



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 4, 2007
2nd week of Lent

Welcome!

May we feel God's presence as we worship together!



*“The Lord is my light and my salvation—
so why should I be afraid? Teach me how to live, O Lord.
Lead me along the right path, for my enemies are
Waiting for me.
Psalm 27:1,11 --NLT*

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Guest Speaker: Vern

Worship Leader: Tim

Pianist: Rhonda

Greeters: Bill & Karen

Song Leader: Dan

Usher: Bill

Sunday School Nursery: Marge

Worship Nursery: Karen

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Sun. Mar. 4 Agape group at Jonathan & Maria's 4:30pm
 Wed. Mar. 7 Southgate Group 11:00am
 Sun. Mar. 11 **Fellowship Meal** at Church 12:30pm
 Food for Thought group at Church 5:00pm
 Thur. Mar. 15 Women's Time Out at Karen's 6:00pm
 Tue. Mar. 20 Core Cabinet Meeting 6:30pm
 Church Council Meeting 7:30pm

Giving for February 25, 2007

Church Offering:	Sunday School:
\$1191.40	\$10.00
Meals on Wheels:	
\$5.00	

Words for Gathering

O God, you are our God. We seek you.
 Our souls thirst for you as in a dry
 And weary land where there is no water.
 The Lord is our light and our salvation—
 We shall not be afraid.
 We will wait for the Lord, and take courage,
 For we will see God's goodness.
 O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
 In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,
 And you uphold us.

We are grateful to **Gizella**, a trained psychologist and member of our congregation, who generously volunteers her time to those in our congregation as our "congregational counselor." If any of you are in need of emotional support, Gizella is a wonderful resource in our church. As you may notice in the bulletin, we recently revised her title from "pastoral counselor" to "congregational counselor" to better reflect her role. Many thanks to you, Gizella!

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 For emergencies, please contact,
 our elders: Dean
 or Tim.

Announcements:

- We thank **Vern** for bringing us the message this morning. Next week we will have Rick.
- We will be having a **fellowship meal** at the church following the worship service on Sunday, March 11th! Please join us for this potluck! The church will be providing ham and meatballs.
- **Ohio Mennonite Women** will be holding their Spring Day of Inspiration on April 14 at Sharon Mennonite Church in Plain City, OH. Contact Sherri for more information.
- **Ohio Conference Assembly** will be in Plain City, Ohio, March 8-10.
- Each **Wednesday evening** anytime between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. we would like to have people pray from their house or wherever they are for 1) **Discernment**, as we are in the process of finding a pastor for our Church 2) **Each other**, as many are struggling with health issues, grief, and the day to day issues of life 3) **Our Church** as a whole. Even though we are apart, through our prayers we can come together.
- We will be compiling a **directory of the church** in the next few months with photographs and descriptions of each family that make up our congregation. This directory will be available to our next pastor to learn about our congregation as well as to each other as a church family album. More information will be coming. In the mean time, if you have questions or suggestions, please see Yan.
- Please keep the **Pastoral Search Committee** in your prayers as they're making some important decisions.
- If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, please contact Julie by Thursday morning via phone or e-mail (bulletin@friendmc.org).

Lenten Scriptures/Reflections:

- 1st week** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
- What are your places of wilderness? Are you wandering around that wilderness, despairing of a way out, like the Israelites in their wilderness? How might you “call on the name of the Lord” in the midst of your wilderness?
- 2nd week** Genesis 15:1-12, 17,18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
- Where are the “places of darkness” in your life? Where is God offering safe shelter in the midst of the darkness?
- 3rd week** Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 64:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
- Describe the differences in your life between life without God and life with God. What might be the life-giving food and drink that God is offering you during Lent?

Church Ministry

4. Gerald and Rie Neufeld, Japan, move this month from Miyazaki to Sadowara. Pray for a smooth transition and for the music and children's ministry they wish to develop with Sadowara Mennonite Church.
5. Pray that God will call workers to serve in pastoral care and administration in Kenya, positions currently held by mission workers Kevin and Sharon Yoder who will return to the U.S. in June.
6. Following discussions with Grace Community Church in the Northern Cape province of South Africa, Christine and Phil Lindell Detweiler request prayer for the ongoing development of an integrated program of biblical training, community projects and responses to the HIV/AIDS situation.
7. Pray for Amanda and Gamaliel Falla, Colombia, as they prepare for North American ministry. Pray that local leadership in congregations on the Caribbean coast of Colombia will cover responsibilities and support each other mutually.
8. Mission Network's congregational relations team assists international mission workers to arrange visits with supporting churches during their upcoming North American ministry periods. Pray that these personal contacts will bless both the workers and the congregations.
9. Pray for participants today and tomorrow at the final session of "Cultivating a Missional Identity" with Atlantic Coast Mennonite Conference, which focuses on leadership and missional engagement.
10. Pray for the new congregation of Grace and Peace Church, meeting at Korea Anabaptist Center in Seoul, as it worships together and builds a community with an Anabaptist identity.

Prayer Request for week of March 4

Please pray for local members of the new Korea Anabaptist Center reference council as they meet for the first time on March 10 to discuss together the direction and leadership of KAC. Mennonite Mission Network is one of the agencies supporting KAC.