

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



**JUNE 13, 2010**

*“You shall have no other gods before Me. ‘You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.’ You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.”*

*(NASU)*

**Exodus 20:3-5a**

**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:  
**Crush the Idols: Gods of Pleasure**

## 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  
Walk As Jesus Walked (Music Room)
- 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)
- 6:30 pm Upper Room Service (FLC)
- 6:45 pm City Mission Meal

# 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.

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 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](http://noefc.org) and click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button.

# THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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## 9:15 am Service

Nursery: Christine Begeman, Melissa Ledwell  
Welcome Center: Sara Porter  
Hosts: Antoinette Fitzsimmons, Pam Drottar  
Ushers: Dan Lempke, Doug Kuch, Peter Krysinski, Robert Fitzsimmons

## 11:00 am Service

Nursery: Brett and Melanie Rahlfs  
Tiny Tots: Cindy Ellis  
Welcome Center: Jean Edmonds  
Hosts: Rich Ellis, Melanie Holmes  
Ushers: Glenn Goodman, Lon Dittrick, Lowan Laws, Rick Cyngier

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

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June 13-19 Youth Mission Trip  
14 College & Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)  
14 Children's Ministry Team Meeting (7:00 pm, S-4/5)  
16 Youth Group: Jr. & Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)  
16 Parenting is Your Highest Calling Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-4/5)  
16 Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)  
17 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)  
18 VBS Set-up (6:00 pm, FLC)  
19 VBS Set-up (All day, FLC)

## WORSHIP & ARTS

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NOEFC has begun a search for a **Worship Leader**. This part time position's job description is available in the office or online at [www.noefc.org](http://www.noefc.org).

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

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**Silver Friends**—join them for lunch on Thursday, July 8, at Steak & Shake in Kamms Corner. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. RSVP to Chuck & Ann Palmer at 440.235.7391.

## CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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Attention all children between the ages of 8-12! You are invited to join Pastor Rich and Liz on a day trip to **Beulah Beach for Wet & Wild Wednesday, on July 7**. It is a day filled with swimming and some wild activities. The cost is \$18. Information and registration forms are located at the Children's Ministry table. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, June 27.

**VBS Volunteers Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, June 16 at 7:00 pm** in the FLC.

**Set-up for VBS** will take place on **Saturday, June 19 beginning at 9:00 am**. We need as many hands as possible to be on deck.

Our **VBS HIGH SEAS ADVENTURE** is only **8 days away...** On June 21 we will set sail for an exciting 5 day adventure from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon each and every day. So, if you a child between the ages of 4 and finishing 5th grade make sure you sign they are signed up to aboard... Visit the Children's Ministry Table in the Narthex today, call the church, or click on the VBS links at [www.noefc.org](http://www.noefc.org).

**Youth and adult volunteers are still needed.** Visit the Children's Ministry Table to sign up. If you would like to help in the kitchen, please call Cindy Ellis at 440.223.5220.

**Friends Family Retreat** will be held on **Saturday, August 28 - Sunday, August 29** at **Beulah Beach Conference Center in Vermillion, OH**. There are only **11 cabins left** so reserve your fully equipped cabin, your RV site or your tent site now for a 30 hour retreat filled with all kinds of activities including a bonfire and worship overlooking Lake Erie. All the details including costs are available at the Children's Ministry Table. A \$25 deposit is required to reserve your spot.

**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 visit the Children's Ministry Table.

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.

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



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**TODAY IN OUR YOUTH ROOMS...** We're halfway home! Join us for our discussion on the Book of Acts at 9:15 am.

Youth Group—Wednesdays - Yeah! Did you say Let's Have Some Fun!!! It's Summer!!! 7:00 pm

A SUPER HUGE THANK YOU for your support of our youth mission team!! Please pray for our Youth Mission Team as they serve in Coshocton, OH and will return this Saturday.

If you are between the ages of 9th and 12th grade - we have an incredible summer opportunity for you! From July 17-20, youth from all over the Eastern Region will be gathering on the campus of Malone University for an **EXTREME youth gathering called FY United "Friends Youth United"**, and the goal of the camp is uniting our Friend church teens to God and each other in community! Cost is \$115 per person and as an incentive - NOEFC will pay \$35 of your fee! If you'd like to participate - please see Pastor Karen for a registration form.

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



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9:15 am — a Ray Vander Laan five-part series called Walk as Jesus Walked. Filmed in the Middle East, this series will transform your understanding of what it means to live your life as follower of Christ.

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!

**Wednesday Night Adult Study** will be meeting in the Sanctuary during the month of June from 7:00-8:00 pm. Join us for a time of prayer and reflection in God's Word.

**Are you in a small group? Do you want to join a small group?** If you answer yes to either of these questions, the Small Group Leadership Team invites you and your family to join them for a **Small Group Picnic and Corn Hole Tournament on Sunday, June 27 from 3:00 - 6:30 pm.** This will be a great time of fellowship, food and competition for all ages. To sign up mark "C" for "corn hole" on your Communication Card or contact Pastor Rich.

Join the **College and Career Group** on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. Beginning on June 14, we will be studying Chip Ingram's Journey to True Spirituality. If you'd like to participate or have questions please contact Chris Thwing at 440.734.2255.

## OUTREACH & MISSIONS

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The newest **Daily Breads** are now available. Stop by and pick one up in and around the narthex.

A special thanks to everyone who participated in the Cleveland Community Friends food and clothing give-a-way! Watch the bulletin for more opportunities to encourage Cleveland Community Friends.

**Please note that there is no Mission Team Meeting this Tuesday!**

Join us for our next service at **The Renaissance** on Sunday, July 11.

Yes it's summer but it's never too late to **Clothe a Kid for School!** Love INC needs church families to provide new clothes for poor and needy school age children this fall. If interested in helping, please pick up a brochure located at the Welcome center. Fill it out and return to the church office by June 23 and in July you will receive info for a specific child.

## UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

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**NEW SERIES—Green By Design.** As believers, many of us don't often see a connection between our faith and the environment. To the world around us, the church at times seems indifferent to this real and growing concern.

The truth is, the world is part of God's apologetic about Himself; as Christian's it's part of our response to maintain its beauty and complexity. Pastor Geoff speaks tonight on the question "Is God Green?" as we discover our response to the serious issues confronting our environment—from the crisis in the Gulf to the crisis in our own backyards. The Upper Room meets at 6:30 pm in the FLC.

## 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 .....	\$310,812.57
General Offerings Year-to-Date .....	\$296,391.48
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received .....	\$571,777.50

## ATTENDANCE

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05/30	AM Worship—537	Christian Ed—73	Upper Room—N/A
06/06	AM Worship—594	Christian Ed—70	Upper Room—31

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