



November 11, 2018

Vision:

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

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Service Times
9:00 am & 10:30 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.

Welcome to worship at First Friends!

Thank you for your generous "Project 51" offering! Last Sunday, October 28, we received \$50,167.00 for our special outreach and mission offering! These funds will be used toward mentoring middle school students in Stark County through Legacy Project and funding evangelism and widow ministry in Dominican Republic through Grace & Peace Ministry!

"Stories of Faith" - November Sermon Series

Each one of us has stories in our faith journey. Stories inspire and give us real examples of what it means to truly trust God. Faith involves sacrificial obedience, preparation for a future we can't see, wrestling with God over outcomes, and the promise of His personal presence transforming us.

Join us Sundays in November for lessons in radical faith as we look briefly into the lives of Abraham, Noah, Jacob (Israel), and Moses. Today Shawn Yost, Pastor of Marriage and Family, will be bringing the message.
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.

2018 MISSIONS MONTH

News from Cary and Reny Clifton

Is Cary still with SALT*? Yes, currently as Senior Researcher. He goes to the Hong Kong SALT office two days per week to consult for those who took over his former responsibilities and interface with SALT staff. He is thankful to share with them the new knowledge he is gaining through research. They are depending on God for every detail of this transition. Cary's heart desires to support his team well and remains with the Forgotten Shepherds.

Is Cary a student at Oxford? Yes, part-time at Oxford Center for Mission Studies (OCMS) in a Guided Study Program (GSP) - an innovative option for scholars who have unique needs for their ministries and for whom PhDs may not be the best path. Cary helped launch the new program by collaborating with OCMS and becoming their first scholar. He uses the Oxford Library System for research when he's onsite in Oxford, UK (i.e., full-time for six weeks in 2017 and three weeks in 2018). The rest of the time, he works on the program part-time from wherever he is ministering. It should take about 36 more months to complete the program. They're thankful for the GSP option and praying in anticipation of the benefits yet to come for the Forgotten Shepherds.

What organization will they join? After much prayer and conversations with others, they narrowed their focus and applied to one organization. They had face-to-face meetings in October to get better acquainted and explore next steps in their candidate selection and acceptance process. Pray for clarity and discernment of God's plan.

*Systematic Asian Leadership Training

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Today is Veterans Day

We honor and give thanks to all those who have and are currently serving in any our military services.

Have a Prayer Need?

Call or email Greg Roth at 330.454.4100 or groth@neo.rr.com and our prayer warriors will bring your request before the Lord.

Today's Altar Flowers

were given by Norma Sutter in loving memory of her husband Herb and daughter Christine.

Our Love and Sympathy

to Cindi Bremkamp and family in the death of her sister Christy Dye.

Operation Christmas Child Opportunities

- Today from 3:00 - 4:30 pm everyone is welcome to come for a fun time to help us fill the shoeboxes with goodies for children that will be distributed by Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who have brought in filled boxes and to all who have provided the goodies that we will fill the boxes with during our time together today.



Hospitals and Rehab

Martha Miller

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 am

All Children:

All children may go to their Sunday School Classes

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

Preschool/ Kindergarten Verse:

For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good. Psalm 52:9

Elementary Verse:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:30 am

Children in the nursery through kindergarten may go directly to their classrooms.

For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good. Psalm 52:9

Elementary Department:

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

Elementary Children's Church

As we continue our "Giant" series, children will learn that God is their only source for strength. If they are going to take on the GIANT in their lives, they must trust God and do it HIS way.



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Sock & Mitten Tree

We are collecting socks, mittens, scarves, hats, and gloves for the Canton Salvation Army once again this year. Please place your donated items on the tree in the hallway by the Children's Welcome Desk. Let's be a blessing to those in need.

Children's Choirs and CLC

We will not have programming, Wednesday, November 21.

Kids, kids and more kids needed.

