

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



**JULY 4, 2010**

*“What does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ ”*

**Romans 4:3(a)NIV**

**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 Karen's message is entitled:  
It's Independence Day!

## 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) Adult Discipleship Class Life's Healing Choices (S-2/3)

Please be aware that there will be **NO Upper Room Service tonight**. We wish you a Happy 4th of July holiday!

Also please be aware that the **church offices will be closed on Monday, July 5** for the holiday! Enjoy this time with your families!

# 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. Our next Guest Reception will be in August.

**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: Diane Hollins, Sharon Phillips  
Welcome Center: Kathleen McClement  
Hosts: Dick McClement, Sherry Lehmann  
Ushers: Fritz Lehmann, Jim McGilvray, Ron Chandler, Tim Wiens

## 11:00 am Service

Nursery: Debbie Freed, Laura Bollinger  
Tiny Tots: Cindy Ellis  
Welcome Center: Rich Ellis  
Hosts: Christianna Holmes, LaVerne Ross  
Ushers: Glenn Goodman, Lowan Laws, Rick Cyngier, Roger Freeman

## 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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July 5 Church Offices closed for the Holiday  
6 Overseers Meeting (5:00 pm, S-4/5)  
6 Youth Team Meeting (7:00 pm, S-10)  
7 Wet & Wild Wednesday (all day @ Beulah Beach)  
7 Youth Group: Jr. & Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)  
7 Parenting is Your Highest Calling Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-4/5)  
7 Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)  
8 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)  
10 Men's Golf Outing (1:00 pm @ Grey Hawk Golf Club)

## 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).

## 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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**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. For more details contact Pastor Rich. 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.

**LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS** - Today is the last day to purchase tickets for the baseball game on Saturday, July 17 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$8 per person. Food vouchers (hot dog, chips and pop) are available for \$5. Visit the Children's Ministry Table in the Narthex.

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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**TODAY IN OUR YOUTH ROOMS...** Acts = the process of doing! Join us for our discussion at 9:15 am.

Gityash is back this Wednesday @ youth group...seriously you gotta come! 7:00 pm

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"** from July 17-20. 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 and turn it in today!

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



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 a 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 Summer Adult Study** - Join us for a time of prayer and informal study and discussion from the Book of Psalms on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm. We will meet in the sitting area located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Family Life Center. For more information contact Pastor Rich. This Wednesday, July 7, we will study Psalm 20.

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.

**Friends Golf Outing at Grey Hawk Golf Club in LaGrange, Ohio. Saturday, July 10** at 1:00 pm. We have reserved 5 tee times and the price to play on this semi-private golf course with a cart is \$45/person. The course has plenty of sand and water. The carts are equipped with GPS. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board next to the sanctuary in the south hallway. For more information, contact Pastor Rich.

## OUTREACH & MISSIONS



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

We would just like to let you know about a few more upcoming **Cleveland Community Friends Ministry Opportunities**:

1. We'd like to help with a back to school clothing drive in August for children **ONLY** on Saturday August 14 - sizes for boys and girls, 5 thru 18.
2. We will also be collecting school supplies to be available during the clothing drive.
3. CCF is planning an evening VBS for August 9 thru 12 - if you'd like to volunteer to help, please write CCF VBS on your communication card.
4. In December, we will be assisting CCF with a special Angel Tree program. We will focus our giving to children in the CCF neighborhood and sponsor a Happy Birthday Jesus party to distribute the gifts! Stay tuned for more information about Angel Tree.

## UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS



Our Green By Design series continues this week. 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 Christians, it's

part of our response to maintain its beauty and complexity. Tonight we're talking about our responsibility and how we can make a difference in our homes, church, community and world! The Upper Room meets at 6:30 pm in the FLC.

## FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING

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**Daring to Change, Embracing the Unchanging.** The 198th Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Region Yearly Meeting will be held July 17-20 at Malone University in Canton, Ohio! Join us in Canton as we celebrate God's amazing presence in the Friends Eastern Region Ministry! Please consider sharing a special time of worship with us at the Johnson Center on Sunday Evening July 19 beginning at 6:45pm. Dr. John will be sharing his vision for our region. We will also hear from Don Golden, the senior vice president of church engagement at World Relief.

This year there will be **two missionary banquets on Saturday, July 17;** 4:00-6:00 pm and 7:00-9:00pm. If you'd like to participate you must pre-register. Cost is \$14 per person. Ticket order forms are available by contacting the church office. Guest speakers include Voicu and Ana Marian from Romania and Dr. Chuck Mylander the Executive Director of the Evangelical Friends Mission. Many additional missionary guests will be present for you to connect with.

If you'd like more information about the Friends Yearly Meeting, please pick up a brochure in the narthex or church office.

## 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 .....	\$351,353.34
General Offerings Year-to-Date .....	\$328,150.36
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received .....	\$573,167.50

## ATTENDANCE

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05/20	AM Worship—495	Christian Ed—86	Upper Room—42
06/27	AM Worship—483	Christian Ed—95	Upper Room—26

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