



November 26, 2017

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.

21 Day Gratitude Challenge

With the Thanksgiving holiday there is no better time to practice giving thanks! Commit to join our church in the "21 Day Gratitude Challenge" and let's create the godly discipline of giving thanks in all circumstances.

(See our First Friends mobile App, our website, and the bulletin insert for details)

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Today Kathleen Trissel, from our church family, will be sharing part of her "Transformation Story" for God's glory. Kathleen has written a book entitled, "Waiting For Grace: How To Make The Most Of Your Suffering" where she shares her struggle through mental illness. Her story, and others in the book, reveal those who love God are willing to wrestle with God. Her book is available today in the lobby.

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.

REACHING NEIGHBORS & NATIONS

Jacob and Jaya Beera – Hope Ministries International (HMI), India

Please pray:

- For the college students who live at the HMI dorm in Chinturu. Many come from Hindu families and need God's protection because their families don't understand or accept their Christian faith. Pray also that they will be able to be testimonies to their families. (The entire \$17,000 that was needed to purchase the dorm building was provided by a couple who met up with Beeras at a mission conference in Hartville!)
- For funds to come in that will allow HMI to do again this Christmas what they did last Christmas. HMI bought and distributed new sets of clothes and school supplies to all the children in the children's homes. They bought materials and had the tailors stitch for them. HMI also bought a set of new clothes for each of the 50 evangelists with a gift from a sponsor. It means so much to the children and evangelists!
- For the bore-well project to continue to be funded. Meeting this physical need can transform communities and even provide protection from injury as people no longer have to walk up and down steep terrain carrying large containers of water from the canal. And of course, it provides opportunity to share the good news of Jesus, the Living Water!

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Is this Your First Sunday at FFC?

That's awesome! We are so glad that you are here. Please stop by and visit us at the Guest Central table in the Main Lobby. We'd love to thank you for being with us this morning and answer any questions you might have. God bless! -The FFC Guest Connections Team

Have a Prayer Need?

Call or email Greg Roth at 330.454.4100 or groth@neo.rr.com. Our faithful prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord.

Hospitals & Rehab

Fran Shields, Gerry Schroeder, Dick Armentrout, Carol Coombs

Today's Altar Flowers

were given by Sally Beitler in celebration of her husband, Ron's, 80th birthday.

Christmas Night of Worship

December 10, 7:00 pm

Save the date for our Christmas Night of Worship. More details to come!

Celebrate Recovery

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for this new biblically based and Jesus centered recovery ministry.

Our Love and Sympathy to

Kent & Lynette Schaffner and family in the death of Kent's mother, Linda Schaffner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 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

"As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me." Psalm 55:16

Elementary Verse

"With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever." Psalm 136:12

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:30 am

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

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

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

Preschool – Kindergarten Verse

"As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me." Psalm 55:16

Elementary Verse

"Love the Lord your God, walk in all His ways, obey His commands, hold firmly to Him and serve Him with all your heart and all your soul." Joshua 22:5b



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Childcare Position Available

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

Do you love holding babies? Playing with little ones?

We can help you! If you'd like to help us with our little ones in the nurseries on Sunday mornings, Jessica Bosley, our Nursery Coordinator would love to hear from you. You may email her for more information at jbosley@firstfriends.org

Serving in Children's Ministry

We still have a few openings to serve as assistants in preschool and elementary classes at 9:00 and 10:30 services. Would you be willing to serve - even once a month? Please contact Tammy 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

November

- 22 **No Choir or CLC**
- 29 **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS 6 pm**
 - 4 yr olds - 1st grade (Little Praisers) Room E-122
 - 2nd grade - 6th grade (Glory Gazers) Room E-110
 - CLC 7 pm**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Website: www.greenhouse242.com

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



Sunday Morning

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. We hope to see you there.

Wednesday Night

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

Join us for a time of fun, friendships, and fellowship with God. We invite you to bring a snack to donate for the snack cabinet.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

The Landing

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.

FriendsGiving!

Today, November 26, 5:00 – 8:00 pm E-101 and E-111

Middle School and 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 along with a student and leader. Bible study time in a friendly, fun, and exciting atmosphere.

Wednesday Nights

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm (E-111)

Join us for a high energy night of worship, games, and a relevant teaching, followed by a small group study time.

Affordable Christmas Shopping

Sunday, December 3, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Join us as we shop for gifts for children. Bring money for lunch and for gift purchases. Sign up in our room. If you are getting a gift on your own, please turn it in by December 6 to room E-111.

