

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



JULY 25, 2010

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 the Board of Elders shares with us

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 The Early Church (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)
12:15 pm	Baptism Preparation class (S-4/5)
6:30 pm	Upper Room Service (FLC)

Today is the last day to turn in your **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.

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 Sunday, August 22 at 12:15 pm.

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: Melissa Ledwell, Christine Begeman
Welcome Center: Dick McClement
Hosts: Kathleen McClement, Nancy Franklin
Ushers: Chris Holmes, Gary Franklin, Keith Stefano, Kim McGilvray

11:00 am Service

Nursery: Brett Rahlfs, Emily Watson
Tiny Tots: Sharon Shumaker
Welcome Center: Sean Corrigan
Hosts: Rich and Cindy Ellis
Ushers: Glenn Goodman, Jeff Johnson, Rick Cyngier, Roger Freeman

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

IMPORTANT DATES

July 28 Youth Group: Jr. & Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)
28 Adult Prayer & Study (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)
29 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)
31 Men's Breakfast (8:00 am @ Bakers Square)
Aug 1 Church Picnic @ Crystal Springs

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 440.235.9460.

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. **Help is needed!** We are looking for volunteers in the following areas. We need help with moving tables and setting up on Saturday morning, July 31. We need help with food set up and services on Sunday afternoon. Please contact Pastor Rich at pastorrich@noefc.org if you can help.

If you are interested in joining a bowling league beginning August 24, please e-mail gglazer@cox.net with the subject: bowling. The league will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm at Brookgate Lanes. The cost is \$12 a week. You can sign up a team of four or on your own and we will get you on a team.

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

FRIENDS FAMILY RETREAT UPDATE at Beulah Beach...All the plans are coming together for an exciting weekend retreat. All the cabins have been reserved, but we have plenty of tent (\$22) and RV (\$27) sites still available. Therefore, the Children's Ministry Team is providing families an opportunity to come for the day on Saturday from 1:00 pm-10:00 pm. The cost is \$15 for an adult, \$8 for children ages 3-17, and 2 and under are free. The price includes a daily grounds fee to the camp for insurance purposes, dinner, and activities. For more information or to register for the Saturday Day Pass, contact Pastor Rich or Liz Goodman. Please make checks payable to NOEFC for the total amount. The deadline to sign up for the day pass is Sunday, August 8.

On Sunday, August 8, there will be a 30 minute meeting between services at 10:25 am in the Music Room to review the retreat details and to respond to any questions. Please send one parent to the meeting.

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!

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.

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

Youth Explosion registrations are available!! Sign up early!



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



9:15 am - The Early Church - a new adult series begins next Sunday, July 25, in the Music Room. Taught on location from biblical and historical sites by Ray Vander Laan, we will consider five essential lessons for the early church that still speak to our lives as Christ's followers today. Gerry Freed will be facilitating this 5-week class. So bring your coffee or tea and join us for a dynamic series.

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 28, we will study Psalm 22.

Please note there will be **NO College and Career Group** meeting this Monday, July 26. Join them again next Monday evening at 7:00 pm. We are 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.

Precepts Bible Study begins again on September 13 at 7:00 pm in S-3. This will be a in-depth study of the book of Isaiah—Part 1 & Part 2 and should take most of the year. Cost of the workbook is \$31.50 plus some additional costs for supplies. Looming forward to seeing old friends and making new ones! Contact Kathryn Kinkus at 216.848.0364 to join or for questions.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

We would just like to let you know about a few more upcoming Cleveland Community Friends (CCF) 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. A basket is available in the narthex!
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.

IT'S A PASTA BAR!! Sunday August 31 at Laura's Home. Do you have an old family "sauce" recipe you'd like to share? If so, please join us for another afternoon of crafts, food, fun and fellowship. Bring on the sauce! No secret recipe? No worries, just bring a jar of your favorite spaghetti sauce. We will be serving a Pasta Bar, Rolls Butter, Salads & more. Please see the donation sign up sheet on the Mission Board in the South hall. (Children attending with a parent must be 12 or older.)

The North Olmsted Homecoming is quickly approaching! Look in the coming bulletins for more information on how you can be a part of it! Our own "D Squared" (Dave Millen & Dave Swartz) will be performing on Saturday evening at the Gazebo...you don't want to miss them!

ANNUAL "UPWARD BASKETBALL" FREE THROW TOURNAMENT— Saturday, August 28, at the North Olmsted Park basketball courts! Registration begins at 11:30 am - All ages (pre-school to elders) welcome to participate. Prizes, music and fun.

UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

UPPER ROOM - NEW SERIES BEGINS TONIGHT! WHITE FLAG - When Surrender is the Only Option Left. Did you ever run away from home? Maybe you got to the end of the block before turning around and going back. It all seems silly in retrospect, but at the time you had plans. You'd show'em what was what! But your plans always fell apart, didn't they? You were so focused on what you were running from, not what you were running to, that you found yourself faced with the question, "now what?" You had to raise the white flag and give up. In this series, Andy Stanley walks us through the story of one of the world's most famous runners - Jonah. From trying to outrun God to wrestling with grace and discipline, we'll explore the lessons we can all learn when it comes to surrendering.

Join Upper Room on the road at the church picnic—August 1!

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	\$391,894.11
General Offerings Year-to-Date	\$360,071.16
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received	\$575,792.50

ATTENDANCE

07/11	AM Worship—490	Christian Ed—77	Upper Room—36
07/18	AM Worship—428	Christian Ed—89	Upper Room—19

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