



THE BOOK OF  
**Philippians**  
Gospel Transformation



November 5, 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.

## Project 51 Sunday Missions Generosity Offering

**THANKYOU First Friends "family" for your generous giving last Sunday of \$55033.86!**

These funds will bless children in Brazil through "Abba", unborn children through Pregnancy Choices, children in southeast Canton through "Lighthouse Ministries", and children in our own community through 2018 Community Fun Day!

## 21 Day Gratitude Challenge begins today!

As we finish the book of Philippians we have all the reasons we need to put into practice the Apostle Paul's challenge to "Rejoice in the Lord always." All through the Bible the writers tell us to "Give thanks to the Lord".

As we approach our Thanksgiving holiday there is no better time to practice giving thanks! Beginning today, 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."

*Pastor Stan Hinshaw*

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.



**First Friends is partnering again with Samaritan's Purse to provide gift-filled shoeboxes to children living in impoverished situations.**

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 135 million children in more than 150 countries and territories. After receiving shoebox gifts, many boys and girls are invited to enroll in "The Greatest Journey," a 12-lesson discipleship program. Through the program, local ministry partners are able to establish long-term, caring relationships with children and families by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

Our 2017 goal at First Friends is **500** gift-filled shoeboxes.

Detailed information is available in brochures in classrooms and at tables near the Welcome Centers. You may use your own shoebox or pick up an easy to-assemble free shoebox at a table. **Deadline for accepting filled shoeboxes is November 19!** The drop off is by the main Welcome Center.

**Bless a child and help transform a heart, a family...and the world.**



## 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 Gerry Bradshaw at 330.499.5575. Our faithful prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord.

### Your VOTE COUNTS

Be sure to vote this Tuesday, November 7. There are still a few League of Women Voter Guides available at the Welcome Centers.

### Hospitals & Rehab

Terry Gamble, Ben Wertz, Gene Miller, Barry Betz

### Newcomer's Lunch

**Today, 11:45 am (after second service)**

Are you new to First Friends in the past six months? Join us for lunch! Meet our staff and elders, and learn more about the church. Families welcome.

### 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 the families of: Mary Harrison in the death of her mother, Lois Harrison; to Jeff & Trina Ralston in the death of Trina's mother, Shirley D'Agostino.

## 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

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

### Elementary Verse

"I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm." Exodus 6:6b



## CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at [tforsythe@firstfriends.org](mailto:tforsythe@firstfriends.org)

### 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](mailto:jbosley@firstfriends.org)

### It's good news!

Our 1st and 2nd grade classes are overflowing. Would you be willing to serve in this area so we could have more classes? Please call Tammy at 330-966-2800.

### 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

- 8 **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](http://www.greenhouse242.com)

Contact Ben Croston at [bcroston@firstfriends.org](mailto:bcroston@firstfriends.org)  
Follow us on facebook at: [facebook.com/greenhouse242/](https://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.

### Service Project

Saturday, November 11, 10 am - 3 pm  
Drop off and pick up will be at First Friends. We will be heading to Total Living Center to serve food, clean, and sort through donations for those who are in need. Come for a day to interact with your heart and faith for the sake of other's hearts and faith.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

### The Landing- Celebrate Recovery For Students

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](mailto:bcroston@firstfriends.org) for more information.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Website: [www.warehouse514.org](http://www.warehouse514.org)

Contact Scott Calhoun at [scalhoun@firstfriends.org](mailto:scalhoun@firstfriends.org)



### Sunday Mornings

Sundays, 9:00 am - 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.

### Adult Leadership Meeting

Today, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (E-111)

Join us as we discuss and plan upcoming events.

### Youth Explosion 2017

November 10 - 12, Willoughby Hills Friends Church  
There is limited space so sign up now to save your place for this year's trip. Great speakers, high-energy worship, and great fellowship with our group. Get a registration form in room E-111.

### SENT - Warehouse 514 Service Project

Saturday, November 18, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Save the date as we go to Lighthouse Ministry to serve their needs. Meet at the church at 8:45 am. Wear work clothes. Permission slip/Medical form required.

# CONNECT GROUPS

Contact Theresa Maxin at [tmaxin@firstfriends.org](mailto:tmaxin@firstfriends.org)

## Today only!

The Go Getters and Between Friends classes will meet together at 10:30am in room L-2.

# MARRIAGE & FAMILY

## Adoption & Foster Care Information Luncheon

Today, November 5, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (L-1)

First Friends Adoption and Foster Support Ministry celebrates Orphan Awareness this month with others around the world who have a heart for vulnerable children. Perhaps you are feeling the Holy Spirit nudging you to foster or adopt. We want to provide an opportunity for you to explore this calling as we share some general information about fostering and adoption. Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Shawn Yost at [syost@firstfriends.org](mailto:syost@firstfriends.org). Your whole family is welcome to attend!

## Movie: "Mully" at Cinemark Tinseltown

November 9, 7:00 pm

What happens when a six-year-old boy in Kenya is abandoned by his family and left to raise himself on the streets? MULLY is no ordinary rags-to-riches tale. It's the true story of Charles Mully, whose unlikely stratospheric rise to wealth and power leaves him questioning his own existence, searching for meaning in life. MULLY sets out to enrich the fate of orphaned children across Kenya and risks everything he has to set in motion a series of events that is nothing short of astonishing. For more information, contact Shawn Yost at [syost@firstfriends.org](mailto:syost@firstfriends.org).

# SENIOR MINISTRY

## Senior Adult Luncheon

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

Join us to hear Richard Haldi share about the founding of Canton, the first 50 years (1805-1855). Cost for lunch is \$8. Sign up at either Welcome Center by Tuesday, November 7.

## 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.

# STEWARDSHIP

Contact Dave Williams at [dwilliams@firstfriends.org](mailto:dwilliams@firstfriends.org)

## Biblical Wisdom:

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.  
Phil 4:19 NLT

Blessing Board: We are blessed to be a blessing. Check out our Blessing Board at First Friends Church on Facebook. Experience the true joy of giving to others

# FFC Financial Update

	General Ministries**	Missions/Faith Promise
2017 Approved Budget	\$2,400,000	\$105,000
2017 Revised Budget	\$2,250,000	\$105,000
Received to Date (1/1-10/29)	\$1,824,238**	\$68,658
Remaining Need (11-5-12/31)	\$425,762	\$36,342
Weekly Need (9 weeks)	\$47,307	\$4,038
Received Last Week	\$2,640	\$2,640
Weekly Average to Date	\$41,460**	\$1,560
Home Improvement Received in 2017	\$64,957	
<b>Project 51 Offering</b>	<b>\$55,034</b>	

\*\* Does not include Project 51 Offering\*\*



# YOUNG ADULTS

Contact [info@firstfriends.org](mailto: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, November 18, 7:00 pm

Join us for an upbeat worship gathering.



# SPORTS

Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868 or visit [firstfriendssports.com](http://firstfriendssports.com)  
Registrations available in the church brochure racks and on our website [firstfriendssports.com](http://firstfriendssports.com)



## Please pray for all of our Fall sports programs!





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

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

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

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Pick up your box today at the table in the lobby! Boxes are due by November 19, 2017.

**Newcomers Lunch**

11:45 am • L-42/43

**JOIN US TODAY!**

