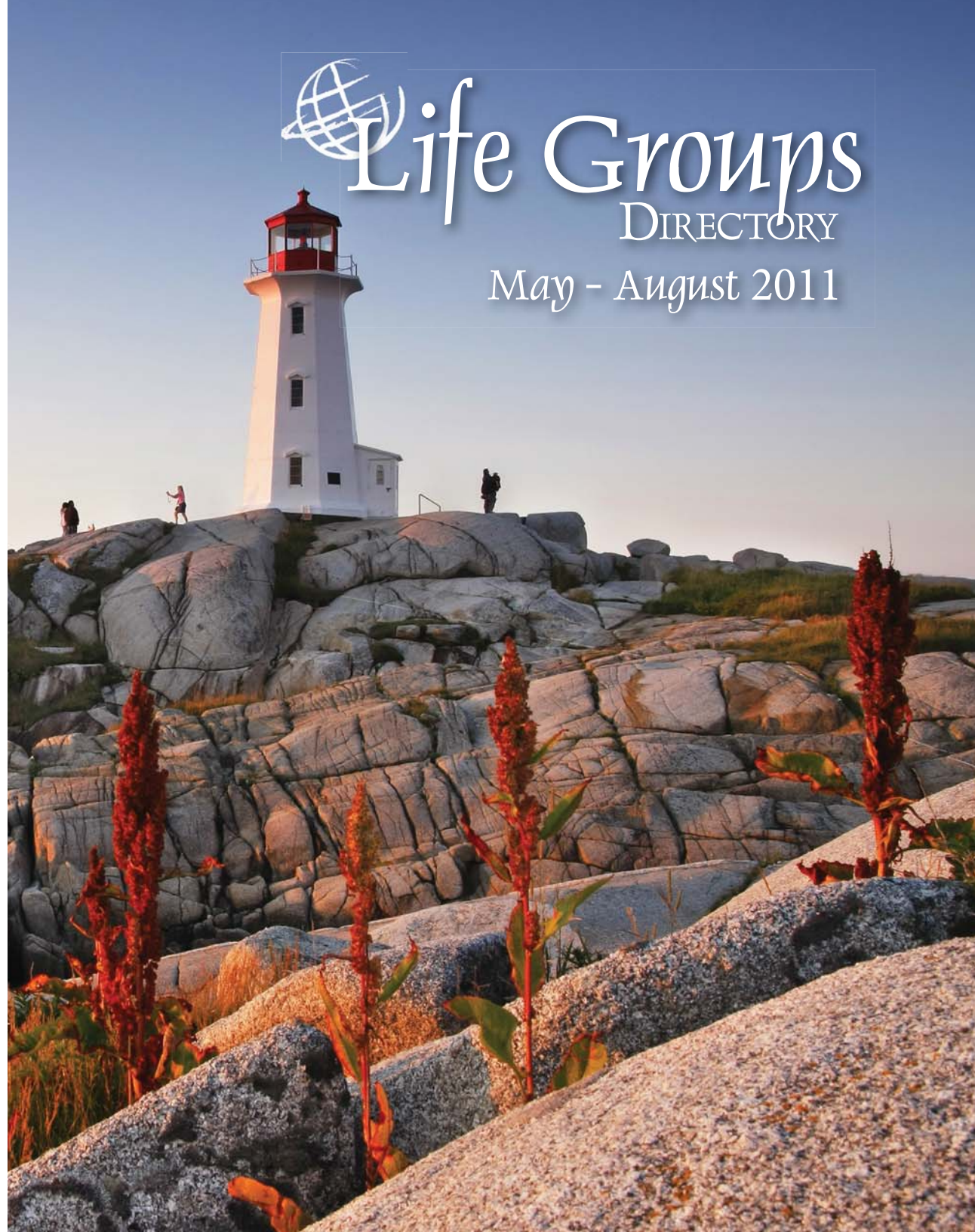




Life Groups

DIRECTORY

May - August 2011



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Life Groups provide wonderful opportunities for "doing life together" through discipleship, service, learning and fellowship. In small group settings relationships with other people become the fertile soil of Christian growth unto maturity in Christ. Growing relationships with other people is a key dynamic of Life Group ministry.

Another key dynamic of Life Group ministry is relationship with Christ. Jesus promised that "...where two or more have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst" (Matthew 18:20). His living presence brings rest, peace, favor, goodness, power and hope.

Our journey of Christian faith was designed by God to work best in relationships with other people. On Sunday mornings this summer, the First Friends family will experience the parables of Jesus as we focus on the promises, truths and warnings they contain. Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid and engaging "kingdom stories." Reflecting on the "stuff" of everyday life the parables of Jesus bring insight into the kingdom of God through associations that plant God's truth in our hearts, minds and spirits. I'm looking forward to the weeks ahead as we experience God's revelation together!

Serving with you,

Stan Hinshaw
Lead Pastor



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Life Groups: Doing life together...



