

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



**AUGUST 8, 2010**

*“I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations.”*

**Isaiah 42:6**

**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:  
**Take Off Your Shoes**

## 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 The Early Church (Music Room)
10:30 am	Friends Fellowship Café (FLC) Family Retreat Meeting (Music Room)
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	Christian Music Fest (offsite)
6:30 pm	Upper Room Service

**BRIEF MEETING for Beulah Beach Family Retreat Weekend... TODAY at 10:25 am in the Music Room.** We will meet for 30 minutes to go over retreat updates and answer any questions. Please send at least one parent to the meeting.

# 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 Sundays between services, 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. Please circle "A" on your communication card if you plan on attending!

**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, Michele Trainer  
Welcome Center: Matthew Reese  
Hosts: Christine Reese, Rosamond Sarkan  
Ushers: Doug Kuch, Fritz Lehmann, Peter Krysinski, Tim Wiens

## 11:00 am Service

Nursery: Ashley Schnupp, Cynthia Millen  
Tiny Tots: Anna Goodman  
Welcome Center: Rick Cyngier  
Hosts: Olga Pansegrau, Sandy Mozny  
Ushers: Melanie Rahlfs, Lowan Laws, Jeff Johnson, Lon Dittrick

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

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Aug 9 College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)  
11 Youth Group: Jr. & Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)  
11 Adult Prayer & Study (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)  
12 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)  
12 Board of Elders  
14 Men's Breakfast (8:00 am @ Bakers Square)  
14 Annual Senior Roast (2:00 pm @ Wallace Lake)

## WORSHIP & ARTS

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NOEFC is accepting applications for a part-time Worship Leader. A 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, 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.

If you are interested in joining a bowling league beginning August 24, please e-mail [gglazer@cox.net](mailto: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

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**FRIENDS FAMILY RETREAT UPDATE at Beulah Beach—COME FOR THE DAY...** 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. All the cabins have been reserved, but we have plenty of tent (\$22) and RV (\$27) sites still available. For more information or to register for the Saturday Day Pass, contact Pastor Rich. Please make checks payable to NOEFC for the total amount. **The deadline to sign up for the day pass is TODAY.**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR WILLING VOLUNTEERS...**As Children's Ministry gears up for the Fall, the Children's Ministry Team wants to invite you to get involved in helping to raise up a generation of children willing to "put the hand prints of Christ all over the world." The needs are as follows:

- Nursery 9:15 and 11:00 am Sundays
- Tiny Tots Assistants (1 & 2 year olds) at Sundays at 9:15
- KIDS Church Teachers (Grades K - 5)
- FW Friends Leaders (Wednesday nights 7 - 8 pm)
- Substitute Teachers

For more information or to volunteer in one of these areas, please email Pastor Rich at [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org).

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!** We're almost ALL the way through ACTS! Join us at 9:15am! What for details about our new book study... **DO HARD THINGS!**

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 YOU COLLEGE KIDS!** As you prepare to go back to school or are going away for the first time - please join us at the Dittricks - 10229 Mitchell Road, Columbia Station on **Friday, August 13 from 6:00-8:00 pm** for FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP! Bring your bathing suits or just come hang out! We want to make sure that everyone gets a chance to connect with you before you go!

**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



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9:15 am - The Early Church - in the Music Room. We will consider five essential lessons from 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 - HEALING HABITS - 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!

Are you struggling with the effects of your or someone else's unhealthy habits or hangups? Are there times you think people just don't understand? If you are looking for strength, hope and experience to navigate life then we invite you to join us as we begin a new series of Healing Habits: a Christian Look on Wholeness on **Sunday August 15 at 11:00 am in S-2.**

**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, August 11, we will study Psalm 28.

Join the **College and Young Career Group** every Monday evening at 7:00 pm. They 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.

Join **MOMS IN TOUCH** on Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 pm for a **PRAYER WALK** around the North Olmsted Schools. We would like to invite moms and dads, grandmothers and grandfathers at NOEFC to cover each school in specific prayer and have as many voices raise praise to GOD and ask for His protection and wisdom for all who enter each school. For more information contact Nancy Lentz at 440.236.8296.

**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

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

**THIS WEEK! MONDAY - FRIDAY - VBS at Cleveland Community Friends (4509 Warner Road in Cleveland).** If you're looking for something fun to do... why not come lend a helping hand! You can come for one night or every night from 6:30 - 8:00 pm! Contact Pastor Karen for more information.

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.

**Moms In Touch** begins again on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 pm in S-2/3. Join them as they begin to pray for our students, teachers and communities.

**IT'S A PASTA BAR!! Sunday August 29 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.

Did you know that **NOEFC offers short term missionary grants** to individuals! Contact Pastor Karen for more information!

## UPPER ROOM @ FRIENDS

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**UPPER ROOM** - Tonight we continue our **NEW SERIES!** 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.

## 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 .....	\$418,921.29
General Offerings Year-to-Date .....	\$383,697.03
Journey to Tomorrow Funds Received .....	\$576,417.50

## ATTENDANCE

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07/25	AM Worship—411	Christian Ed—86	Upper Room—34
08/01	AM Worship—458	Christian Ed—66	

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