

January 23rd, 2020

# 167

## BEST FRIENDS

Learn about the volunteers who  
make Sundays great

## TAKE THE LID OFF

Encouragement from Debbie DeWeerd

## UPCOMING EVENTS

This week @ Friends

TheFriends.church

**WHERE  
FRIENDS  
ARE FAMILY**



# Best of friends

Get to know our volunteers who work tirelessly to make our church the best place it can be.



Q

**What's your name?**

Karen Cubic

Q

**How do you serve at church?**

Chair City Mission ministry, work in the nursery when needed, set out snacks for after service

Q

**How long have you been part of The Friends Church?**

16 years

Q

**What is the best book or series that you've ever read?**

Honestly, probably the Bible. It's changed who I am, and given me direction for my life. And this church has changed how I read and understand it.

Q

**What's something you like to do the "old-fashioned" way?**

Shovel snow

Q

**What is a hobby or interest you have that most people don't know much about?**

I raise Alpacas

Q

**How do you relax after a hard day of work?**

I do jigsaw puzzles

Q

**If you could go anywhere in the world for vacation, where would it be?**

Mackinaw Island... all day long!

Q

**What would you rate 10/10?**

Being a grandma

Q

**What's the best piece of advice you have ever received?**

A friend told me years ago that "you can't start a trucking company". Gave me even more incentive, and 25 years later I'm still in business.

Q

**What gives your life meaning?**

Service. I love helping others. It's the best feeling in the world.

Q

**What do you love most about The Friends Church?**

Besides Pastor Chad of course, the true feeling of family here. I know I have support to turn to in a time of need, and friends I can count on day to day. This church absolutely has deepened my spiritual growth through the bible studies and examples set by people around me.

From all of your friends at Friends, we would like to extend a very special thank you to Karen Cubic for the years of hard work and dedication she has devoted to our City Mission ministry. She has made this ministry possible and touched hundreds, if not thousands, of lives through her generosity and love.

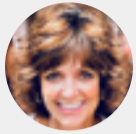
As she prepares to pass the torch and we navigate the transition process in leadership, we ask that you would partner with us in prayer that God would appoint the next leader to continue building His kingdom by serving Jesus through serving those in need.

If you are interested in serving or leading our City Mission ministry, please let us know! You can contact Karen, Pastor Chad, Pastor Luc, or use the "Contact Us" page at [www.TheFriendsChurch.com](http://www.TheFriendsChurch.com).



# “TAKE THE LID OFF!”

---



**Debbie DeWeerd**

Years ago, I was talking with a friend on the phone and I had a prayer request that I was sharing with her. This request seemed like such a big deal to me. It not only seemed too large of a request to ask for, but I wanted to blame someone else that I even needed to ask. “If only they would... or it doesn’t seem fair that...”.

My friend quickly interrupted me and said, “Debbie, all you have to do is ask.” I didn’t know what to say. I thought to myself, “Oh sure, all I have to do is ask.” Apparently, she didn’t hear what I needed—this is BIG! But the more I pondered this simple statement from my friend, the more I became convicted of not trusting my Heavenly Father. How small I have made Him. I had put my God in a very small box.

How often we do this; how often we minimize God and His Mighty Power. God tells us in Matthew 7:7, “Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks the door will be opened.” And in John 15:7 he says, “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish,

and it will be given you.”

Thanks to my friend for reminding me that God wants to do many great and wonderful things for us, but we fail to ask. We put a lid on what we feel we can or have the right to ask of our Heavenly Father. Or worse yet, we worry that He might tell us no. So we prayed on the phone that afternoon and I



decided that I was going to take the lid off my box. Her final words of wisdom to me were, “God loves to show off!”

How about you? Do you keep God in a box? Let’s be brave. Let’s pray—letting God give us the answers we seek; whether yes, no, wait or maybe something totally unexpected. Let’s TAKE THE LID OFF!

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...” -Ephesians 3:20 ☺

**“I AM ABLE TO DO ALL  
THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO  
STRENGTHENS ME.”**

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

# U P C O M I N G



## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Men's Breakfast will meet this Saturday, January 25th, (and on the last Saturday of each month) at Michael's Place restaurant in North Royalton.

All men are invited to join us for a morning of "Bros, Bible, and Bacon." See you there!

## **MIDWEEK MINISTRIES**

Our Wednesday night Bible study is beginning a new study through the book of John. Come find life in the name of Jesus as you are drawn back to the essential truths of our faith.

Midweek Ministries are on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15pm.



## **LAURA'S HOME**

Minister with us at Laura's Home shelter for women and children every Thursday evening (except the fourth Thursday of each month) from 7:30-8:30pm.

We bring a chapel worship service with music and a message for women and a Bible lesson for the children. We'd love to have you join us!





