

# Friends *forecast*

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## SUNDAYS AT FRIENDS

### *Graduation Sunday is coming soon!*

If you are graduating this year, please contact our office or fill out the form at [noefc.org/graduate](http://noefc.org/graduate) to give some basic information, as we prepare to celebrate your achievement on Sunday, June 11! We would love to have you with us for worship so we can honor you and what God has done in your life!

### *Compassion Sunday*

On Sunday, June 4, a few of our own will be giving a brief presentation on Compassion International Ministries. An opportunity to sponsor a child will be available after the service at their table in the lobby. Prayerfully consider how God might use you in this ministry.

### *Sunday, June 18 – Special Speaker*

On Father's Day, Friends Church will be pleased to welcome Sanj Kalra from Ravi Zacharias International Ministry (RZIM) to speak. Sanj was born in New Delhi, India, and comes from a Hindu background. He is a graduate of the University of Akron and for years enjoyed unprecedented success in the medical sales device industry. Sanj has a remarkable story of personal encounter with Jesus Christ in a state of deep crisis. Sanj will be speaking at both of our morning worship services and you are encouraged to invite family, friends and neighbors to hear him speak.

Dear Friends:

## Pastor's Corner

Recently I went to Cincinnati to attend a Catalyst Conference for church leaders. It was being held at a large church. What surprised me was that out of the 1,100 attendees I was certainly one of the older ones. In one sense it caused me to feel the increasing weight of age, but in another sense my heart was encouraged, too. The conference was filled with younger adults hungry to worship Jesus, and learn from some of the most innovative people in the Church today. The conference oozed with opportunities to learn about leadership and creative strategies for reaching others.

Someone who had retired to Florida ten or more years ago recently visited our church. He was obviously happy to be back at NOEFC and I was glad I remembered his name! But he said something to me that struck me as intriguing. He said: "It's good to be home! It's like nothing has changed." This gentleman intended his comment as a compliment. But having just come back from the conference, I realized upon reflection it was more of an indictment. While our commitment to the Gospel message does not change, the method and means we share that message must be ever changing. We cannot do ministry the same way we did it years ago, never mind decades ago or we will certainly lose a generation of people in the process.

Pray with me over the next several weeks and months that we will embrace some necessary changes to be the church that reflects the heart of God for people who do not know Him yet. Some of these changes are being planned now and my prayer is that God will use them to bring many people, many young people to Himself.

His,  
Pastor Geoff

# Children's Discipleship

Hello everyone! We are gearing up for an exciting week of our **Galactic Starveyors VBS**, June 26-30, from 9 am – 12 pm! We are still very much in need of volunteers, so if you haven't already, please head over to [www.noefc.org/vbs2017](http://www.noefc.org/vbs2017) to sign up!



**DISCOVERING THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE**  
(Colossians 1:15-16)

Also, 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

STAND is hosting its fourth annual Silent Auction on Saturday, June 3, at 5 pm in the FLC! All are invited for dinner, entertainment, and a lot of fun, as we have a chance to fellowship as a church family with young and old alike. Tickets are \$15 each, and are available until June 1 by calling the church office. All proceeds will benefit this summer's youth mission trip to Nashville. Questions? Contact Pastor Zach.

## Youth Mission Trip

STAND will be traveling to Nashville, TN, from June 17-23 with 30 students and adults for our annual mission trip! Ministry projects will include putting on sports camps and a VBS for local children, serving food and giving clothes to the homeless in downtown Nashville, and serving at a local ministry that seeks to feed the hungry. We covet your prayers during our time in Tennessee -- let's ask the Lord together to use us to bring His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven!

## Safe Families Cookout – Sunday, June 11 // 12:30 pm // north lawn

Here at Friends, we have become a Lead Church for Safe Families for Children of Cleveland. This is a wonderful way to ministry the love of God to families and children in crisis. There are many ways to get involved. Sign up at our website at [noefc.org/sfcookout](http://noefc.org/sfcookout) and learn how you can become a part of this vital ministry.

## Friends Breaking Bread Update

Our first season of Friends Breaking Bread is underway. Sixty-five households have signed up to be part of this experience. Breaking Bread is a ministry of meeting together once a month for three months for a time of food and fellowship with the purpose of building new friendships. Registration for the fall season will take place in August.

### FOLLOW US!

Website: [www.noefc.org](http://www.noefc.org)



Facebook: [Facebook.com/NorthOlmstedEFC](https://www.facebook.com/NorthOlmstedEFC)



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



YouTube: [NOEFC](https://www.youtube.com/NOEFC)

# Adult Discipleship

**Sunday Mornings – 9:15 am in the Youth Room and at 11:00 am in S-4/5**

It is never too late to get connected with a Growth Group opportunity on Sunday mornings. There is always a study that meets during each worship hour all year long. Dig into God's Word with other disciples who desire to know Jesus more deeply.

**Wednesday AM Growth Group** – Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in S-4/5. Join us in the month of June as we take a deeper look at the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. **The group will not meet on June 28 and July 5 due to VBS and the Fourth of July.** A new summer study will begin again on July 12. It is never too late to join. Contact Pastor Rich at [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org).

