

Friends *forecast*

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CHRISTMAS EVE AT FRIENDS

December 24, 2 pm // 4 pm // 11 pm

Come and worship Christ, the newborn King, with us on Christmas Eve by candlelight. Due to construction and a desire to reach as many families as possible, we will be offering 3 services this year. Our afternoon services at 2 & 4 pm will feature our Christmas choir & orchestra, as well as other elements that will help us remember the reason we celebrate this season. Our late evening service at 11 pm will make you feel like you are spending Christmas in your own

living room, as we reflect on the birth of Christ together. While childcare will not be available during this service, we encourage you to bring out your entire family, and even encourage your kids to dress up in their favorite Christmas pajamas! We will also be taking up our Christmas Eve offering at all three services, which will go towards our “Care to Share” fund, as well as some other mission projects that will be later revealed. We hope you’ll join us!

WINTER WEAR TREE

In the Family Life Center this season, you will find a bare tree that needs decorating. Help us decorate it with hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and socks. They will be distributed to those in need in Slavic Village (Healing on the Streets & Broadway Christian Church) for the cold, winter months ahead. As you prepare you and your family for this winter, please consider purchasing some extra winter wear for those who must endure the cold each day.

FRIENDS CHRISTMAS SELFIE CHALLENGE

We put up a display in North Olmsted’s Great Northern Mall to invite our community to “make some new FRIENDS this Christmas.” Get together with some family & friends and post a selfie with our ad on social media (Facebook or Instagram) with the hashtag #noefcchristmas (*only one post per day permitted*). A winner will be drawn at random later this month for a \$50 gift card to Amazon.com. #SelfieGameOn

Christmas at a Glance

- Dec 3 – Women’s Christmas Fellowship
- Dec 12 – Parent’s Night Out
- Dec 13 – Silver Friends Christmas Fellowship
- Dec 15 – Young Adults Christmas Fellowship
- Dec 19 – STAND Youth Christmas Party / Club FX/56 Christmas Party
- Dec 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES (2, 4 pm & 11 pm)



CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

With Christmas right around the corner, we're sure you have some shopping to do. Well, our STAND Youth Group is putting on a "Parents Night Out" just for you! Simply drop your kids off on Wednesday, December 12, at 5 pm here at the church, and they'll take care of the rest, including dinner, all before you arrive to pick them up at 8. And this is all free, as a service to you from our teens! And don't keep this a secret, let other

parents know too! To sign up, visit our website, or contact our Youth Director, Adrienne Nolan at adrienne@noefc.org with any questions.



STAND YOUTH

The annual **STAND Christmas party** is just around the corner! Get out your ugly Christmas sweaters and mark your calendars for December 19. It'll be at Adrienne's house from 6-9 pm. RSVP to the SYC team or Adrienne so we can get a count for food. Grab a flyer in the youth room if you want more info!

December 28 at 5:30 pm until December 29 at 7 pm the youth group will be partaking in a **24-Hour Fast**. It'll officially start at 6 pm on the 28th and

we'll eat dinner together on the 29th at 6:01 pm. This is a great time to focus on prayer, learn more about spiritual disciplines, and enjoy fellowship with your peers. Dinner will be potluck style and I ask that parents with teens participating contribute to the meal. Sign up for a dish on the bulletin board outside the youth room!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Wednesday AM Growth Group – 10:30 am in S-4/5
We are finishing up our study on Psalm 119. We will take a break for Christmas on Dec 26 and Jan 2 and start a new study on January 9. For more information, contact Pastor Rich.

Volunteers Needed on Sunday Mornings During Construction – We need extra hosts, ushers, parking attendants and shuttle drivers while we are under construction. If you are willing to help please connect with Pastor Rich at pastorrich@noefc.org, call the church office or write "HELP" on the Connect Card on Sunday mornings.

Also, have your kids join us for fun, games, and a few surprises at our annual **Club FX/56 Christmas Party** on Wednesday, December 19 here at the church! The party will be from 7-8 pm, and is for all kids in Kindergarten-6th Grade. Make sure they invite their friends!

- MR. ADAM!

FELLOWSHIP

Silver Friends Christmas Celebration – Thursday, December 13 at 11:30 am at the Social Hall in Columbia Park off Columbia Road in Olmsted Twp. Join us for lunch as we celebrate Christmas together. (*Directions: From the Columbia Park entrance, follow Parkway Drive to Ash Drive. Take a right on Ash to the end and then a left onto Brookins Drive. At the fork stay right on Brookins Dr. to the Social Hall. Look for the Social Hall and Friends signs along the way.*) The Social Hall is completely handicap accessible. To reserve your spot please call Margie Metz at 440-779-0784 by **Tuesday, December 11**, or write "SF" on the Connect Card on Sunday mornings. Silver Friends is a ministry of fellowship for our older adults. We gather on the second Thursday of the month for lunch.

Friends Young Adults

If you're 18-30(ish) please join us at 6:00 pm December 15 for a Friends Young Adults *Feliz Navidad!* We'll have a Mexican-themed dinner, fellowship and a Bible study at the home of Pastor David. RSVP by December 12 to pastordavid@noefc.org.

BREAKING BREAD is an opportunity to fellowship over a meal or some other mutually agreed upon activity with 2 or 3 other individuals, couples or households once a month for three months. If you are new to our fellowship, this is a great way to start building friendships in the church. Our WINTER season runs from January - March. Sign up during the month of December on Sunday mornings in the Family Life Center or the church's website or app. For more info., contact Pastor Rich (pastorrich@noefc.org).