

# Friends *forecast*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | NORTH OLMSTED FRIENDS | JULY 2017

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

*Our Galactic Starveyors VBS was a huge success with over 180 kids in attendance and over 80 volunteers creating an awesome environment for God to work. Here are some pictures to recap what happened this week.*



# Children's Discipleship

I am excited to announce and introduce **Friends Family Double Dare**, our summer Wednesday night program beginning July 12th! If you were a child of the 80's and 90's (and I know many of you parents are), then you will remember the hit TV gameshow where kids answered quiz questions, made messes, and competed for prizes. Well, this summer, Wednesday nights will be taking a turn for the slimy! This family-oriented program will test families, not only in their Biblical knowledge, but also pop-culture, from the kids' and parents' generations! It will take "kids" of all ages to come out on top! Will you have what it takes to be our Family Double Dare champions? Be on the lookout for sign-ups soon!



- MR. ADAM!

# Youth Discipleship

Our STAND Youth Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, July 5, at 6:15 pm with a game night! Invite a friend for what will be a great summer of fellowship and fun.

Join our STAND Youth Mission Team on Sunday, July 9, during both services as they share about their mission trip to Nashville, TN, last month. Be encouraged and hear how God works in miraculous ways when we are willing to be used by Him.

# Adult Discipleship

**Sunday Morning Growth Group at 11:00 am in S-4/5 – “Mark: The Gospel of Passion”** Join us throughout the summer as we dig deep into Mark's Gospel and seek to understand its truth for our lives, as we reflect on how Christians in first century Rome found hope and encouragement through Mark's story of Jesus' life. Led by Pastor Rich, it is never too late to join the study.

**Wednesday AM Growth Group** – Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in S-4/5 – **“Mark: The Gospel of Passion”** This is the same study as Sunday morning. It could be said that the Gospel of Mark could become the most relevant Gospel for Christians in the coming age. Come and learn why. For more information, Contact Pastor Rich at [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org).

**Wednesday Night Summer Growth Group beginning July 12 for 6 weeks** - **“Thriving in Babylon”** - “These are confusing times for many Christians. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected; it seems as if they're attacked on every front. It's all happened at warp speed, leaving many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? And is there any hope for the next generation?” Join us in S-4/5 at 7 pm as we explore the Book of Daniel and its truth for our lives in 2017. This study is led by Pastor Rich.

## RightNow Media...

Are you new to the life and ministry of Friends? If so, we want to invite you to take advantage of a wonderful online teaching tool that provides thousands of faith lessons for children, youth and adults. It is called RightNow Media. There is no cost to sign up and you can access this wonderful resource on your phone, tablet, or computer. Check it out at [rightnowmedia.org](http://rightnowmedia.org). To get access contact [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org).

***“Launch Out” EFC-ER Annual Conference will take place Saturday, July 22 - Monday, July 24, 2017. This year's new format will feature Dr. Elmer Towns, co-founder of Liberty University, teaching on “The Next Church Growth Method.” In addition, there will be Equipping Workshops, worship each evening and it will conclude on Monday night with a concert by NEWSONG. For more information, go to [www.efcer.org](http://www.efcer.org) or connect with one of the pastors.***



# Missions & Outreach

## MONTHLY COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

**Operation Christmas Child:** School supplies (pencils, sharpeners)

**Oxcart Food Pantry:** Canned meat (chicken, tuna or SPAM)

*Drop off items in Tim Labrado's office.*

## NORTH OLMSTED HOMECOMING DAYS

is coming up at the end of August (24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>) and we will need your help in our church booth and parade. Please contact Tim Labrado if you are interested in helping out or would like more information.

**KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY** will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday, July 15, from 4-7 pm at First Baptist Church in Medina (3646 Medina Road). The funds raised will be used for their upcoming fall ministry in Grafton Prison. For tickets or to find out more about this ministry, connect with Darrell Jett ([jett7784@roadrunner.com](mailto:jett7784@roadrunner.com)).

Want to find out more about our various missions & outreach ministries? Attend our monthly meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm (next meeting, July 11).

## FOLLOW US!

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Instagram: [@noefc.5665](https://www.instagram.com/noefc.5665)



YouTube: NOEFC

# Fellowship

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL & FIREWORKS** - Sunday, July 2nd at 5:30 pm from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you on our North Lawn for a delicious ice cream sundae and then settle down and wait for the fireworks to take place right across the street behind Moen. What a great way to kick off the 4th of July: friends, ice cream and fireworks. If you would like to help serve the ice cream please contact Debbie Freed at [bobmom@roadrunner.com](mailto:bobmom@roadrunner.com).