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Like the name First Friends suggests, one of the goals of our church is to help people connect with one another in real and meaningful ways. We like to call this "doing life together."

As First Friends continues to grow, Life Groups provide a unique structure for Christian discipleship and practical hands-on ministry training.

This community is carefully designed to help each maturing believer pursue three vital relationships:

1. intimacy with Christ
2. friendship with believers
3. influence with unbelievers

Join a Life Group and discover the fullness of "doing life together."

What are Life Groups?

Life Groups are three or more people who generally meet weekly around a common interest, activity or need. They are designed to bring individuals together to build relationships while engaging in a shared passion and discipling. We believe this way of "doing life together" offers us a powerful tool for connecting the congregation and building new relationships.

Join a Life Group

Browse the listings in this directory and find the group that interests you. Contact the leader of the group at the phone number provided to sign-up. If you would like help choosing a group, contact Laurel Notturmo at the church.

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The Summer 2011 Life Group Semester begins Sunday, May 29 and concludes July 31. Life Groups meet weekly unless otherwise designated. Please call your Life Group leader to confirm the starting date and time of your particular group.

Arts...

Prayerfully Made For You

Monday, 7:00 pm

E-101

Leaders:

Barb Thomas
330.854.5424
Clair Hanni
330.877.0716

Childcare: no

Women will meet one time this summer on Monday, June 13, for our annual Vacation Bible School stamping night. We'll come together for a time of fellowship, encouragement, and rubber stamping as we assemble 250 cards! These cards will be used by the Children's Christian Education Department for their VBS volunteers. All materials will be supplied; suitable for all stampers regardless of experience.

Requirements:

Women 18 and older. Please bring double sided tape and scissors.

Bible Studies...

Between Friends

Sunday, 9:30 am

E-106

Leaders:

Chuck & Paula Engelhardt
330.966.5624

Childcare: yes

Join with other couples and single adults as we journey together in *Discovering God's Will*. Share in the discussion, Bible study and the biblically based insights of Andy Stanley as we will grow in our knowledge and understanding of this important topic. This summer we will join the Israelites in the promised land in our study of the book of Judges.

Requirements:

Couples and single adults.

Celebrate Marriage

see full listing on page 16

Couples Bible Study

see full listing on page 16

Couples of Promise

Sunday, 9:30 am

L-41

Leaders:

Bob & Kristina Mohr
330.312.3677

Jeff & Julia Schumacher
330.494.1058

Childcare: yes

We are a group of couples with young children . . . of all the assignments God will give us during our time on earth, none may be more sacred than the task of raising children. Andy Stanley's *Parental Guidance Required*, will stimulate discussion as we look to God's Word to give us the counsel we need to prepare our children for the future. This summer, we will investigate *Effective Stewardship: Doing What Matters Most*.

Requirements:

Couples who long to grow in their relationship with one another and God.



Arts

Bible Studies

Crazy Love

Monday, 6:30 pm

11310 Strasburg Bolivar Rd
Bolivar

Leaders:

Doug & Vicky Nichols
330.874.4885

Childcare: no

Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with himself. The answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts - it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter his love you will never be the same. June 6 - July 25.

Requirements:

For men and women (no children); \$9.00 to purchase book

Firm Foundation

Sunday, 9:30 am

E-102

Leader:

Stan Anderson
330.244.9795

Childcare: yes

Join other adults for fellowship and discussion as we study *Unchristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity*. As we discuss this research from David Kinnaman, president of the Barna Group, we will view the church through the eyes of non-Christians. Are Christians known for what they believe or are they known more by what they stand against?

Requirements:

All adults welcome

For Christ

Sunday, 9:30 am

L-3

Leaders:

Mark & Liz Baker
330.454.7728

Bill & Sherry Patrie
330.494.5242

Childcare: yes

Join singles and couples of all ages as we will learn to think biblically about the areas of responsibility that have been entrusted to us as we study *Effective Stewardship: Doing What Matters Most*. Throughout the summer we will continue to study God's Word and experience growth in sharing our faith as we discuss the insights shared by Bill Hybels in *Just Walk Across the Room*.

Requirements:

Open to all adults

Go Getters

Sunday, 9:30 am

L-1

Leader:

Paul Johnson
330.966.2800

Childcare: yes

Be enriched by the fellowship, prayer and discussion among mature believers as we reflect on our relationship with God as a community of faith. The Old Testament books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth form the backdrop for a study of what it means to live out the love of God in community.

Requirements:

Adults.

Growing Disciples

Sunday, 9:30 am

L-6

Leader:

Greg Roth
330.454.4100

Childcare: yes

Adults and singles of all ages are invited to join us as we reflect on our relationship with God as a community of faith. The Old Testament books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth form the backdrop for a study of what it means to live out the love of God in community.

Requirements:

For singles and couples.

