



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 11, 2007
3rd week of Lent

Welcome!

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



*"Seek the Lord while you can find him.
Call on him now while he is near."
Come to me with your ears wide open.
Listen, and you will find life."
Isaiah 55:3,9 -NLT*

- Welcome
- Worship in Song
- Opening Prayer
- Announcements
- Children's Lesson
- Reflections of Lent
- Song *Fill Us With Your Feast*
- Tithes and Offerings
- Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-23
- Sermon: That You May Know Him Better
- Song *Rain Down*
- Benediction
- Song *God Go With You*
- Moment of Silent Reflection

Guest Speaker: Rick

Worship Leader: Keven

Pianist: Rhonda

Greeters: Rudy & Shirley

Sunday School Nursery: Todd

Worship Nursery: Keven & Elizabeth

Song Leader: Jonathan

Usher: Rudy

Upcoming Events & Meetings

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| 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 |
| Sun. | Mar. 18 | Agape group at Chris & Sue's 4:30pm |
| Tue. | Mar. 20 | Core Cabinet Meeting 6:30pm
Church Council Meeting 7:30pm |
| Wed. | Mar. 21 | Southgate Group 11:00am |

Giving for March 4, 2007

Church Offering:
\$1425.00

Sunday School:
\$10.00

Meals on Wheels:
\$5.00

Announcements:

- We thank **Rick** for bringing us the message this morning. Next week we will have Vern.
- We will be having a **fellowship meal** at the church following the worship service today! 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 Sheri for more information.
- 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.

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our elders: Dean
or Tim.

- Please continue to pray for those affected by the tragedy at **Bluffton University**. A letter has been posted on the bulletin board with specific prayer requests for this situation.
- 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 begin to process a new slate of candidates.
- If you have an **item for the monthly calendar**, please contact Julie by March 27 via phone or e-mail (calendar@friendmc.org).
- 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?
- 4th week** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; II Cor. 5:16-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- Which of the siblings do you identify with—the younger one who chooses misguided and self-serving actions, or the older one who chooses misguided and self-serving passivity and inaction? How is God calling you to abandon these choices and instead receive God’s abundant embrace of love and delight?

Teaching

11. Pray for attentive ears and hearts for students in the monthly English Bible class Mary Beyler teaches at Tottori Mennonite Church in Kushiro, Hokkaido, Japan. Both Christians and non-Christians attend.
12. Pray for Kaz Enomoto in Tokyo as he travels to Yamanote and Hagi churches to do leadership training. Pray that God will call individuals to lead the church in Japan.
13. Secular nursing, educational institutions and mental health facilities are using the video/DVD “Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness” produced by Mennonite Media. Pray it will bring greater awareness of hope possible for those struggling with these illnesses.
14. Pray for mission associate Martine Audeoud as she does weekly Bible teaching with women at a local church in Niamey, Niger.
15. Please pray for representatives of Native Mennonite congregations as they meet to receive resources and mutual support today through Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

Community Service

16. Pray for the Peace and Justice Support Network as it is involved in the ecumenical Christian Peace Witness today in Washington, D.C., an effort to bring a peaceful resolution to the war in Iraq.
17. Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Heather Kauffman, Sarah and Tim Koontz and Rachel Zehr as they share Christ’s love in San Antonio through a home repair agency, a youth program, a low-income clinic and a day care.

Prayer Request for week of March 11

Mennonite Mission Network workers Jeanette and Todd Hanson, China, request prayer that the Nanchong congregation will experience a renewal in its commitment to each other as a body and healing of relationships during the final phases of a long, difficult building project.