



# FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

*Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ*

June 24, 2007

**Welcome!**

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



***"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." I John 1:9 --NLT***

- Worship in song
- Welcome
- Opening prayer
- Announcements
- Sharing
- Song *Above All*
- Worship with our tithes and offerings
- Scripture Reading Acts 6:1-7
- Sermon Discrimination and Its Spiritual Cure
- HWB #397 *God Loves All His Many People*
- Benediction
- Song *The Lord Lift You Up*
- Moment of Silent Reflection

**Guest Speaker: Vern**

*Worship Leader:* Joe

*Song Leader:* Jonathan

*Greeters:* Melvin & Parsilla

*Worship Nursery:* Sue

*Sunday School Nursery:* Todd

*Pianist:* Rhonda

*Usher:* Rudy

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

- Sun. June 24 Friendship Retreat 4:00pm
- Fri. June 29 Food for Thought at Rebecca & Tim's 6:30pm
- Sat. June 30 Outreach Event at Church 10:30am  
Agape Group at Rudy & Shirley's 5:00pm

## ***Giving for June 17, 2007***

Church Offering:  
\$712.50

Sunday School:  
\$10.00

Meals on Wheels:  
\$5.00

MCC Meat Canner:  
\$20.00

**Gizella is continuing her Eastern Europe Mission** from May 24th to August 16th. Please keep her in your prayers as she is traveling to bring the good news of the Lord to the people of Hungary, Romania, Ukraine, and beyond. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly. The Lord is faithful; pray that He will continue the good work that he has begun. Pray that he will keep her strong, steadfast in His in the truth of His Word.

## ***Announcements:***

- We thank **Vern** for bringing us the message this morning. Vern will be bringing returning next week.
- The **first outreach event** is planned for Saturday June 30th. All volunteers are asked to be here at 10:30am to first meet and pray together. From 11am to 12:30pm there will be the door to door outreach and also free food at the church (hot dogs!). If you are interested in volunteering to coordinate recreation, please contact Yan. Volunteers are asked to bring their bright green shirts from the joint daycare/church picnic last year. We are having a raffle for a new bike. The next event will be Wednesday July 11th from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

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

- Please keep **Jonathan** in your prayers as he prepares for baptism in July.
- Everyone is invited to the **graduation celebration for Jonathan**. It will be July 8, 2:00-6:00 p.m at the Centerville Mills Center in Bainbridge. You can see Rhonda or Tim for directions. Please RSVP to Rhonda.
- During the months of **July and August, Sunday school** for preschool children will be held during the worship service instead of the regular time. There will be no Sunday school for the older children or adults. The worship service will continue to start at 10:45am, and the children will be dismissed following the singing time. The normal schedule will resume in September.
- 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.
- Are you interested in **donating to Friendship electronically?** If so, please see Sue for some potential options.
- 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 June 27 via phone or e-mail (calendar@friendmc.org).
- If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, please contact Julie by Thursday via phone or e-mail (bulletin@friendmc.org).

### **Community Outreach**

24. Anna and Joe Sawatzky in South Africa request prayer for issues to be resolved so that the once-active AIDS home-based care program associated with Bethany Bible School can again be activated.
25. Praise God that Service Adventure has all the unit leaders in place for the fall start dates. Pray for new leaders Anita Schrock, Albuquerque, N.M.; Craig Miller, Anchorage, Alaska; and Curt and Karin Weaver, Albany, Ore.
26. Pray for cultural understanding and sensitivity for Kay and Tom Fleming, Burkina Faso, as they relate in a caring way to both children and adults in the local African culture.
27. London Mennonite Centre has the option to purchase the remaining one-fourth of its building. Ed and Phyllis Shirk request prayer for discernment of God's will as the LMC council considers this desirable but costly investment.
28. Pray for the Mennonite Voluntary Service participants and leadership in San Francisco as they go through a time of transition in the MVS unit house and in the local leadership.

### **Peace and Anabaptism**

29. Pray for Tim Foley of Portadown, Northern Ireland, as he coordinates Mennonite mission opportunities in Ireland and Mennonite Voluntary Service units in the United Kingdom, along with his work in peacemaking and reconciliation.
30. The Peace and Justice Support Network will meet in connection with the Mennonite Assembly in San Jose, Calif., July 2-7. Pray that participants will be energized to influence others to make choices for justice and peace.

### *Prayer Request for week of June 24*

A team from the Mongolia Mission Partnership in Ohio will serve in Mongolia from June 26 to July 12. Pray that they will have a good mission experience and be able to meaningfully share with Ohio congregations.