House to House

Thursday, 7:00 pm

910 Laurel Green Dr., NE

North Canton

Leaders:

Herb & Norma Sutter
330.244.1770

Childcare: no

Group members will actively encourage and support each other through Bible study, prayer and fellowship. The goal is to build strong individuals in Christ and to grow in our relationships as men and women of God as we share our insights, lives, food and have fun!

Requirements:

Open to 18 years and up

Marriage Matters

see full listing on page 17

Men In the Word

see full listing on page 18

Monday Men's Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 am Bible study and discussion at the Riviera Restaurant;
30th Street, NE

Riveria Restaurant Canton

Leaders:

Larry Kehl
330.430.5160

Dale Jones
330.453.4873

Childcare: no

Requirements:

Any man. Call for more information.

PRAY

Sunday, 9:30 am

E-108

Leaders:

Mark & Sandy Acell
330.497.2475

Childcare: yes

Join us as we listen to the insights of author Randy Alcorn as he shares from his book: *If God Is Good--Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil*. Interspersed with discussion and Bible study we also enjoy friendship, fellowship and food as we take time to pray for one another as we as our community and world.

Requirements:

Open to all adults.

Promise Keepers

see full listing on page 18

Relevant

see full listing on page 23

Single With a Purpose

see full listing on page 21

Three Cord Strand

Sunday, 11:00 am

L-41

Leaders:

Clark & Marva Hoopes
330.452.2658

Childcare: yes

Join other young married couples meeting weekly for study and shared insights and for additional fun and fellowship at planned special events. In May we will be discussing *Effective Stewardship: Doing What Matters Most*. We will focus our thinking on various aspects of stewardship as we critically and biblically explore doing what we believe. This summer our topic will be Phillip Yancey's *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* We will tackle the tough questions surrounding prayer, and in the process, comes up with a fresh new approach to this timeless topic.

Requirements:

Engaged and/or Married couples

Thursday Brown Baggers

Thursday, 11:30 am

L-6

Leaders:

Larry & Martha Kehl
330.430.5160

Childcare: no

Wonderful Christian fellowship for adult men and women. Enjoy Bible study, great prayer times and singing of hymns. Full of Christian love for one another.

Requirements:

Any Adult - supply your own lunch and Bible.

TLC at Dave Garrott's

Tuesday, 7:00 pm

518 Reno Drive Louisville

Leaders:

Larry Kehl
330.430.5160

Dave Garrott
330.875.1193

Childcare: no

Men and women are invited to study the Word of God and share in a time of fellowship, prayer and singing of hymns. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Join us!

Requirements:

Adult men and women - bring a Bible

Young Adult Bible Study

see full listing on page 23

Fellowship...

50 and 60 Life Group

Saturday, 7:00 pm

2575 Tamworthy Cir., NW
North Canton

Leaders:

Pete & Joyce Ross
330.497.0117

Childcare: no

For anyone in this age group (singles and couples) who want to get together socially for fun, conversation and great food! We have movie nights, game night, cook-outs, soup & salad, Wii bowling, ice cream socials, holiday parties and more! Come prepared to laugh and meet a great group of people who honor the Lord in all they do! Join us on May 7 then on the fourth Saturday of each month; June 25, July 23, and August 27.

Requirements:

Anyone in the 50-60 age range.

Adoptive Moms Breakfast Group

see full listing on page 22

Amateur Radio Life Group

see full listing on page 19

Crazy Love

see full listing on page 8

House to House

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Monday Men's Breakfast

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Old Classic Car Club

Thursday, 7:00 pm

3446 Capricio NE
Canton

Leader:

Wayne Fierbaugh
330.546.0658

Childcare: no

Men and women that enjoy classic cars get together for Christ-centered fellowship and sharing their interest and knowledge of classic cars. We meet every 4th Thursday of the month starting May 26.

Requirements:

For men and women of all ages; May 26, June 23, July 28 and August 25.

Prayerfully Made For You

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The Mom Connection

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Thursday Brown Baggers

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TLC at Dave Garrott's

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Health and Recreation...

Eat to Live

Monday, 7:00 pm

L-41

Leaders:

Jim & Denise Aman
330.499.1357

Childcare: no

We'll meet the first Monday of each month as we take a look at *FOOD!* Learn the tools that lead to health and re-think your eating 'norms'. Gain practical *whole foods* eating and preparation tips. Be encouraged by others as we journey together stewarding our bodies toward health. We'll be using the biblically based book, *Forget the Die-Its, Learn to Live-It* by Karen Knox, a 'cliff notes' style book covering many nutritional topics. New and former attendees are encouraged to join us on the Monday evenings as listed: June 6, June 27 and Aug 1.

Requirements:

Please call or email the Aman's (330.499.1357 or deniseaman@hotmail.com) with any questions or to order the Karen Knox book (\$12).

