

How can we pray for you?

- I would like a pastor to contact me or follow up regarding this request.
- Please keep this request confidential (ministry staff only).

Comment/question/keyword:

Please contact me:

- I want to learn more about becoming a Christian.
- I recently received Jesus as my Savior! What do I do now?
- I would like to take the next step into membership.
- How can I get more involved in ministry here at Friends?
- Other: _____



WELCOME TO FRIENDS

I'm New

Please stop by our **Welcome Center** to receive a small gift for joining us and find out how you can get further connected in ministry at Friends.


Worship Services: Whether you join us at 9:15 or 11, in person or online, we pray you will be blessed, encouraged, and challenged for the upcoming week.



Get Connected

 Check out www.noefc.org for information about our ministries, events, service live stream, and more!

 Like us on Facebook! [/northolmstedefc](https://www.facebook.com/northolmstedefc)
Engage with our posts during the week and view a live stream of services.

 We encourage everyone to be involved in a home growth group or discipleship class. Visit noefc.org/adult-discipleship for more.

Coronavirus Updates

We're taking many steps as a church to exercise caution and show love to others during the COVID-19 outbreak.

WORSHIP AND GIVING

As we seek to keep each other safe and healthy, face coverings should be worn in the building. However, when seated in the Sanctuary and at a comfortable distance from others, the masks may be removed. When singing, standing, or moving through the building, masks should be put back on. Masks are required during the entire service for those worshipping in the Family Life Center.

Offering boxes are available in the Atrium. You can also give securely online anytime at www.noefc.org/giving.

CLEANLINESS

Hand sanitizer is available throughout the church. Children's areas are cleaned before and between services. Volunteer teams will be opening exterior doors.

FOR MORE INFO

Check your email and visit noefc.org/corona-virus for the most updated information.

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MARY: MARVEL IN THE BLESSING
PASTOR GEOFF SCHULTZ
Luke 2:1-20



December 20, 2020

WHAT'S HAPPENING

This Morning

8:45 am – Sunday Morning Prayer Group (Adult Classroom 2)

9:15 am – Worship (Sanctuary/Overflow in Family Life Center)

11:00 am – Worship (Sanctuary/Overflow in Family Life Center)

Children's Classes (Children's Wing): Nursery/Preschool, Age Birth-3 yrs | Age 4-Pre-K Class | Grades K-2 Class | Grades 3-4 Class | Club VI, Grades 5-6

Sermon CDs are available by contacting the Church Office.

This Week

Sunday	6:30 pm	Friends Family Christmas Special (noefc.org) Prayer Meeting Online (contact Nancy Virden)
Tuesday	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting Online (contact Nancy Virden) Online Growth Group (contact Pastor David) Grief to Joy (Conference Room)
Wednesday	9:15 am 10:30 am	AM Online Growth Group—Hope (contact Pastor Rich) AM Growth Group—Hope (FLC)
Thursday	7:00 am 4, 6, & 11 pm 7:00 pm	Thursday Morning Prayer Group (Conference Room) Christmas Eve Services (Sanctuary/FLC) Pure Victory Men's Group (Adult Classroom 2)

Church Office Hours: Monday–Wednesday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm
CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED DEC. 24-25 FOR CHRISTMAS

For a full, detailed list of our upcoming events, visit noefc.org/calendar

Giving

General Budget YTD	\$838,794.45
General Offerings YTD	\$821,348.26
Building Fund YTD	\$53,514.05

PRAY, SERVE & GROW

OUR MISSION IS *Loving people to life in Jesus Christ!*

Let's focus our prayers on God's Word for ourselves, our families, and our church. We invite you to read and pray through **Luke 2:1-20** throughout the week, especially praying:

- For boldness to share the good news we have received—*Found People Find People*
- With praise for all God has done for us—*Alive People Worship Jesus*
- For wisdom as we ponder the mysteries of God revealed in Christ—*Growing People Change Within*

PRAYERS FROM THE RACIAL RECONCILIATION TASK FORCE

- Heavenly Father, please search our hearts and help us weed out any prejudice or racism and replace it with love for all of God's Children.

Upcoming Events

RECOVERY RESOURCES // Visit Recovery Ministries at noefc.org to discover opportunities to come alongside others and find hope and healing in Christ. Groups include Pure Victory for Men, Grief to Joy, Living Grace, Healing Care, and more.

DIFFERENCE MAKER // Our own Nancy Virden has published a free e-book, *How the Difference Maker Lifts You Above Depressive Thoughts*. Printed copies of the book are available at the Welcome Center or Church Office for \$5 to cover costs, or find it online at <https://compassionatelove.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/the-difference-maker.pdf>.

WHEN HOPE WAS *Born*

FRIENDS FAMILY CHRISTMAS SPECIAL // TODAY @ 6:30 pm // Your ministry staff and elders present a nostalgic, fun, and Christ-centered program to ring in Christmas with cheer! You won't want to miss the "broadcast" on noefc.org, Facebook and YouTube!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE REGISTRATION // We plan to host our Christmas Eve services both in person and on live stream at 4, 6, and 11 pm. Because of our capacity limits, please register online for the service you plan to attend—note that the earlier services are nearing capacity. Visit the Spotlight at noefc.org for details and to sign up.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL // Short video devotionals recorded by our pastors and staff are posted at 8 am each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning throughout Advent. Find them through the Spotlight on noefc.org, or on our Facebook or YouTube pages.

HATS, GLOVES & SCARVES FOR THE HOMELESS // Although our Christmas Tree is completed, we still have the opportunity to bless Cleveland's homeless throughout the winter by purchasing hats, gloves, and scarves. For more information click on the Spotlight at noefc.org, or contact Pastor Rich.

Connect Card

December 20, 2020

(Please fill out and place in offering box)

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Which service did you attend?

9:15 11:00

I am a: Guest

Regular Attendee

Connect with us!

This card is designed to help us connect with you better, whether you are a first-time guest or have been attending for many years.

We want you to engage with our church in a way that encourages you and provides opportunities for you to grow and serve in our life and ministry together.

If you provide your email address, you may get an average of one to two emails per week about events at NOEFC, but we will not share your information with any other organization without your consent.