



Friends *forecast*

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FRIENDS CHURCH | MAY 2019

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE // Wednesday, May 1 at 7pm

We will mark the National Day of Prayer with a service in the sanctuary. The theme for the 2019 National Day of Prayer is “**Love One Another**,” coming from the words of Jesus in John 13:34, “Love one another, just as I have loved you.” Let’s seek God’s face together as we lift up our community and our nation to him. *As an important note, all other Wednesday activities will still continue as scheduled.*

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

North Olmsted Evangelical Friends Church offers a full schedule of adult discipleship classes to support your growth as you walk with Jesus.

SUNDAYS

The Easter Experience - *In Depth* // 9:15 am, FLC // Facilitated by Marian Johr // Mar. 17–May 5 - This 6-session study explores the ways Easter is more than just a holiday—it’s the turning point in human history. Featuring cinematic videos and teaching by Kyle Idleman, this class will bring the eternal message of Easter to life.

Paul the Apostle - *In Context* // 11:00 am, FLC // Facilitated by Pastor David Hoovler // May 5–26 - In this four-week study featuring videos by David Nasser on location in Rome, we will consider how our culture faces the same problems as the early church, then look to the life of Paul to see how followers of Christ can stand up to cultural norms and stand firm in Christ.

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Judges - *In Depth* // 10:30 am, S-4/5 // Facilitated by Pastor Rich Bennett // May 1–July 10 - This 11-week study walks through the book of Judges, with its pictures of rebellion and flawed heroes who cannot deliver. With videos by J.D. Greear, we will work through each chapter of this challenging book to unpack the truth of God’s grace in the midst of human wickedness.

Prayer Meeting - *In Context* // 7:00 pm, S-4/5 // Facilitated by Pastor Geoff Schultz // Weekly - Gather to pray for one another, our church, our families, our community and our world.

The Early Church - *In Context* // 7:00 pm, S-2/3 // Facilitated by Pastor David Hoovler // Apr. 24–May 29 - For many Christians today, our beliefs can often be an intellectual choice. But this 5-session series with teaching from Ray Vander Laan will visit significant locations in the Eastern Mediterranean to show that for the early church, faith in Jesus was a life-or-death decision. We will discover early believers’ passion and commitment to claim Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries.

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Hey parents!

Don't forget that registration for X3 kids and volunteers is open right now! This year, we will be hosting this 3-day, all-outdoor program from Tuesday, June 18 to Thursday, June 20, that will engage kids both

physically and spiritually. For more information, or to register, you can visit www.noefc.org/x3 today!



Additionally, if you have a kid going into 3rd-6th Grade next year, and have not signed them up for Kids Camp yet, there are still spots available. If you have questions or are interested, please e-mail me at adam@noefc.org!



-MR. ADAM!



Have you checked out the new branding for our Children's Ministry, "Faith Force"? Stay tuned for more ways you and your family can get involved!

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

Ever find yourself dreaming about Sunday lunch? Do visions of Chipotle burritos or Applebee's wings dance in your head even before you've gotten to church? On May 5, Cinco de Mayo, let the youth group take care of that lunch craving

with a taco bar! We'll serve lunch from noon-1pm in the FLC. And lunch is free, all we ask is for a donation to the summer mission trip to Canton, OH. All are welcome!

SERVICE

Spring Clean Up - Saturday, May 4 @ 9 am - noon // Bring your garden tools and help us beautify and landscape our church property, even as we continue to move forward with our facility expansion project. For more details, contact Bob Stitt at 216-509-8626.

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to Life in Jesus Christ*



FELLOWSHIP

Silver Friends Lunch - Thursday, May 8, at 11:30 am in the Family Life Center at NOEFC. This is the last time we will meet in the FLC before we hit the road for the summer. Ruth Pittman is bringing her recorder ensemble to entertain us with a selection of hymns and a round of "Name That Hymn." To reserve your spot please call Margie Metz at 440-779-0784 by **Tuesday, May 6**, 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. For more information, contact Pastor Rich at 440-779-9484.

OUTREACH

Operation Christmas Child - During the month of May, we will be collecting boys' toys for OCC shoeboxes. Donations can be dropped off in the Operation Christmas Child box located next to the Welcome Center on the south side of the church.

North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry - We are collecting spaghetti/pasta sauce (tomato, alfredo, chunky, or other kinds) during the month of May for our neighborhood food pantry. Help the network of churches in North Olmsted feed those in our community.