Fit for the King Women's Fitness Ministry

Varies

E-111

Leader:

Cindi Brekcamp
330.499.1637

Childcare: varies

This women's fitness ministry offers a variety of class formats. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. The Pilates Plus is a non-aerobic mat workout that focuses on core conditioning, balance and stretching. Great for seniors! The Cardio Plus combines a fun aerobic workout with strength and stretching. All equipment is provided. Taught to uplifting Christian music by certified instructors, this is not just another workout! Come for a great time of fellowship and worship. Leave feeling strengthened both physically and spiritually. Brochures are available in the brochure racks at the church or check out the website at www.firstfriendssports.com for days and times. Call Sports and Recreation, 330.966.6868, for any further information.

Requirements:

Women of all ages and fitness levels - comfortable clothing.
***CHILD CARE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING CLASSES - Thursday childcare is available upon request ONLY!

Hope Garden

see full listing on page 19

Organic Food Co-Op

Saturday, 9:00 am

E-111

Leaders:

Jim & Denise Aman
330.499.1357

Childcare: no

STOP by to see what's going on! Healthy sources for food are available through this co-op. Case orders are placed *on-line* using a catalog. Members also divide/share cases of foods and produce and have access to fresh/frozen farm goods. Food orders may be picked up at First Friends every four weeks on Saturday from 9-10:00 am; June 11, July 9, Aug 6, Sept 3 and so on.

Requirements:

Contact Jim & Denise by email for specifics at coop4health@gmail.com.

Walk for A Change

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am

Leaders:

Cindi Brekcamp
330.499.1637

Joni Venet
330.844.0512

Childcare: no

This women's walking and/or running group will focus on prayer and fellowship. Choose to prayer-walk the neighborhoods near and around First Friends every day or a few days a week for five weeks, Monday through Friday, May 31 through July 1. We will team up in small groups and you can walk as often or as little as your schedule allows (no long term commitment necessary). We'll meet from 8:00 am to 9:00 am beginning at the church on May 31 for orientation. We will walk indoors on bad weather days.

Requirements:

For women of all fitness levels and ages

Marriage and Family

Celebrate Marriage

Sunday, 9:30 am

L-42,43

Leaders:

Pete & Laurel Notturmo
330.966.2800

Childcare: yes

Join other couples and adults as we study the book of *James: Faith That Works*. Like the first-century readers of this letter, we too can appreciate James' direct and practical approach. He got right to the point with Spirit-led answers that his recipient's were longing to know. Together we will discover the meaning of genuine religion, genuine faith and genuine wisdom referred to by James in this letter addressing hypocritical practices and the righteous Christian response.

Requirements:
For adults.

Couple's Bible Study

Monday, 6:30 pm

E-101

Leaders:

Andy & Jen Kuba
330.834.0190

Childcare: yes

We meet every other week for snacks and to study the Bible along with relevant Christian literature for discussion and shared insights. As we pray and grow in knowledge we are empowered by the Spirit at work within us to embark with faith the journey of life as married couples and as growing disciples. Call Jen and Andy if you can join us every other Monday beginning May 23.

Requirements:
Couples ready to grow together

Couples of Promise

see full listing on page 7

Marriage Matters

Sunday, 9:30 am

E-130

Leaders:

Ryan & Sarah Hay
330.494.2684

Childcare: yes

Join us for fellowship and shared insights with other couples in this marriage and family study group as we grow together in discussing Neil Anderson's *The Bondage Breaker*. Learn the truth of who you are in Christ and what it means to be a child of God. Knowing your spiritual identity and position in Christ is the essential truth that will set you free from the accusations of our age-old enemy!

Requirements:
Married/engaged couples.

Special Needs Ministry

Sunday

E-144

Leaders:

Linda Kimble
330.488.6083
Shelly Benson
330.412.4532

Childcare: yes

Our purpose is to provide support, encouragement and spiritual growth to persons with special needs and their families. We 'buddy up' with children with special needs on Sunday mornings at the 9:30 (Sunday School) and 11:00am hours. Call Linda for more information if you would like to participate in coming alongside a special needs child on Sunday mornings.

Requirements:
Adults, teens, persons with special needs, families of children with special needs.

Three Cord Strand

see full listing on page 11

Men...

Band of Brothers

Tuesday, 7:00 pm

We are a band of brothers who are facing the struggles we have with the Lord's guidance and we are committed to encouraging each other along the way. We also plan several outings for men. If you are looking for a group that will challenge you, is honest, accountable and safe, this is where you want to be. We meet the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Location varies: call David at 330.323.6396 for information.

Leaders:

David Angione
330.323.6396

Greg Shaver
330.705.2193

Requirements:
For men 18 and older.

Childcare: no

Men in the Word

Sunday, 7:00 pm

Join other men as we study selected topics relevant to our growth as men of God. We meet every other Sunday (June 6 through August 28) for an in-depth study and discussion of brief portions of scripture. Call Tom Young for additional information.

6854 Promway, Suite 102
Canton

Leaders:

Tom Young
330.456.6546

Tom Schooley
330.966.6868

Requirements:
Men 18 and older; bring your Bible.