**Wednesday Night Growth Groups** - We are taking a break during June 14 – July 5 and will resume with a new summer study beginning July 12 at 7 pm. Watch for the July Friends Forecast and the Sunday bulletin for details.

## 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).

# Missions & Outreach

## LOVE INC MINISTRY

Did you know there are a number of volunteer opportunities with Love INC? Visit their website at [loveinclairainco.org](http://loveinclairainco.org) to find out more!

Love INC's Clothe-A-Kid for School ministry is underway this summer. Visit the table in the lobby on Sundays to find out more or sign up.

## MONTHLY COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

**Operation Christmas Child:** Washcloths & Toothbrushes

**Oxcart Food Pantry:** Spaghetti Sauce

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

# Fellowship

**Silver Friends** alert! We are ready to go on the road. Please mark your calendar and make your reservation for our Hartville trip. In order to take on the Flea Market and eat at the Famous Hartville Kitchen on Thursday, June 8, we will be leaving NOEFC at 9:30 am. Please call Margie Metz at [440-779-0784](tel:440-779-0784) for reservations as we need a count for transportation assistance and the restaurant. Should be another great time together!

## GOLF WITH FRIENDS

**Sundays at 5 pm**

**Springvale Golf Club North Olmsted**

Hey Golfers!

Join me for a Sunday evening of golf and fellowship throughout the summer at Springvale Golf Club in North Olmsted beginning June 11. 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 can sign up 4 weeks in advance at [www.noefc.org/golf](http://www.noefc.org/golf) or at [pastorrich@noefc.org](mailto:pastorrich@noefc.org). Please arrive by 4:45 pm so that we can pray together before we tee off. Please contact me for more information. Otherwise, I will see you at the first tee.

Blessings,  
Pastor Rich

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

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 begins June 18 starting at \$85, and space is limited, so mark your calendars for this great weekend of fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 2  
**ICE CREAM &  
FIREWORKS**



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INVITE A FAMILY OR FRIEND!

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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

## Happy Birthday to...

6/1 Camryn Leonard  
 6/2 Colin Myers  
 6/3 Connor Bowden  
 Mavis Freed  
 Taylor Freed  
 Christina Rodman  
 6/4 Madison Hollins  
 Eli Pepsin  
 6/5 Allison Nee  
 6/6 Donna Cuebas  
 6/7 Kylie Brown  
 6/8 Colin Harriman  
 Hannah Prante  
 6/9 Marc Chokan  
 6/10 Mark Weston  
 Jonah Pietrick  
 6/11 Shiloh Snavelly  
 6/12 Dick McClement  
 6/13 Phaidra Cox  
 6/14 Kathryn Kinkus  
 Rosemary Meyers  
 Faith Schultz  
 6/17 Mary Elaine Karoly  
 Dave Swartz  
 6/18 Noah Schneider  
 Brittany Wells  
 6/19 Deborah Freed  
 Garrett Karoly  
 Kathleen McClement  
 Donna Reitler  
 Walter Sheffield

6/20 Dominic Campo  
 Riley Glazer  
 Josh Kullberg  
 Ann Marie M'Tambo  
 Mary McGill  
 6/21 Sara DuVall  
 6/22 Faith Wolters  
 6/23 Darryl Archer  
 Ruth Douglas  
 Charles Palmer  
 6/24 Katelyn Botke  
 Kevin Botke  
 David Britton  
 6/25 Cynthia Millen  
 6/26 Grace Broschk  
 Ann Johnson  
 Sierra Karoly  
 6/27 Jade Freed  
 6/28 David Kokita  
 Emily Loftis  
 Dave Lubowicz  
 6/30 MacKenzie Burke  
 Anna Loftis

## Happy Anniversary to...

6/2 David & Ginger Hoovler  
 6/3 Frank & Dorothy Haugh  
 Ted & Nancy Smith  
 6/5 Brad & Chris Thwing  
 6/5 Jeff & Ann Johnson  
 Doug & Kathy Deutsch

6/13 Tom & Cora Kaufhold  
 6/15 Phil & Alice Pier  
 6/18 Robert & Marilyn Dolesh  
 Tim & Angeline Labrado  
 6/19 Jerry & Della Garrison  
 6/20 Dave & Char Lubowicz  
 6/21 Tom & Nadine Dubowski  
 Lon & Ginger Dittrick  
 6/23 Dr. Juanito & Laura Baylon  
 Josh & Morissa Kullberg  
 6/24 Terry & Mellisa Ledwell  
 6/27 Darryl & Cindy Archer  
 6/29 Rich & Elizabeth Bennett  
 Brian & Kendra Gevry  
 6/30 Dave & Patricia Saunders  
 Leo & April Spagnola

*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  
 Don Sabo  
 Tom Dubowski  
 Erin Wells  
 Alice Robertson  
 Rick Henderson  
 Dianne Marks

Hope Burke  
 Joan Neurohr  
 Tim Roche  
 Donna Winne  
 Dennis Wells  
 Diane Campo

*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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