Affordable Christmas Event

Saturday, December 9, 10:00 – 2:00 pm at The Martin Center

Volunteer to help wrap gifts for children in Canton. You must register at christmasbycurrent.org/cantonvolunteer

Save the dates

December 13 – Ugly Sweater Party Christmas
December 29 & 30 – Up All Night

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Marriage Retreat Weekend - Save the Date!

February 23-25, 2018

Save the date for this wonderful three day weekend! Enjoy fellowship with other married couples, one-on-one time with your spouse, testimonies from real-life couples and biblical teachings about building a healthy marriage relationship through the seasons of life.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Lancaster, PA Trip

May 4-5, 2018

The Senior Adult Ministry invites you to join them on a trip to Lancaster, PA to see the "Jesus" production at the Sight & Sound Theater. Pick up a flyer at either Welcome Center for more information. Registration deadline is February 28, 2018.

Senior Luncheon

December 16, 11:30 am (L-42/43)

Join us to hear the Glen Oak Drifters! Sign up and pay at either Welcome Center by December 12.

STEWARDSHIP

Contact Dave Williams at dwilliams@firstfriends.org

Biblical Wisdom:

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment. For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content 1 Tim 6:6-8 ESV

Blessing Board: Visit our Facebook at Blessing Board at First Friends. Enjoy being a blessing for it is better to give than to receive.

FFC Financial Update

**Updated as of 11/12

	General Ministries**	Missions/Faith Promise
2017 Approved Budget	\$2,400,000	\$105,000
2017 Revised Budget	\$2,250,000	\$105,000
Received to Date (1/1-11/12)	\$1,914,592**	\$71,327
Remaining Need (11/19-12/31)	\$335,408	\$33,673
Weekly Need (9 weeks)	\$47,915	\$4,810
Received Last Week	\$34,608	\$887
Weekly Average to Date	\$41,622**	\$1,551

Home Improvement Received in 2017 \$68,437

Project 51 Offering \$60,482

** Does not include Project 51 Offering**



YOUNG ADULTS

Contact info@firstfriends.org or follow us on Facebook at First Friends Young Adults.

Altitude

Sundays, 8:30 am (E-106)

Join us as we go through the book *Foundations* by Robby & Kandi Gallaty. *Foundations* will guide us through the Bible as we Seek, to Highlight, Explain, Apply and Respond to Scripture. Join us for discussion every Sunday morning at 9:00 am!

Connect

Wednesdays, 8:30 pm (L-6)

Join us as we study the book of Luke.

ASCENT: The Worship Experience

Saturday, December 2, 7:00 pm

Join us for an upbeat worship gathering.



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



The winter season is upon us, and our Sports Ministry is accepting registrations for our Winter Leagues and Classes. See below:

Adult

- Men's Open Basketball (18-39)
- Men's Bring Your Own Team Basketball (18+)
- Men's Legends Basketball (40+)
- Women's Basketball (18+)
- Adult Coed Volleyball (18+)



Youth

- Girls Volleyball Clinic (Gr 2-3)
- Girls Volleyball League (Gr 4-12) Assessments begin week of Nov 27, check website for schedule
- Basketball Clinic (Gr K-1)
- Boys Basketball League (Gr 7-8)
- Youth Arts Academy (Dance, Drama, Drawing, Praise and Standard Flag)
- Ages vary based on program



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A CHRIST-CENTERED
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All Welcome

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM
FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH



CELEBRATE RECOVERY HELPS HEAL THE HURTS, HABITS AND HANG-UPS OF:

Abandonment	Divorce	Hurtful Relationships	Phobias	Sexual Abuse
Alcohol	Drugs Emotional Abuse	Insecurity Relationship	Physical Abuse	Sexual Addictions
Anger Anxiety	Fear	Issues Low self-esteem	Pornography	Shame
Chronic Illness/Pain	Financial Issues	Lying Nicotine	Prescription Drugs	Verbal Abuse
Co-Dependency	Food Issues	Overworking	Procrastination	AND MORE...
Control	Gambling Grief	Overeating	Rage Rejection	
Depression	Guilt	People Pleasing	Resentments	



Christmas Opportunities 2017

Affordable Christmas Giving Tree - This year we are partnering again with the Affordable Christmas program beginning Sunday, November 19. 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 3.**

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 19 through December 10, place your donated items on the tree in the hallway by the library.**

Christmas Cards for Shut-Ins - Send a Christmas Greeting to our shut-ins to warm their hearts and encourage them. **Call Janet at the church or stop at the Welcome Center for a list.**

Missionary Christmas - Let's show our appreciation and support for missionary families through a monetary Christmas gift. **Please designate "Missionary Christmas" on your offering envelope.**