | AM Worship—574 | Christian Ed—126 | Upper Room—36 |
| 04/25 | AM Worship—543 | Christian Ed—135 | Upper Room—38 |

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