

TRANSFORM



September 25, 2016

Vision:

Transform the Heart . . . Transform the Home . . . Transform the World

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FirstFriends.org

Service Times
8:15 am • 9:30 am • 11:00 am

Welcome to Worship at **First Friends!**



**Lead Pastor,
Stan Hinshaw**

Prayer at the Altar

Here at First Friends God works through prayer. We offer different opportunities for prayer at our altar each Sunday. During our musical worship, if you would like to come and pray at the altar in private, we invite you to come to the left side by our cross. If you would like one of our Prayer Team to pray with you, please come to the opposite side (right) of the altar. We will also continue to offer prayer at the end of each service.

First Friends “Next Phase Building” Survey: (if First Friends is your “home” church)

Now that we are debt free, we are taking care of some of the immediate needs of our sixteen year old facility, but we are also planning for the next phase of our Master Building Plan for the future.

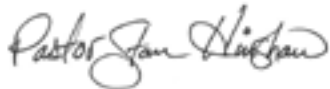
Our “Next Phase Building Task Force” is commissioned with researching and recommending, to our church, our future building needs and priorities. We will be having several informational meetings for questions and answers later this fall, and our goal is to make a recommendation for approval at our annual Congregation Meeting December 4th. We are asking for your input by filling out the survey in your bulletin and turning it in to one of our ushers on your way out of our worship service today.

If you have any questions or suggestions for our team you may talk to one of them personally, or email them at: info@firstfriends.org

“Next Phase Building Task Force”

Clark Hoopes - Chairman & Elder
Thom Nikolaidis - Lead Elder
Kristine Crock
Morgan Lackey
Emily Marzley
Matt Sutter

Hannah Thoenen
Tory Tucker
Roger Foote - Staff
Paul Johnson - Staff
Barb Thomas - Staff
Lyndon Thomas - Finance Chairman
Stan Hinshaw - Pastor



Pastor Stan Hinshaw, Lead Pastor

Thank You for Considering Others in Worship

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service. Also, if your child becomes restless and loud, the service can be heard in the hall, the women's restroom nursing room, or you can take your child to one of our excellent church nurseries.

Come, Grow, GO - REACHING NEIGHBORS & NATIONS

Pray for the Dominican Republic Medical Mission Trip

A team of 10 from First Friends will be going to Grace and Peace Missionary Fellowship in Barahona, Dominican Republic, from October 1 - 8. First Friends has supported the work of Bill and Karen Rumble at Grace and Peace financially and prayerfully for many years. A team of First Friends Youth was there this past summer to bless the Rumples and the locals whom they serve through work projects and evangelism.

Team members for the October medical trip are Kris Biss, Chris Chow, Kathleen Dungan, Lois Ferrel, Lisa Gensley, Chuck Goldy, Paul Johnson, Karen Laursen, Brianna Moody, and Gina Shamblen. They will be providing medical care and sharing the gospel with area residents at the Grace & Peace Medical Clinic and at a remote location. Their goal is to provide physical and spiritual help and teaching to area residents. Please pray for safety for the team and for their personal development as they share with others. Pray also for the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of the people with whom they will interact.

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Have a Prayer Need?

Call Gerry Bradshaw 330.499.5575

Altar Flowers

Flowers are a beautiful way to give praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, to celebrate a special occasion, or in memory or honor of someone special to you. Call Janet to arrange a date.

Hospitals and Rehab

Ray Rebstock, Jeff Tuttle, Barry Betz, Gale Jones, Marissa Miller, Dick Corbit

Are You Registered to Vote?

Registration Forms are available at the Welcome Centers with information regarding eligibility and where to send or deliver the forms. You may also use this form to update your current Ohio registration information. The registration deadline is October 11, whether delivered to the Election Board or postmarked. Mail early.

Faith Build Day

We will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity on October 15th from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, for a faith build day. For more information and to sign up, go to giveeffect.com/campaigns/2323-stark-county-faith-build. We will be applying roof sheeting and blue boarding for Monika Robinson and her daughter Casey. You must be 18 years or older, and need to pack a lunch.

