

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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“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.”

Colossians 3:1-2

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 Rich's message is entitled:
Replacing The Idols

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 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)
2:00 pm	Service @ the Renaissance
6:30 pm	Upper Room Service (FLC)

Today we begin our **Loose Change for Life Campaign** for the Cleveland Pregnancy Center. The Cleveland Pregnancy Center provides emotional, spiritual, and materials assistance to women and families in need. Our very own Linda Henderson is the Client Service Coordinator at the CPC. If you'd like to help support the CPC, please collect your loose change, bills or make a check payable to the Cleveland Pregnancy Center and put it in the envelope provided and return it no later than Sunday, July 25.

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. 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 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: Kathy Deutsch, Sherry Lehmann
Welcome Center: Laura Dyke
Hosts: Carol Gonska, Christine Reese
Ushers: Deb Morabito, Doug Kuch, Matthew Nee, Peter Krysinski

11:00 am Service

Nursery: Amy Schnupp, Carol Gonska
Tiny Tots: Sharon Shumaker
Welcome Center: LaVerne Ross
Hosts: Faye Carruth, Sandy Mozny
Ushers: Brett Rahlfs, Jeff Johnson, Raenette Burke, Ted Smith

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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

July 12 College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)
14 Youth Group: Jr. & Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)
14 Adult Bible Study (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)
15 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)
17 Men's Breakfast (8:00 am @ Bakers Square)
17 Lake Erie Crushers Game (7:00 pm)
17-20 Friends Youth United (Malone College)
17-21 EFC-ER Yearly Meeting (Canton)

WORSHIP & ARTS

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.

Friends Church will be conducting **baptisms** on Sunday, August 1 at the Annual Church Picnic. Baptismal candidates must attend the Baptism Preparation Class offered by Pastor Rich Bennett on Sunday, July 25 from 12:15-1:30 pm. (Lunch will be provided.) To sign up please circle the letter "B" on your communication card.

FELLOWSHIP

Silver Friends—join them for lunch on Thursday, August 12, at Moosehead Hook & Ladder in Olmsted Falls. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. RSVP to Chuck & Ann Palmer at 440.235.7391.

Save Sunday, August 1 for the Friends Church Picnic... This year we will be gathering for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and food at Crystal Springs Campground (off of Bagley Road in North Ridgeville). We are making the move to Crystal Springs so that we can have a time of worship and celebrate baptisms. Bring your blanket and lawn chairs. If you last name begins with letters A-L, bring a side dish. If you last name begins with letters M-Z, bring a dessert to share. To sign up, mark "C" on your Communication Card and let us know how many will be attending.

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Friends Family Retreat will be held on **Saturday, August 28 - Sunday, August 29** at **Beulah Beach Conference Center** in Vermillion, OH. There are only 6 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.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

OUR STUDY IN ACTS CONTINUES! We've made it all the way to Acts Chapter 23! Encourage your teens to read the chapter before they come to Sunday School... we have had some AMAZING discussions!

Hey United Students! We'll be leaving at 1:30 pm on Saturday, July 17 for the Conference.

It's Back! **THE CHRISTIAN MUSIC FEST!** Wickliffe, Ohio - AUGUST 8 - beginning right after church and lasting until 8:00 pm. Sign-up on the Youth Board.

Looking for something fun to do? Why not join us at Wallace Lake for our first **Annual Senior Roast on Saturday, August 14** from 2:00-6:00 pm! That's right! We're inviting our recently graduated seniors to enjoy one last youth group outing! Underclassmen should come prepared to share their best memory or experience with one of our seniors. We'll provide hot dogs, pop, water, the LAKE for swimming, a few kayaks - you bring your towel, some chips, and a few dollars for paddle boat fun! Sign-up on the youth board.

We're suspending our **Parenting Myths Class** for the remainder of the summer. We'll be back in the fall... however... we're still encouraging parents to come on out and enjoy topical conversations and share parenting tips! We'll continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

HEY YOUTH MISSION TEAM! Mark your calendar! We'll be sharing our experiences with the congregation on Sunday, August 15.



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 14, 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.

NorthEast Ohio Intercession Network will be meeting Wednesday, July 21 from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at NOEFC. Do you have a heart for prayer? Do you have a passion for God's kingdom in northeast Ohio? Is God calling you to join brothers and sisters in Christ for a concentrated time of prayer? You are invited to join us in S-2/3 for this special time of prayer for Northeast Ohio. For more information contact, Chris Niemi or Pastor Rich.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

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 for children ONLY in August 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 on 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

Tonight we're talking about our witness—and how difficult it can be to step out of our comfort zone. Next week David Swidrak is sharing a special testimony. The Upper Room meets at 6:30 pm in the FLC.

FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING

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.

NOEFC NEW MEMBERS

Mark and Irene Weston have been living in North Ridgeville for the past three years. Previous to that they lived in Fairview Park. Mark is a fireman in North Olmsted and enjoys woodworking as a hobby. Irene works for Key Bank and is into running as a hobby. They have been attending Friends' Church for about three years now. Due to their busy schedules Mark and Irene connect at Friends' Church by helping out with various projects. We welcome Mark and Irene to our family!

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

ATTENDANCE

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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