

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



**PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 23, 2010**

“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father. He will testify and Me.”

John 15:26

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 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)

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.

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 great picture of who we are as a church and where we're going. The next class will be held in early fall.

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: Lilah Wiant, Shaon Phillips
Welcome Center: John Kinkus
Hosts: Jim and Kim McGilvray
Ushers: Chris Holmes, Doug Kuch, Ron Chandler, Tom Krucek

11:00 am Service

Nursery: Debbie Freed, Susan Hartung
Tiny Tots: Sharon Shumaker
Welcome Center: Richard Edmonds
Hosts: Sean Corrigan, Jean Edmonds
Ushers: Brett Rahlfs, David Loftis, Lowan Laws, Ted Smith

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

IMPORTANT DATES

May 24 College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)
25 Moms in Touch (7:00 pm; S-4)
25 Dream Team Meeting (7:30 pm, S-3)
26 FW Friends (7:00 pm, FLC)
26 Youth Group: Jr. High (7:00 pm; S-2/3)
26 Youth Group: Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)
26 Parenting is Your Highest Calling Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-4/5)
26 Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm; Sanctuary)
27 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 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.

ATTENTION MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS... Bring your motorcycle to worship on June 6 at 9:15 am. Following worship, we will travel to "The Historic Malabar Farm Restaurant" in Perrysville, OH for lunch. After lunch, you will have the opportunity to enjoy Malabar Farm State Park and even go on a guided tour of the 32 room farm house for only \$4.00. To sign up mark "B" for biker on your Communication Card or contact Rich Ellis or Mark White.

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

There are only 28 days left until VBS... 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). Visit the children's Ministry Table or www.noefc.org. 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...Buy your tickets now at the Children's Ministry Table 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. Get your brochure at the Children's Ministry Table.

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!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE! The Youth are in desperate need of people to rent tables at our annual garage sale. There is a sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board. Don't forget to come shop with on June 5 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

CALLING ALL WORKCAMPERS AND PARENTS! Just a quick update about what's happening with our mission trip. On June 5, we'll have a garage sale! Come and help! Following the Garage Sale we'll be having a camp meeting with all our camp participants from 2:00-4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. On June 6, our team will be commissioned at both services. Please wear your t-shirt. We will also be hosting a pancake breakfast between services. We'll have a final parents meeting following the 2nd service on June 6 to cover any last minute questions. We will be leaving for camp on Sunday, June 12 at 8:00 am. We must be packed and ready to go so please arrive by 7:45am. Please remember to bring 5 canned good items to donate at camp.

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 on Wednesdays 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 June 6 at 9:15 am – a Ray Vander Laan series called Walk as Jesus Walked. Filmed in the Middle East, this series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus. The class will meet in the Music Room.

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.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Care Ministry Opportunity - A friend of the Schwartz family will be participating in an internship program at NASA Glenn Research Center for the summer. The college age young man is looking for housing near the Research Center. If you can help, please contact Dave Swartz directly.

Two Ways You Can Help Cleveland Community Friends! As you know, NOEFC has decided to be an encourager to our sister church Cleveland Community Friends. We've met with Pastor Gary Tesmer and a group from Cleveland Community Friends and they have suggested two immediate ways we can help. **First** - they're having a clothing give-a-way on **Saturday, June 12 from 12:00-3:00 pm**. They need mens, ladies, and children's clothes. Clothing should not be torn, stained, have buttons missing or zippers broken. We'll be collecting the clothes here at NOEFC. Bring them presized (use masking tape) and drop them off in the lobby. **Second**, we'll be collecting non-perishable items for their food cupboard: Peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruit, boxes of cereal, spaghetti and sauce, tuna, or other canned items. Drop those off in the Narthex as well. If you'd like to help set-up on Friday evening or help to sort the clothes - please see the volunteers at the Cleveland Community Table in the Narthex.

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.

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

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

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	\$270,271.80
General Offerings Year-to-Date	\$262,994.45
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received	\$570,877.50

ATTENDANCE

05/09	AM Worship—610	Christian Ed—103	Upper Room—61
05/16	AM Worship—522	Christian Ed— 99	Upper Room—236

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