

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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“So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.”
Romans 5:11 NLT

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 Karen and the Youth share about their mission trip!

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)
6:30 pm	Upper Room Service

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 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 next Sunday** at 12:15 pm in the FLC. 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. 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 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, Lilah Wiant
Welcome Center: John Kinkus
Hosts: Kathleen McClement, Mary McGill
Ushers: Dan Lempke, Deborah Morabito, Matthew Nee, Terry Ikerd

11:00 am Service

Nursery: Debbie Freed, Diane Campana
Tiny Tots: Sharon Shumaker
Welcome Center: Rich Ellis
Hosts: Christianna Holmes, Sean Corrigan
Ushers: Rick Cyngier, Roger Freeman, Ted Smith, Glenn Goodman

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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

Aug 16 Oasis Meeting (6:30 pm, S-4/5)
16 College & Young Career Bible Study (7:00 pm, S-2)
17 Prayer Walk (6:30 pm)
17 Mission Team Meeting (7:00 pm, S-10)
18 Youth Group: Jr. & Sr. High (7:00 pm; S-10)
18 Adult Prayer & Study (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)
19 Thursday Morning Prayer Group (6:30 am, S-4/5)
21 Men's Breakfast (8:00 am @ Bakers Square)
22 NOEFC Guest Reception(12:15 pm, FLC)

WORSHIP & ARTS

NOEFC is accepting applications for a part-time Worship Leader. A job description is available in the office or online at www.noefc.org.

FELLOWSHIP

Silver Friends—Join them on Thursday, August 19, at 9:00 am at the church for a trip to Friends Adult Ministries. 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 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

ATTENTION PARENTS - On Sunday, August 29, Sunday School classes for all ages will be held at 9:15 am. At 11:00, there will be Preschool, Tiny Tots and Nursery. We will not have KIDS CHURCH in the FLC due to the retreat. At 11:00 am, children in grades K-5 are asked to attend worship with their parents.

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.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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!**

Youth Explosion registrations are available!! Sign up early!

New this fall—Do Hard Things Book Study!



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



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 - in S-2. Are you struggling with the effects of 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.

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.

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 6:30 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. We would like to have as many voices raise praise to GOD as possible 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. Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones! Contact Kathryn Kinkus at 216.848.0364 to join or for questions.

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. For more information contact Nancy Lentz at 440.236.8296.

Well Women returns this fall on Saturday mornings AND Wednesday evenings! Watch for details.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS



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 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

UPPER ROOM - 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.

CONNECTIONS: 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Mark your calendars now! **Connection Sunday is September 12**. That day NOEFC will kick-off **Connections: 40 Days of Prayer**. After worship that morning, you are invited to stay and join in the celebration in our north parking lot for a Family connection Festival! We'll have hot dogs and nachos for lunch as the kids enjoy a giant slide, bouncy house, obstacle course, and velcro wall. Adults can participate in volleyball, bocce ball, and a corn hole tournament. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors too!

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

ATTENDANCE

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

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