



He is Risen



April 1, 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**

Welcome! We are so glad you're here today!

Happy Easter! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

We are so glad you have joined us today to worship our risen Savior!

If you are new to our church please stop by at our Guest Central table in the main lobby so we can meet you in person. You can also fill out the communication card in the bulletin with prayer requests and any other ways we can help you. We are praying you experience the presence of Christ today as we worship Him!



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.

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.

REACHING NEIGHBORS & NATIONS

The Navigators: What a full life Jim Downing lived up to his homegoing on February 13, 2018, at the age of 104! For more than 80 years, he faithfully made disciples of Jesus through the ministry of The Navigators. In fact, he became the sixth Navigator to join the ministry shortly after he gave his life to Christ in 1935. As the second oldest Pearl Harbor survivor, Jim was known around the world for his decorated Navy career. In the years that followed the attack on Pearl Harbor, Jim became an active part of The Navigators.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy, Jim disciplined believers across the globe, and for a season headed up The Navigators ministry in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, encouraging missionaries in the trenches of ministry. Until just recently, despite being in his 100s, he traveled the country sharing his story with college students and military groups, speaking about a life of service and faith.

What is First Friends Church's connection with The Navigators? Tom Young to whose support we contribute! Tom asks that we pray for:

- his relationships with campus directors and administrators as they deal with issues of discrimination;
- the University of Dayton students that have participated in a Bible study via Skype. They are preparing to graduate.
- recruitment of Navigator leaders and his fundraising efforts.

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

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

Carol Coombs, Christopher Weisse, Cheryl Jackson

Newcomers Lunch

Sunday, April 15, 12:00 pm (L-42, 43)

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

Adoption & Foster Family Lunch

Sunday, April 15, 12:00 pm (E-101)

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship with other families and get information on what the ministry team is offering for adoptive and foster families at First Friends. RSVP to Nancy Petroff at npetroff@firstfriends.org or call to let us know you are coming.

First Friends Recycle Bins

Help us take care of God's good world and spread the word about our new bins. We accept paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum.

Women's Mission Trip Supplies

Help our team of women with supplies still needed for the Dominican mission trip departing April 14th. Go to firstfriends.org/ministries/ women to sign up to donate.

Photo Opportunity

To bless our First Friends family we will have a professional photographer here today and will be available only between services, 10-10:30am. Photo backdrop will be located at the gym/worship center entrance. Each family will be limited to one group photo.

Mission Trips to Barahona, Dominican Republic

Sunday, April 8, 12:00 pm (L-1) Join us for an informational meeting regarding our two trip dates. Please see the Mission Trips section inside for more info.

"Fields of Gold" by Andy Stanley

Pick up a free copy of this book on generous living at the Welcome Centers.

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

"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations."
Psalm 89:1

Elementary Verse

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
Galatians 2:20

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.

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Elementary Children's Church will have an Easter lesson based on the passage of scripture from 1 John 5:1-5



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Thank You! Thank You!

On behalf of all the kids at the Easter Egg Hunt thank you to those that donated candy. It was so SWEET of you! Thank you to the Mom's Group for filling all the eggs so there could be an Easter Egg Hunt - you're the best.

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 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

- 4 Choir (6:00 pm) and CLC (7:00 pm) resumes



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Website: www.greenhouse242.com

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



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. We hope to see you there. We invite you to bring a snack to donate for the snack cabinet. **We will be in the main service today.** Please sit with your family.

Wednesday Nights

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

***Today we encourage you to worship with your families in the main service.**

Mission Trip Fundraisers

We will have our Student Work Days in April and May. Let your leaders know now what days you can serve. Donations for your services goes towards your mission trip.

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.

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.

High School Mission Trips

We still have space available for our Philippi, West Virginia trip (July 8 - 13) and would love to have you join us. Applications and information are in room E-111 and at www.warehouse514.org.

Spring High School Hiking Trip

Save the date. Sunday, April 22 our high school students will be heading out from noon to 6:00 PM. Bring money for lunch and make sure to dress for the weather. Permission/medical release required. Go to www.warehouse514.org to download one now.