We need kids to help us with our First Friends Christmas Program, December 16. If you are interested please contact Kaylene Williams @ simplykaylene@yahoo.com or Tammy Forsythe @ tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Child Care Opportunities

Would you like to be a part of our Child Care Team? This is a paid position. We need workers for Monday and Wednesday evenings and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Kris Lackey at klackey@firstfriends.org or call the church office 330-966-2800.

Parents

If you have a child/children in one of our nurseries, please leave your phone number with us when you drop them off. We will then add you to our Mobile Text Alert System. If we would need you for any reason we could then send you a text message.

Safety Doors

Our safety doors 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Website: www.greenhouse242.com

Contact Ben Croston at bcroston@firstfriends.org
Follow us on facebook at: facebook.com/greenhouse242/
www.greenhouse242.com

Sunday Mornings

Sundays, 9:00 - 10:15 am (E-101)

Join us for a time to grow in your faith, friendships, and giftedness through small groups, games, and encouraging lessons.

Youth are encouraged to attend 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service with their family.

Serve at Total Living Center

Staturday, November 17th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Join us to serve those in need at the Outreach Center near downtown Canton. It will help feed others, feed your faith, and grow your view of GOD's work in HIS world.

Experiencing GOD Bible Study

Sundays, 4:30 pm- 6:30 pm (E-101)

Come join us for our weekly Middle School Bible Study. Bring your Bible and a snack to share. Chicken and water will be provided. Showing "Prince of Egypt" Sunday, November 18th from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm to highlight our Bible Study

Wednesday Nights

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (E-101)

Join us for a time of fun, friendships, and fellowship with God. Also, feel free to bring a snack. Snacks are always a welcomed commodity.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

The Landing – Celebrate Recovery For Students Grades 6-12

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (E-101)

Based on the beatitudes, The Landing is a safe, healing place where teenagers can live a freer, healthier, and more God-centered life. There will be videos, worship, and great conversations to help develop tools to face life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Contact Ben at bcroston@firstfriends.org for more information.

Friends Giving!

Sunday, November 25, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Middle School & High School will be celebrating Friendship with an "Attitude of Gratitude". There will be food, games, fun and fellowship! Bring a side dish or dessert to share with others and bring a friend.

HIGH SCHOOL

Website: www.warehouse514.org

Contact Scott Calhoun at scalhoun@firstfriends.org

Sunday Mornings

Sundays, 9:00 – 10:15 am (E-111)

Come join us for a relevant message to help you grow in your faith and a Bible study time in a friendly, fun and exciting atmosphere.

How to Prepare for College

Sunday, November 18, 9:00am - 10:15am (E-111)

Parents and youth, join us as Chad Frank from H20 Collegiate Ministries in Akron & Kent shares with you about getting prepared for college.

Save the Date

December 2 – The Christmas Shop shopping trip

December 8 – The Christmas Shop

Dec 12 – Ugly Sweater Christmas Party

Wednesday Nights

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm (E-111)

Come experience a high energy night of worship, games, and a relevant teaching, followed by a small group study time.

SENT – Warehouse 514 Service Project

Saturday, November 17 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

We will be serving at Total Living Center. Meet in the church lobby at 8:45 if you need a ride. Make sure you have a signed Medical Form/Permission Slip and pack a lunch.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Medical Missions

Women's Medical Mission Team to Barahona, Dominican Republic, October 19-26, 2019. Now taking applications and \$250 deposit. Due by January 14, 2019. Once a month training will begin in February after the team is established. For more information, contact Theresa Maxin at 330-966-2800 or tmaxin@firstfriends.org

E-NEWSLETTER

Contact info@firstfriends.org or follow us on Facebook at First Friends Young Adults. Would you like to receive email updates about church news and events? Make a note on your communication card or send an email to rbarnett@firstfriends.org to get added to our email list.

CONNECT GROUPS

Intercessory Prayer

T-Th 9:00-11:00 am (Tue, Wed, Thur in E-112)

Sunday Morning Groups

We have many Sunday morning groups that are ongoing. Join anytime! See a Fall Connect Group Directory for descriptions, times and locations.