Today's Altar Flowers

were given by Jan Stuckey in celebration of Mary Reese's 100th birthday and Clark Hoopes in celebration of his wife, Marva's birthday.

Library

Would you be interested in writing a book review for the library newsletter? Reviews need to be 500 - 600 words in length and must discuss a book from the library. If interested, contact Trisha at tabbruzzi@firstfriends.org or 330.966.2800.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am

All children may go directly to their Sunday School classes.

Help children hide God's Word in their hearts by memorizing their verses this month:

Preschool – Kindergarten Verse

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things."
Revelation 4:11a

Elementary Verse

"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Psalm 90:2

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11:00 am

Children in grades 1 through 5 will be dismissed from the service to go to Children's Church in E-110.

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Preschool – Kindergarten Verse

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things."
Revelation 4:11a

Elementary Verse

"O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago." Isaiah 25:1



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at
tforsythe@firstfriends.org

New Pager System for our Nursery

The Mobile Text Alert System is here. We had some wifi problems last week, but hopefully today we will be up and running. If not you will receive a pager. We will make sure to contact you by text or pager if you are needed in the nursery. A Nursery worker will meet you at the safety doors. You may still sign up for the Mobile Text Alerts at the Nurseries when dropping off your child.

Opportunities to Serve

We still have many opportunities to minister to our children available. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Tammy Forsythe at 330.966.2800.

Safety Doors

Our safety doors will close 10 minutes after each service has started, opening again at the end of each service. If you would need to go to your child's classroom before the service has ended please go to the Welcome Center for assistance.

Childcare Position available

We are currently seeking people interested in working in our childcare room on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. This is a paid position. If you have questions or would like to set up an interview, contact Kris Lackey at 330.966.2800.

Looking Ahead

September

28 Children's Choirs 6:00 pm
Little Praisers - E-122
Glory Gazers - E-110
CLC 7:00 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Website: www.greenhouse242.com



Contact Ben Croston at bcroston@firstfriends.org

Sunday Morning

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:45 am (E-101)

Join us for worship, lessons, and activities.

Bible Study

Sunday, October 2, 4:00 pm (E-101)

Bring a snack to share.

RUOK

October 28 - 30, (Camp Carl, Ravenna, OH)

Meet at First Friends Friday, October 28th at 5:30 pm. Pick up is Sunday, October 30th at 12:45 pm.

Come join us for our Fall Retreat, for fun in a mud pit, basketball, pool table, ping pong, carpetball, skits, an awesome speaker, awesome music, build and make friendships, and a great opportunity to connect with God. The cost is \$85 by September 28th and \$95 by October 19th.

Collide Worship Event (For both Middle School & High School)

TONIGHT, 6:00 - 8:30 pm (E-111)

Join us for worship and a message. Open gym is from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. The service is from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in room E-111. There will be snacks and refreshments afterwards.

HIGH SCHOOL

Website: www.warehouse514.org



Contact Scott Calhoun at scalhoun@firstfriends.org

Sunday Morning

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:45 am

There will be no morning service today.

Youth Explosion 2016

November 11 - 13

Spots are limited. Cost is \$70. Your permission slip/medical form and payment will secure your spot.

Next Warehouse 514 Theme Night

Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 - 8:30pm (E-111)

Theme is: Hootenanny! Definition: Hoot-en-an-ny: An informal gathering with folk music and sometimes dancing. Come in your best hoedown attire and be ready to stomp your feet and hoot and holler!

Sent – Warehouse 514 Service Projects

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (The Martin Center)

We will be helping them prepare for winter ministries by doing some building maintenance and general organization. Meet us there at 9:00 am or be at the church by 8:30 am if you need transportation. Permission slip/medical form required.

CONNECT GROUPS

Contact Theresa at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

The Smart Stepfamily

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm (E-108)

Are you a step parent? The Smart Stepfamily provides insights and support for every day living and raising stepchildren while keeping your marriage strong. Childcare is available.

