

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



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“...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.”

I Peter 3:15

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

This morning Pastor Geoff's message is entitled:
My Next Step: Let's Have a Party!

TODAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

- 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)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jeremy and Kristen Leibolt on the birth of their son, **Wesley Scott Leibolt**, on April 21. Wesley weighed 9 lbs, 1 oz and was 21 1/2 inches long.

To Kyle and Susan Hartung on the birth of their daughter, **Brynn Elise Hartung**, on May 6. Brynn weighed 7 lbs, 13 ozs and was 19.5 inches long.

NEW TO FRIENDS?

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 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 and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button.

THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

9:15 am Service

Nursery: Christine Begeman, Diane Hollins
Welcome Center: Antoinette Fitzsimmons
Hosts: Robert Fitzsimmons, Rosamond Sarkan
Ushers: Dave Lubowicz, Peter Krysinski, Ron Chandler, Terry Ikerd

11:00 am Service

Nursery: Cynthia Millen, Toni Fenimore
Tiny Tots: Anna Goodman
Welcome Center: Jean Edmonds
Hosts: Olga Pansegrau, Richard Edmonds
Ushers: Glenn Goodman, Lon Dittrick, Melanie Rahfls, Raenette Burke

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

IMPORTANT DATES

May 17 Oasis Meeting (6:30 pm, S-4/5)
17 College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)
17 Children's Ministry Team Meeting (7:00 pm, S-2/3)
18 Moms in Touch (7:00 pm; S-4)
18 Mission Team Meeting (7:00 pm, S-10)
18 Pink Slip Dessert Connection (7:00 pm, S-5)
18 Dream Team Meeting (7:30 pm, S-3)
18 Adult Choir (7:30 pm, Music room)
19 NEOIN Prayer meeting (10:00 am, S-3)
19 FW Friends (7:00 pm, FLC)
19 Youth Group: Jr. High (7:00 pm; S-2/3)
19 Youth Group: Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)
19 Parenting is Your Highest Calling Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-4/5)
19 Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm; Sanctuary)
20 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)
22 Men's Breakfast (8:00 am, Denny's Restaurant)
22 Welcome to Friends Class (9:30 am, S-4/5)

WORSHIP & ARTS

We will be having **Child Dedications** on Sunday, June 20 during both services. If you are interested in your child participating, please circle "D" on your Communication Card or call the church office.

FELLOWSHIP

Silver Friends—join them for lunch on Thursday, June 10, at First Watch in Crocker Park. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. RSVP to Chuck & Ann Palmer 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

There are only 36 days left until VBS... It is now time to sign up your children (Preschool through Grade 5) for our **Vacation Bible School High Seas Adventure** (June 21-25, 9:00 am-12:00 noon). Sign up at the VBS Table in the Narthex. Volunteers are still needed too. If you can help all week, or even for a day or two, please sign up at the VBS Table too.

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 23...

SQUARE pretzels

HONEY NUT Cheerios

WHIPPED topping in tubs

GUMMI worms

GIFT CARDS to Marcs or Giant Eagle to purchase fresh fruit

PLAIN M & Ms

MINI marshmallows

VANILLA wafer cookies

GRAHAM crackers

Camp Gideon summer brochures are now available... There are a variety of camps for kids in Kindergarten - Grade 8. This year's theme is "Kingdom Odyssey." To get your brochure see Liz Goodman or Pastor Rich and get ready to go on a Kingdom Quest to seek after the true King.

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



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! If your child will be graduating from High School or College, we would like to celebrate his/her accomplishment on Sunday, June 6 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 from which they will graduate and include honors or scholarships received, after graduation plans including name of college and which service your graduate will be attending. You can email the information to 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 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. 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



There will not be any Adult Sunday School classes on Memorial Day Weekend.

Beginning Sunday, June 6 at 11:00 am - LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES - find freedom from your hurts, hang-ups and habits! 8 session small group taught by Rick Warren and facilitated by NOEFC's very own Divorce Care Team! Write LHC on your communication card if you are interested in participating.

"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 "Helping the Poor" and is facilitated by Pastor Rich in the sanctuary from 7:00-8:15 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.

NorthEast Ohio Intercession Network (NEOIN) will be meeting at Friends Church this Wednesday, May 19th, from 10 am - 12 noon in Rooms S-2/3. This is an opportunity to come together with other Christians in the area to worship and pray for the needs of Northeast Ohio and the city of Cleveland. If you are available and have a heart to pray with others for needs of our community, why not consider joining this network of intercessors. For more information contact Pastor Rich.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

The **North Olmsted Job Seeker Network** will be meeting at St. Richards Church on the 4th Monday of each month. The next meeting is May 24. Doors open at 6:45 pm. This month's special speaker is Nicole Pearch, a certified career coach and job placement coordinator for New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

NOEFC's Pink Slip Dessert is **THIS TUESDAY** at **7:00 pm**. Mark Madere will be helping our unemployed and under employed understand LINKEDIN, a internet based networking tool. WRITE PSD on your communication card if you plan on attending.

GREAT NEWS!!! The **North Olmsted food cupboard** has received a **\$100,000 block grant** from the County to help relocate and enhance the services of our community's food pantry. They will be looking for volunteers to help revamp the facility that will be located on Butternut Ridge Rd. The new facility will even include a **COMMUNITY GARDEN** to produce fresh vegetables for the cupboard!

Watch for details about North Olmsted's summer lunch program.

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. Please be aware that children attending with their parents must be 12 years or older. Contact Deb Morabito at 440.427.8423 with questions.

UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

Today, 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

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

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

General Budget Year-to-Date	\$256,758.21
General Offerings Year-to-Date	\$249,251.03
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received	\$570,287.50

ATTENDANCE

05/02	AM Worship—534	Christian Ed—89	Upper Room—39
05/09	AM Worship—610	Christian Ed—103	Upper Room—61

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