Childcare: no

Pastor's Prayer Partners

see full listing on page 20

Promise Keeper Men

Friday, 8:00 am

Cracker Barrel
North Canton

We are an ongoing, committed group of men who meet for accountability, prayer and Bible study. Join us as we study various books and topics that challenge and stretch our faith as men of God while sharing our insights and our lives.

Leader:

Todd Oney
330.256.8900

Requirements:
For men; bring your Bible!

Childcare: no

Outreach...

Amateur Radio Life Group

Saturday, 10:00 am

E-102

Leader:

Dale Storey
330.956.4098

Become part of this Amateur (Ham) Radio outreach to missionaries, our community, our church and each other. All are welcome from beginners to Extra Class Licensed Operators. We will enjoy learning from one another and spending time together focusing on being effective communicators. Meets June 11, July 9 and August 13.

Childcare: no

Requirements:
Teens to adult

Hope Garden

Varies

Leaders:

Paula Guiler
330.412.1263

Jen Tucker
330.309.8237

The Hope Garden, located on the grounds of First Friends, is a community garden. The produce will go to benefit Refuge of Hope so if you enjoy working with your hands your help would be greatly appreciated. You, your family or group, will be responsible for two plots, a week at a time, once a month from the end of May through September. Care includes weeding, watering and harvesting; training provided if needed. There are all sorts of ways to help including donating produce from your home garden. If you would like more information please email your interest/questions to hopegardenffc@gmail.com or call the church at 330.966.2800.

Childcare: no

Requirements:
For individuals, families or groups

Old Classic Car Club

see full listing on page 13

Special Needs Ministry

see full listing on page 17

Prayer...

For Christ

see full listing on page 8

Pastors Prayer Partners

Sunday, varies

We pray for our pastors, leaders, church services and classes. We serve one Sunday a month and anoint all entrances and the worship area before the services and pray during the services on Sunday. You select the monthly Sunday and the service for which you would like to pray. Child care is available for the second and third service times. For more information call Dick Kryah.

Leader:

Dick Kryah
330.477.2286

Childcare: varies

Requirements:

For Men. Must be a member or planning to become a member; one year commitment.

Pause for Prayer

Monday, 7:00 pm

L-43

Leaders:

Dave & Elaine Griswold
330.470.0531

Childcare: no

With the Lord's leading we are facilitators who direct our prayers to His throne. Come to a place where sharing, worship and prayer brings heaven to earth and God gives us the prayers of His heart to pray. Join other men and women each Monday evening as we pray for our church and His Church at large . . . and are encouraged and transformed by His presence!

Requirements:

For adults who desire to engage with the heart of God and pray.

Pray

see full listing on page 10

Women's Missionary Fellowship

see full listing on page 22

Single Adults...

Single With a Purpose

Sunday, 9:30 am

L-2

Leader:

Michael Miller
330.479.2068

Childcare: yes

Our goal in this Life Group is to help each other grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. We have a relaxed, caring atmosphere where we use a variety of methods, scripture, teaching, video series, prayer and small group discussions to reach our goal. Join us in studying God's Word as we become men and women who continue to 'become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ'

Requirements:

Single adults



Women...

Adoptive Moms Breakfast Group

Saturday, 9:30 am

Aribica Coffee House
Hartville

Leader:
Paula Gates
330.417.9646

Childcare: no

Join other adoptive moms at Aribica Coffee House in Hartville for a time of fellowship, breakfast and sharing the joys and challenges of adoptive parenting. We meet once a month from 9:30 am to 12 noon for a relaxed time of prayer and encouragement from God's Word. Get support from moms who understand as well as strength and hope from God who knows your mother's heart. Call Paula for the exact Saturday date of each month and to register for breakfast.

Requirements:
Adoptive moms.

Crave

see full listing on page 23

The Mom Connection

Monday

Leader:
Cynthia Wensel
330.494.7942

Childcare: yes

Connect with other moms for the summer. Monthly opportunities for moms and their children are planned for the following Mondays: **June 13** - 11:00 am, Akron Zoo (meet inside the front doors; bring a sack lunch or buy at the food court); **June 27** - 6:30 pm, Mom's Night Out at Friendly's (4490 Everhard Rd); **July 18** - 11:00 am, Jackson Park (children's area; bring a sack lunch); **August 8** - 11:00 am, Dogwood Park (under the canopy in the kids section; bring a sack lunch). Join us!

Requirements:
Geared to moms of preschoolers and elementary age children but all moms are welcome!

Walk For a Change

see full listing on page 15

Women's Missionary Fellowship

Tuesday, 11:30 am

L-6

Leader:
Mary Evelyn Moore
330.494.6709

Childcare: no

Women of all ages are invited to join us as we pray globally for missions and missionaries. We will pray for the requests sent by e-mail from our First Friends missionaries and/or sent from the Evangelical Friends Mission office. We also pray for local prayer needs and requests. We will meet June 14, July: Yearly Meeting activities, August 9 and September 13.

Requirements:
For women who want to pray for missionaries

Young Adults...

