

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



**MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 9, 2010**

*“ I remember your genuine faith, for you share that faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.”*

**II Timothy 1:5**

**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: Part of the Family**

## 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  
Fine Tuning Your Marriage (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 (FLC) (Doors open at 6:00 pm)
- 6:45 pm City Mission Meal

## CONGRATULATIONS

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To Joel and Molly Baker on the birth of their son, **Lincoln Andrew Baker**, who was born on May 6.

# 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: Molly Baker, Kathy Deutsch  
Welcome Center: Sara Porter  
Hosts: Melissa Ledwell, Sherry Lehmann  
Ushers: Dan Lempke, Deborah Morabito, Don Sabo, Kim McGilvray

## 11:00 am Service

Nursery: Amy Schnupp, Emily Walston  
Tiny Tots: Shaon Shumaker  
Welcome Center: Olga Pansegrau  
Hosts: Christianna Holmes, Sandy Mozny  
Ushers: Jeff and Ann Johnson, Rick Cyngier, David Loftis

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

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May 9 City Mission Meal (6:45 pm)  
10 College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)  
11 Moms in Touch (7:00 pm; S-4/5)  
12 FW Friends (7:00 pm, FLC)  
12 Youth Group: Jr. High (7:00 pm; S-2/3)  
12 Youth Group: Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)  
12 Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm; Sanctuary)  
13 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)  
13 Board of Elders Meeting (6:00 9m, S-4/5)  
15 Men's Fraternity (7:00 am, FLC)  
15 Well Women (8:45 am, Sanctuary)

## FELLOWSHIP

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**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 43 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. To sign up as a volunteer call the church office or email Pastor Rich at [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SNACK LIST ...** If you are able to help out by providing one or more of these items, please contact Cindy Ellis or drop them off at the VBS table beginning May 23rd...

SQUARE pretzels

PLAIN M & Ms

HONEY NUT Cheerios

MINI marshmallows

WHIPPED topping in tubs

VANILLA wafer cookies

GUMMI worms

GRAHAM crackers

GIFT CARDS to Marcs or Giant Eagle to purchase fresh fruit

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...** Did you say Acts? Yes, we did at 9:15 am.

Youth Group—Wednesdays -Yeah! 7:00 pm

**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!

**Attention Mom & Dad! GRADUATION SUNDAY is JUNE 6!** It's hard to believe, but as the end of the school year closes in, we'll be celebrating a significant faith milestone with many of our youth and young adults. If your child will be graduating from High School or College, we would like to celebrate their accomplishment on Sunday, June 6th at both services. To acknowledge our graduates, please supply the following information to the church office so that we can provide it to the congregation as part of a bulletin insert - name, school they are graduating from - include honors or scholarships they have received, after graduation plans including name of college they will be attending and which service your graduate will be attending. You can email the information to [barb@noefc.org](mailto:barb@noefc.org)

**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? Your 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 out 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.

"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 "Seeking Justice and Reconciliation" 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**. Circle the letter "F" on your communication card to sign up.

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.

Join us at on **Sunday, May 30 at Laura's Home** for an afternoon of crafts, food, fun, and fellowship. We will be serving a picnic of subs, salads, and more. Crafts will begin at 4:00 pm with dinner to follow at 5:00 pm. Contact Deb Morabito at 440.427.8423 with questions.

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 are finishing our 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 be a part of this special service and 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.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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For the last two months a small group of people have come every Monday morning to work on cleaning and fixing up our church. **The Cleanup Crew** has made tremendous progress in making NOEFC look cleaner and more inviting to everyone. Would you like to be a part of this ministry? If so, contact Walt Sheffield or Olga Pansegrau to learn more on how you can help.

## 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 .....	\$243,244.62
General Offerings Year-to-Date .....	\$235,543.98
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received .....	\$569,857.50

## ATTENDANCE

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04/25	AM Worship—543	Christian Ed—135	Upper Room—38
05/02	AM Worship—534	Christian Ed—89	Upper Room—39

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