Parent/Student Missions Trip Meeting

Sunday, April 15 (E-111)

Immediately following the 2nd service we will have an informational meeting and talk about forms needed and travel information. We will try to have a notary for the Dominican group's paperwork.

CONNECT GROUPS

Contact Theresa Maxin at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

Belong Membership Class: Saturday, April 28, 9:00 am-Noon.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Friends Church, this class is a requirement. In this half-day class, we will explore what it means to be a part of First Friends and the body of Christ.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Contact Shawn Yost at syost@firstfriends.org

Men's Cookout and Hangout

Sunday, May 20th from 5:00-8:00 pm

Men's Ministry is hosting a cookout for guys of all ages at Jim Aman's property (10854 Edison St. NE, Alliance OH 44601). Food will be provided for free. There will also be time for guys to hangout around a campfire, play games or do some fishing (bring your own fishing pole). Please RSVP if you plan to attend by emailing Pastor Shawn Yost at syost@firstfriends.org.

Conquer Series

Thursdays Starting April 12th, 7:00-9:00 pm room E-115

Men, join us for this 10 week video series to help develop a battle plan for sexual purity. Cost is \$20. Email Phil Johnson at phil.johnson12@gmail.com to reserve a spot. No childcare available. To learn more about this series go to conquerseries.com

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Contact Theresa Maxin at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

For encouragement and all the latest information about Women's studies and events, follow All Things Women on Facebook.

Mission Trip Supplies Needed!

Help our team of women with supplies still needed for the Dominican mission trip departing April 14. Go to firstfriends.org/ministries/women to sign up to donate.

Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus

New video study by Lisa Harper beginning Wednesday, April 4, 9:00 am in room L-42. Journey through this bridge between the Old and New Testaments to get to the heart of the matter - Jesus is our accessible king. He is not far away, but up close and personal. Study guides available in class for \$13. Childcare provided.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Senior Adult Luncheon

April 14th, 11:30 am in L-42-43

Join us as Richard Haldi shared about the history of Cornelius Aultman, Canton's first millionaire. Sign up and pay \$8 at either Welcome Center by Tuesday, April 10.



FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$37,936	\$41,445
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$1,209	\$1,339
Total	\$45,098	\$38,991	\$42,760
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$16,164

2018 Budget is based on 51 Sundays.

One Sunday General offering will be given to mission projects.



YOUNG ADULTS

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

Altitude

Sundays, 9:00 am (E-106)

Join us as we go through the book *Foundations* by Robby & Kandi Gallaty.

Connect

Wednesdays, 8:30 pm (L-6)

Join us as we study the book of Luke.

ASCENT: The Worship Experience

Saturday, April 14, 7:00 pm

Come Worship & Pray with us!



MISSION TRIPS

Barahona, Dominican Republic

September 22-29 (medical and prayer teams)

November 3-10 (construction, discipleship, evangelism, and possibly medical teams)

Team sizes for these two trips are limited and applications will be accepted only until April 15. Informational packets and applications will be distributed at the informational meeting April 8 at 12:00 pm (L-1) or you can pick one up at either Welcome Center. For questions, contact Lois Ferrel, Team Leader (330-280-2502) or Roger Foote at FFC (330-966-2800).

Holy Land 2019

Are you interested in travelling to the Holy Land? March 22-31, 2019. Pricing starting at \$3496, with discounts for early registration. Brochures at both Welcome Centers. For more information contact Paul Johnson at the church.

STEWARDSHIP

Biblical Wisdom:

Give as freely as you have received. Matthew 10:8

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

We are excited to gear up for our spring 2018 sports season. We are asking that you would keep everyone from the following leagues in prayer, including players, parents, coaches and leaders... Youth Soccer, Youth Baseball/Softball, Men's Softball, High School Basketball, Adult Basketball, Adult Volleyball and Arts Academy.



Family Event... ALL are welcome



Sunday,
April 8
5:30 pm

Fun & Food Game Show Night



Bring a side
or dessert to
share. Pizza
& drinks
provided.

Priscilla SHIRER
SIMULCAST

\$20

APRIL 28, 2018
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Doors open at 8:30 am



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Newcomers Luncheon

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12:00 Noon

Meet and greet with Staff and Elders