Crave

Sunday, 9:30 am

E-104

Leaders:
Theresa Maxin
330.605.8410
Julie Vega
330.904.4447

Childcare: yes

Join other single women in their 20's and 30's who crave a deeper relationship with God and wish to grow in fellowship with one another while enjoying biblical studies and a variety of topics pertaining to women. Join us this summer as we renew our minds and learn to say *So Long Insecurity: You've Been a Bad Friend to Us*. Author Beth Moore will guide our biblically centered discussions as we grow together in authentic security - insecurity may be epidemic but it's not incurable!

Requirements:
Single women in their 20's - 30's; book available for \$12.00

Relevant

Sunday, 9:30 pm

E-129

Leaders:
Ben & Leah Walters
330.966.2800

Childcare: yes

Join with other young adults as we focus on *Basics of the Faith*. Utilizing a discussion-oriented format we will search the Scriptures and wrestle with the truths of the Gospel that supersedes the challenges of our culture and form our Christian worldview.

Requirements:
Young Adult: singles and married couples.

Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday, 11:00 am

E-112

Leader:
Ron Crock
330.966.6876

Childcare: yes

Join other young adults (post-high school and older) as we examine, compare and discuss various cultural beliefs and the truths of the Bible. Knowledge and understanding of God's Word are invaluable and moving knowledge into application entails developing a strategy and action plan to live our lives in harmony with biblical truth.

Requirements:
For young adult men and women

Children's Ministry

preschool

Sunday, 8:15 am
going into 1st - 6th E-114

Sunday, 9:30 am

Sunday School	Birthday	Room
Beginners (potty trained)	9/07-2/08	E-137
going into Preschool	5/07-8/07	E-134
going into Preschool	9/06-4/07	E-136
going into Pre-K	3/06-8/06	E-133
going into Pre-K (not yet in K)	9/05-2/06	E-135
going into 1st	Mar - Aug	E-131
going into 1st	Sep - Feb	E-132

Sunday, 11:00 am

Sunday School	Birthday	Room
going into Preschool	9/06-2/08	E-136
going into Pre-K	9/05-8/06	E-133
going into 1st	Mar - Aug	E-131
going into 1st	Sep - Feb	E-132

elementary

Sunday, 8:15 am
going into 2nd - 6th E-114

Sunday, 9:30 am

Grade / Last Name	Room
going into 2nd Grade: A - M	E-126
going into 2nd Grade: N - Z	E-127
going into 3rd Grade: A - M	E-119
going into 3rd Grade: N - Z	E-121
going into 4th Grade: A - M	E-118
going into 4th Grade: N - Z	E-120
going into 5th Grade: A - M	E-116
going into 5th Grade: N - Z	E-114
going into 6th Grade: Boys	E-115
going into 6th Grade: Girls	E-117

Sunday, 11:00 am

Grade	Room
going into Grades 2-6	E-110
Special Needs Ministry	E-144

Preschool

Preschool - Going into 1st
Our preschool children's classes center on the same topic and Bible truth for all three services. The activities are varied between Sunday School and Preschool Worship, so that children may have the same truth, but done in a different format and presentation. This practice of repetition with variation is a child-friendly way to help preschoolers learn concepts more thoroughly.

Summer Themes:

May	<i>Peter Tells Others About Jesus</i>
June	<i>Paul Believes and Tells About Jesus</i>
July	<i>God Loves Us</i>
August	<i>God's Great Power</i>

Elementary Children's Church

8:15 going into 2nd - 6th
11:00 going into 2nd - 6th
Kids are invited to attend and participate in the beginning part of the church worship service. They will be dismissed to their Children's Church classes from there.

Join us this Summer at *Big Wave Discovery* where the fun and excitement of getting together with all your friends at the beach is combined with the discovery of biblical answers to a kid's Big Questions about God. We want our kids to know that their faith in God is grounded in the truth of the Bible. This coordinates with our VBS theme which is SonSurf Beach Bash.

nursery

Sunday, 8:15 am
Infants - Preschool E-141

Sunday, 9:30 am
Infants E-142
Walkers E-141
Toddlers (3/07-9/07) E-144

Sunday, 11:00 am
Infants / Walkers / Toddlers E-141

Elementary Sunday School

Going into 2nd - 3rd
Summer themes for SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am

May	<i>God's Church is Born</i>
June	<i>The Church Shares About Jesus</i>
July	<i>Jesus Changes Lives</i>
August	<i>God's Got Power</i>

Elementary Sunday School

Going into 4th - 5th
Summer themes for 9:30 am Sunday School

May	<i>The Birth of the Church</i>
June	<i>Travel with Paul, the Missionary</i>
July	<i>Miracles; Jesus is the Powerful Son of God</i>
August	<i>Son of Thunder ... Apostle of Love</i>

Elementary Sunday School

Going into 6th Grade
Summer themes for 9:30 am Sunday School

May	<i>The Baby Church</i>
June	<i>The Church Goes Worldwide</i>
July	<i>Jesus is One of a Kind</i>
August	<i>Living the Transformed Life</i>



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Important Dates

Family Skate Night
(May 22, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
Location: North Canton Skate Center

S.W.I.S.H.
(June 15 & 22, 10:00 am - Noon)
Smiling While I Serve Him service projects for children entering grades 1 - 6. Parents should plan to stay and supervise their child.