The Next Step

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm (L-3)

Are you nearing retirement or already retired? Join others in this stage of life to create a "retirement plan" geared toward maintaining your health, passing your knowledge and wisdom to your children and grandchildren, and being productive for the kingdom of God.

MEN

Contact Shawn at syost@firstfriends.org

Trap Shoot & Cookout

Sunday, October 23, 7:00 pm, (10854 Edison St. NE, Alliance 44601)

Men's Ministry is hosting a trap shoot and cookout at Jim Aman's property. Bring your own gun and shells. Clay pigeons are \$5 for 25. Guys under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. RSVP at a Welcome Center or email jimaman1@yahoo.com. Food will be provided.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Contact Shawn Yost at syost@firstfriends.org

Marriage Retreat *SAVE the DATE*

February 24-26, 2017 (Twinsburg Hilton Garden Inn)

WOMEN

Contact Theresa at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

MOM Connection

Tuesdays, 9:15 am (E-102)

Join moms of pre-k and elementary aged children in a study of the book *Parenting With Love and Logic*. Childcare is available.

TRUST

Mondays, 6:30 pm (second Monday of each month: October 10, November 14 & December 12)

This is a group for women who have experienced divorce or marital separation and who seek a safe and trusting place for support, encouragement, and prayer. Childcare is available. For more information contact Judy Piatt at judypiatt9@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS

Contact Beth at bkerlin@firstfriends.org

Connect **New Location!**

Wednesdays, 8:30 pm (L-43)

Join us as we seek the Lord together.

Know a College Student?

Let's send them a care package!

Email bkerlin@firstfriends.org or call 330.966.2800.

FFC Financial Update

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	YTD Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$46,176	\$37,575	\$41,453
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$2,353	\$2,251	\$1,930
Total	\$48,529	\$39,826	\$43,383
Home Improvement Received in 2016			\$88,973
*to fully fund budget – \$2,475,000			
2016 Budget is based on 51 Sundays. One entire Sunday offering will be given to mission projects.			

SPORTS

Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868 or visit firstfriendssports.com

Registrations available in the church brochure racks and on our website firstfriendssports.com

What a great time of the year fall is! Our sports ministry is currently enjoying the kickoff of all of our fall sports leagues which include youth flag football, men's flag football, 2nd - 3rd Grade Basketball, 4th - 6th grade basketball, youth soccer, homeschool open gym, our dance and arts program, our fitness program and all of our adult basketball and volleyball programs!

All in all, that's over 1000 participants and their families that are in our ministry this fall! And we need your help in lifting each of them up in prayer! Here's our prayer request list for Fall 2016 ...

1. Pray that God would utilize opportunities/resources like our P3 devotionals, onsite practice devotional times, and plain old relational conversation to reach the hearts and lives of those in our leagues who need Jesus!
2. Pray that God would grant us favor with weather and all other organizational elements of the programs/leagues this fall.
3. Pray for each program by name! (see list above) Each of these leagues/programs is a unique venue for ministry to a unique group of people. Pray that God would use these unique programs to reach the lost.

If you have any questions about our sports ministry, please feel free to e-mail us at sports@firstfriends.org



Women's
**Fall
Frenzy**

Friday, September 30
7:00 - 9:00 pm
in the Pavilion

For more information see a flyer
at the Welcome Center.

EFC-ER Friends Adult Ministries Fall Retreat

Thursday, October 13

The Amish Door in Wilmot, Ohio; Cost: \$34

(registrations are available at either Welcome Center)

with special guests: **The Pfeifers**

We will provide van transportation if desired. The vans will leave First Friends at 10:15 am and will arrive back at First Friends about 4:15 pm. Join us for a great day of fellowship, entertainment, and spiritual enrichment.



Fun Family Event

November 6

6:00 - 7:30 pm

For more information, see a flyer at
a Welcome Center



TODAY, September 25 - November 20

11:00 am • L-42 • \$99

Child care is available