SPORTS

Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868 Registrations available in the church brochure racks and on our website: www.firstfriendssports.com.



Girl's Volleyball

Clinic (Gr 2-3) Jan 7 - Feb 25
Low Impact (Gr 4-6) Nov 26 - March
Jr High (Gr 7-8) Nov 27 - March
High School (Gr 9-12) Nov 29-March

Youth Basketball

Jr High Boys (Gr 7-8) Jan 3 - Mar 9
Co-ed (Grade K-1) Jan 5 - Feb 23

Arts Academy

NEW: Adult Flag class for age 18+ (focus on exercise)
Traditional Dance Classes (Age 3-17)
Hip Hop Dance Classes (Age 6-17)
Flag Classes (Age 10-17)
Stage Acting (Age 6-17)
Drawing Class (Age 6-17)

Spring Soccer

Age 4,5,6 Apr 27-June 21
Age 7-15 Apr 13-June 21

YOUNG ADULTS



Altitude

Sundays, 9:00 am (E-106)

Join us for a study on the End Times every Sunday. We will look at Revelations, Ezekiel, Daniel and Matthew.

Connect

Wednesdays, 8:30 pm (L-6)

Join us every Wednesday as we study "Missional Essentials: A Guide For Experiencing God's Mission In Your Life"

FFC Financial Update

	General Ministries**	Missions/Faith Promise
2018 Approved Budget	\$2,300,000	\$85,000
Received to Date (1/1-11/4)	\$1,812,252**	\$60,633
Remaining Need (11/1-12/31)	\$487,748	\$24,367
Weekly Need (8 weeks)	\$60,969	\$3,046
Received Last Week	\$58,611	\$3,031
Weekly Average to Date	\$41,188**	\$1,378
Hone Improvement Received in 2018	\$60,949	
Project 51 offering 10/28/18	\$50,167	51 Sundays

** Does not include Project 51 Offering

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Kathleen Dungan kdungan@firstfriends.org

Celebrate Recovery Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Join us for this biblically based and Jesus centered recovery ministry. By working and applying the biblical principles and 12 Steps we grow spiritually. Programs for youth are also available: The Landing Grades 6-12, Nursery/infant and Kindergarten.

STEWARDSHIP

Biblical Wisdom:

- Come join in giving blessings to others by posting some gently used items on the Blessing Board on Facebook.
- Take the guess-work and stress out of your weekly giving by giving on line. Go to the First Friends website and click on the E-giving button; https://secure.firstfriends.org/give/egiving

Christmas Projects

Operation Christmas Child

First Friends is partnering again with Samaritan's Purse to provide gift-filled shoeboxes to children living in impoverished situations. Pick up a shoebox at an Operation Christmas Child table located in the Main hallway. Go shopping, fill the box and return it to the church by today. Also, come today to FFC from 3-4:30 pm for a family shoebox packing event.

The Christmas Shop Giving Tree

This year we are partnering with the Martin Center. Beginning Sunday, November 4th, take a tag from the tree (located across from L-1,2,3), purchase the gift, and then return it unwrapped to a Welcome Center by Sunday, December 2nd. Also, consider joining us as we serve during The Christmas Shop event on December 8th. Sign-ups to volunteer can be found at our Welcome Centers.

Sock and Mitten Tree

Every year we donate hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and socks to the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need during the winter months. Beginning Sunday, November 4th through December 9th, place your donated items on the tree in the Hallway by the Library.

Evangelical Friends Missions Christmas

Join us as we show our appreciation and support for our Evangelical Friends Missionaries and their projects this Christmas. During our Christmas Eve services, we will take a special offering that will support communities, businesses, medical needs, agriculture, Bibles, discipleship materials and much more. Consider being a blessing this Christmas to Evangelical Friends Missions. Visit www.friendsmission.com for more information.