Camp Gideon
(June, July, and August)
A full listing of the camps and dates are available at www.campgideon.org/camp2011

Camp Gideon Day Camp
(July 5 - 8, 8:45 am - 5:00 pm)
Finished K - 2nd Grade

Vacation Bible School
(July 11 - 15, 9:00 am - Noon)
Children 3-years-old (and potty trained) through those going into 6th grade are invited to join us for Sonsurf - Beach Bash VBS

Princess Camp
(August 13)
For girls preschool through 5th grade. Led by Kimberly Payne and First Friends dancers.

Awards Sunday
(August 14, 8:15, 9:30, or 11:00 am)
Children going into 1st grade will receive a Bible storybook. Children going into 3rd grade receive a Bible with their name printed inside.

Promotion Sunday
(September 4, 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 am)
Children will advance to their new Sunday School and Children's Church classes.

CLC Begins
(September 7, 7:00 pm)
Start the school year out right and join us for Christian Life Club, a great children's program on Wednesday evening at First Friends.





Middle School

Middle School Youth: Joel Daniel Harris

Flipd is the middle school ministry of First Friends. We strive to be a group who “turn the world upside down” (Acts 17:6, Amplified Version) with our lives, living out the redemptive message of Christ in the world. And we love to have fun. And be weird ;)

We meet Sunday mornings to build friendships, have fun, study the Bible, and consider how Christ wants to transform our lives. Sunday mornings look all sorts of different ways, depending on the month. Wednesdays are small group based, connecting students with leaders that care about them and giving them a group of friends to encourage them.

We have four main themes that define what we do. At Flipd we...

- are community based. We foster a community that youth want to be at that’s both fun and challenging. We connect everyone into a small group where they’ll engage on a deeper level with adults that care for them and peers who will grow with them.
- are personally engaged. We’re figuring out what our faith means for our own lives and how we can start practicing spiritual disciplines (www.ss.pd).
- are outreach oriented. We care about sharing the Kingdom of God with everyone we can.
- are worldly aware. We seek to know what’s going on around us, both next door and around the globe, and to experience what it means to be God’s redemptive agents of change.

You can find out all sorts of helpful Summer information at our website: www.flipd.org or by contacting Chrissy Heade at cheade@firstfriends.org (our Flipd Ministry Assistant) or email Joel Daniel Harris at jharris@firstfriends.org (our Middle School Youth Pastor & Instigator of Justice.)

Important Dates

Rock Climbing	June 22
Geauga Lake	July 7
GWAHAH	July 30
Capture the Flag	August 16
Shack-a-thon	August 19-20

High School

Senior High Youth: Chris King

Rooted High School Ministry connects freshman through seniors in high school to our church. We exist to help you grow deeply in your relationship with God and see your faith impact the world around you.

Outside of our normal time to be together for worship and teaching on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM, the summer layout is full of special trips, hang out times, and a special study that will happen each week. Make sure to keep an eye on rootedffc.org to keep up on all the things that are going on (the current calendar will be posted there, too). Also, become a fan of our Facebook page to get all the updates when we send those out!



Important Dates

May

- 22 Volunteer Recognition
- 22 Family Skate Night - North Canton Skate Center
- 29 May 29th is Youth Sunday - Honoring graduates
- 29 Life Group Summer Semester Begins

June

- 4 C.O.O.L. Project
- 5 Newcomers Orientation
- 11-18 7th Grade Trip – Boston
- 21 Senior Adult Luncheon – Hartville Kitchen
- 22-25 ALIVE Festival
- 26 Life Group Orientation – 11:00am
- 26 All Church Tournament Day
- 26 - July 1 8th Grade Trip - Canton
- 27 Life Group Orientation – 7:00pm

July

- 4 Independence Day Observed – FFC Offices closed
- 11-15 Senior High Appalachia Trip
- 11-15 Vacation Bible School 9:00am – noon
- 16-19 EFC-ER Yearly Meeting
- 17 Newcomers Orientation
- 17-23 6th Grade Trip – North Carolina
- 31 Summer Life Group Semester Concludes

August

- 28 Outdoor Morning Worship Services in the Pavilion
- 28 Pavilion Dedication and FriendsFest

September

- 2-4 Family Camp (Camp Gideon)
- 4 Life Group Rally Day
- 7 Fall Life Group Semester and Children's CLC begins
- 16-18 EFC-ER Women's Retreat – Seven Springs, PA

SPORTS AND RECREATION OUTREACH

offers opportunities for health, fitness, friendship, fun, competition, venue for outreach, and spiritual development for the whole family in an inviting, Christ-centered atmosphere.