**GOLF WITH FRIENDS** - Hey Golfers MEN AND WOMEN! Join me for a Sunday evening of golf and fellowship throughout the summer at Springvale Golf Club in North Olmsted. The cost is \$15 for 9 holes with a cart or \$11 to walk. I have reserved 3 tee times so space is limited to 12 golfers each week. You need to sign up in advance at [www.noefc.org/golf](http://www.noefc.org/golf) for the weeks you want to play. Please arrive by 4:45 so that we can pray together before we tee off. Contact me at [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org) and I will answer all your questions. Otherwise, I will see you at the first tee unless it's raining.

**SILVER FRIENDS** please join us on Thursday, July 13, for another fun summer adventure. We'll be meeting for lunch at 11:30 at Moosehead Hoof and Ladder. After lunch we'll go outside to the covered bridge (where seating is available) to hear a short history of this quaint city provided by our own Nancy Franklin. The restaurant is located at 7989 Columbia Road in Olmsted Falls. For reservations, please contact Margie Metz at [440-779-0784](tel:440-779-0784).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Join us on Saturday, July 8, at 7 pm at Huntington Beach for ice cream, fellowship and sunset. No need to RSVP. Just show up with some friends! *If it rains, we will meet at the Malley's on Dover Center Road in Bay Village.*

Save the date, ladies! This year's **Women's Ministry Retreat** will be from Friday, September 29 – Saturday, September 30, at Beulah Beach. The theme is "R.E.A.L. Women: Take Off Your Masks." Registration is open now online ([noefc.org/register](http://noefc.org/register)) starting at \$85, and space is limited, so mark your calendars for this great weekend of fellowship.

**SAVE THE DATE! Church Picnic and Baptisms – Sunday, August 20 at 3 pm – home of Jack and Joann Hengst in Columbia Station.** If you are interested in getting baptized on that day please speak to one of the pastors. "Preparing for Baptism" Class will be held on Wednesday night Aug 2 at 7 pm in S-2/3.

**Download our new NOEFC App on your smartphone or tablet. Just type in "NOEFC" in the search bar in either the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android).**

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Happy Birthday to...</b>		7/24 Nancy Rote
		7/25 George Utyuzh
7/1	Danielle Andrews	Nadia Utyuzh
	Abigail Clark	7/27 Adam Glazer
	Rachel Dolesh	Frank Haugh
7/2	Gary Franklin	7/28 Jill White
7/3	Jacob Mundell	7/29 Zachary Snell
7/5	Betty Keaton	7/31 Siloam Bohler
7/7	Nancy Abrahamson	
	Carie Kaufhold	
7/8	Zoe Schroth	
7/10	Lauren Kuch	
7/11	Margaret Becker	7/1 Joel & Molly Baker
	Siannah Greene	Jim & Leslie Pickenheim
7/12	Dotty Foschke	7/2 Reuben & Barb Lantz
	Rose Honey	7/3 Geoff & Mary Schultz
7/13	Randal Niemi	7/5 Mike & Susan Junkins
7/14	Charis Bohler	7/12 Kevin & Rosie Baylon
7/16	Adalee Laursen	7/18 Jim & Susan Barr
7/17	Edward Rote	Darrell & Jessica Jett
7/18	Nadine Dubowski	7/22 David & Cindy Millen
	Ted Smith	7/23 Dave & Kathy Andrews
7/19	Bryn Baker	Gerry & Debbie Freed
	Gabriel Schroth	7/25 Bob & Colleen Collins
7/20	Adam Bollinger	Dale & Penny Kuch
7/21	Isaak Storrow	7/28 Phil & Phaidra Cox
7/22	Randy Johr	
	Thomas Sturgeon	
	Stephan Wright	
	Nancy Yachanin	
7/23	Chloe Kaufhold	
	Myra Roach	
7/24	Jessica Jett	

## Happy Anniversary to...

7/1	Joel & Molly Baker
	Jim & Leslie Pickenheim
7/2	Reuben & Barb Lantz
7/3	Geoff & Mary Schultz
7/5	Mike & Susan Junkins
7/12	Kevin & Rosie Baylon
7/18	Jim & Susan Barr
	Darrell & Jessica Jett
7/22	David & Cindy Millen
7/23	Dave & Kathy Andrews
	Gerry & Debbie Freed
7/25	Bob & Colleen Collins
	Dale & Penny Kuch
7/28	Phil & Phaidra Cox

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Email the church office, so we can celebrate with you next time!*



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

## Prayer Requests:

Calvin Yeager	Dianne Marks
Tim Roche	Shirley Holler
Don Sabo	Erin Wells
Tom Dubowski	Lloyd Keaton
Hope Burke	Marla Holmes
Margaret Becker	Carol & Frank
Barb Garver	Berzansky
Brad Thwing	Donna Winne
Rick Henderson	Bob Wolters
Alice Robertson	

*Do you have a prayer need or praise you would like to report? Share it with us, so our prayer warriors can lift you up.*

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