



# FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

*Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ*

April 15, 2007

**Welcome!**

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



***"All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us."***

***Revelation 1:5b --NLT***

***Let us give thanks to Jesus, who frees us from sin!***

***We are loved, forgiven and blessed with peace.***

***This marvel is the Lord's doing!***

- Worship in song
- Welcome
- Opening prayer
- Announcements
- Dramatic scripture reading
  - based on Rev.1, Acts 5, John 20
- Children's Lesson
- HWB #570 *We Walk By Faith*
- Worship with our tithes and offerings
- Scripture Ephesians 2: 1-10
- Sermon *Alive When We Should be Dead*
- Song
- Benediction
- Song *The Lord Lift You Up*
- Moment of Silent Reflection

### **Guest Speaker: Rick**

*Worship Leader:* Dean

*Song Leader:* Jonathan

*Pianist:* Rhonda

*Usher:* Rudy

*Greeters:* Rudy & Shirley

*Sunday School Nursery:* Marge

*Worship Nursery:* Sue Schmucker

### ***Upcoming Events & Meetings***

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| Sun. | Apr. 15 | Agape group at Chris & Sue's 4:30pm         |
| Tue. | Apr. 17 | Church Council Meeting 6:30pm               |
| Thr. | Apr. 19 | Women's Time Out group at Marjorie's 6:00pm |
| Sun. | Apr. 22 | Food for Thought group at Church 5:00pm     |

### ***Giving for April 8, 2007***

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|------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------|
| Church Offering: | \$865.50 | Sunday School:          | \$10.00 |
| Meals on Wheels: | \$10.00  | The Mennonite Magazine: | \$66.00 |

### ***Announcements:***

- We thank **Rick** for bringing us the message this morning. Next week we will have Thomas.
- 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 begin to process a new slate of candidates.

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or Tim.

- If you have an **item for the monthly calendar**, please contact Julie by April 25 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).

### ***Easter Reflections***

Like the first disciples, we sometimes doubt the power of Christ. Whether these pressures come externally through other people or life's circumstances or whether they arise internally through doubt and fear, we may face serious challenges and be tempted to turn away from Jesus. Living in a world of false securities may cause us to lose sight of the only security which assures us of God's promises. We are his witnesses and we bring the message of living hope to a despairing world through Jesus.

### **Teaching and Literacy**

15. The Siamou people in Burkina Faso are launching a literacy project on their own this year with plans to open 18 centers. Lillian Haas Nicolson requests prayer that they will work together so the students will learn to read and write in their first language.
16. Please pray for Margot Longley in Finland as this year she goes through a major editing process of her thesis on Anabaptist ecclesiology.
17. Pray for the Learning and Leadership Institute in Dallas, a ministry of Mennonite churches in Dallas and the Mission Network, as they design courses for a non-traditional training program to equip leaders for urban ministry.

### **Centers and Community Outreach**

18. Pray for Audra Christophel, a member of the DEO (Discipleship, Encounter, Outreach) team in Phoenix as she shows Jesus' love to children in an after-school program at Valley Christian Center.
19. Pray for Moises Angustia, the new director of Mennonite Voluntary Service, as he transitions into his role and visits the MVS units and participants.
20. A mission worker requests prayer for medical teams who bring help to people in villages in Senegal where they do not have access to health services and medicine.
21. Special event: The annual missional leaders meeting will be held today through Monday in Akron, Pa. Pray that God will give new insights to leaders and congregations in a missional identity process.

### **Prayer Request for week of April 15**

Three new volunteer tutors of Instituto Bíblico Anabautista are teaching new groups of students at the study centers in their respective congregations: Leona Diener, Jorge Fuentes and Rodolfo Jimenez. Please pray that their ministry will produce a harvest of new leaders essential for the Mennonite Church.