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REGISTRATION
www.firstfriendssports.com

Registrations for all leagues may be found online at www.firstfriendssports.com or in the brochure racks throughout the church prior to the appropriate season.

Paul Johnson
Director of Youth Sports

Tom Schooley
Director of Men's Sports

Angie Arrington
Director of Women's Sports

Risa Blyer
Administrative Assistant

September-December

Basketball
Men's (18+ and 40+)
Boys and Girls (grades 2-6)
Women's (18+)

Volleyball
Adult Co-Ed (18+)

Dance Class
Pre-dance (ages 3-5)
Girls' Beginner (ages 6-8)
Girls' Intermediate (ages 7-12)

January-May

Basketball
Boys (grades 7-8)
Boys & Girls Clinic (grades K-1)
Men's (18+ & 40+)

Volleyball
Girls (grades 4-12)
Girls Clinic (grades 2-3)
Adult Co-Ed (18+)

Dance Class
Pre-dance (ages 3-5)
Girls' Beginner (ages 6-8)
Girls' Intermediate (ages 7-12)

March-August

Basketball
Boys (grades 9-12)
Women's Open Gym (18+)
Men's (18+)

T-ball
Boys & Girls (ages 5-6)

Baseball
Boys (ages 7-14)

Softball
Girls Fast Pitch (ages 7-13)
Women's (14+)
Men's (15+)

Sand Volleyball
Adult Sand (ages 18+)

Golf
Couples (16+)

Summer Camps

Volleyball
Girls (grades 3-6)*

Basketball
Girls (grades 3-6) *
Boys (grades 3-6) *
Co-Ed (grades K-2) *

* Grade Completed

Coming Late Summer!

Soccer Clinic (Youth) TBA

August - October

Kickball (18+ Co-Ed)

Coming This Fall!

Adult Dodgeball (16+)



First Friends Sports

Life Groups by Leader

Life Groups by Day

Acell, Mark & Sandy	10	Kryah, Dick.....	20
Aman, Jim & Denise.....	14, 15	Kuba, Andy & Jen.....	16
Anderson, Stan	8	Maxin, Theresa.....	23
Angione, David.....	18	Miller, Michael.....	21
Baker, Mark & Liz.....	8	Mohr, Bob & Kristina.....	7
Benson, Shelly.....	17	Moore, Mary Evelyn.....	22
Crock, Ron.....	23	Nichols, Doug & Vicky.....	8
Bremkamp, Cindi.....	14,15	Notturmo, Pete & Laurel.....	16
Engelhardt, Chuck & Paula.....	7	Oney, Todd	18
Fierbaugh, Wayne.....	13	Patrie, Bill & Sherry	8
Garrott, Dave	11	Payne, Kimberly.....	6
Gates, Paula.....	22	Ross, Pete & Joyce.....	12
Griswold, Dave & Elaine	20	Roth, Greg.....	9
Guiler, Paula	19	Schooley, Tom	18
Hanni, Clair	6	Schumacher, Jeff & Julia	7
Harris, Joel	26	Shaver, Greg.....	18
Hay, Ryan & Sarah.....	17	Storey, Dale	19
Hinshaw, Stan.....	3	Sutter, Herb & Norma.....	9
Hoopes, Clark & Marva.....	11	Thomas, Barb.....	6
Johnson, Paul	9	Tucker, Jen	19
Jones, Dale	10	Vega, Julie.....	23
Kehl, Larry	10, 11	Venet, Joni	15
Kehl, Larry & Martha.....	11	Walters, Ben & Leah	23
Kimble, Linda.....	17	Wensel, Cynthia.....	22
King, Chris.....	27	Young, Tom	18

MONDAY

Couple's Bible Study	16
Crazy Love	8
Eat to Live	14
Monday Men's Breakfast.....	10
Pause for Prayer.....	20
Prayerfully Made For You.....	6
The Mom Connection.....	22

TUESDAY

Band of Brothers	18
TLC at Dave Garrott's.....	11
Women's Missionary Fellowship	22

THURSDAY

House to House.....	9
Old Classic Car Club.....	13
Thursday Brown Baggers	11

FRIDAY

Promise Keeper Men.....	18
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SATURDAY

50 and 60 Life Group.....	12
Adoptive Moms Breakfast.....	22
Amateur Radio Life Group	19
Organic Food Co-Op	15

SUNDAY

Between Friends	7
Celebrate Marriage	16
Couples of Promise.....	7

Crave.....	23
Firm Foundation	8
For Christ.....	8
Go Getters.....	9
Growing Disciples	9
Marriage Matters	17
Men in the Word	18
Pastors Prayer Partners.....	20
PRAY.....	10
Relevant.....	23
Single With a Purpose.....	21
Special Needs Ministry	17
Three Cord Strand	11
Young Adult Bible Study.....	23

VARIES

Fit for the King Women's Fitness Ministry	14
Hope Garden.....	19
Walk for A Change.....	15



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