



# FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

*Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ*

October 7, 2007

*Welcome!*



*"Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered!" -- Psalms 32:1*

## Connecting with Others

- Worship in song
- Welcome

## Living by Faith

- Announcements
- Sharing and Prayer Concerns
- Sending of Sheri
- HWB #545 Be Thou My Vision
- Worship with our tithes and offerings

## Hearing the Word

- Scripture Reading Matthew 18:23-35
- Sermon *To Forgive is Divine!*
- HWB #143 Amazing Grace
- Service of Communion

## Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- Song: The Lord Lift you Up

**Guest Speaker: Vern**

*Worship Leader:* Keven

*Song Leader:* Rachel

*Greeters:* Isaac & Jean

*Pianist:* Ted

*Usher:* Melvin

*Worship Nursery:* Julie

## Upcoming Events & Meetings

### TODAY

- Agape Group at Jonathan & Maria's 4:30pm
- Food for Thought at Tim & Rebecca's 4:30pm
- Wed. Oct. 10 Southgate Group at Isaac & Jean's 11:00am
- Sun. Oct. 14 Friendship Retreat 4:00pm
- Tue. Oct. 16 Church Council 6:30pm
- Thr. Oct. 18 Women's Time Out at Marjorie's 6:00pm
- Sun. Oct. 21 Children's Church 10:45am
- Sun. Oct. 28 Children's Church 10:45am
- Food for Thought at Tim & Rebecca's 4:30pm

## Giving for September 30, 2007

Church Offering:  
\$981.00

Sunday School:  
\$11.00

Meals on Wheels:  
\$5.00

### Announcements:

- We thank **Vern** for bringing us the message this morning. Rick will be speaking next Sunday.
- The **Southgate Group** will meet on Wednesday this week instead of Thursday.
- There will be a **MCC Meat Canning** in Middlefield, OH on October 11 from 9am-2pm. Please see Joe for more information.
- Please keep the **Pastoral Search Committee** in your prayers as they begin to process a new slate of candidates.

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Bill, or Maria.

- If you have an **item for the monthly calendar**, please leave a message on the church phone or contact Julie via phone or e-mail (calendar@friendmc.org) by Wednesday, October 24.
- If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, please leave a message on the church voicemail or contact Julie via phone or e-mail (bulletin@friendmc.org) by Thursday.

### **Church Ministry**

7. Please pray for Margaret De Jong in Senegal and other international and local women who together plan gatherings where Wolof women hear and are challenged by God's word.
8. Pray for the Holy Spirit's moving in the life of mission worker Connie Byler, Spain, and in the lives of the persons with whom she has contact, that they will find the Lord Jesus in fullness.
9. Pray for the U.S. Ministries staff of Mission Network as it provides missional resources and consultative services for area conferences to help build networks that will renew congregations' vision.
10. Mission associates Disa and Tom Rutschman, Sweden, request prayer for the Alpha Bible study group that gathers on Wednesday evenings to learn more about Christian faith. Five people from last year's group have joined the church in Jokkmokk.
11. Praise God for the skills and time given by Lois Bare who has served as Mission Network interim director for Europe. Pray for the Europe department as it undergoes transition in leadership.
12. Richard and Ruth Anne Friesen in Argentina request prayer for the convention of the Iglesia Evangélica Unida, tomorrow and Sunday, for indigenous Christians in the Formosa area.

### **Peace and Anabaptism**

13. Pray for Janie and Neal Blough and Linda Oyer, France, as they lead a seminar today at Paris Mennonite Centre for the three Mennonite churches in the Paris area. The seminar focuses on historical, biblical and liturgical aspects of the Lord's Supper from an Anabaptist perspective.

### *Prayer Request for week of October 7*

Francisco and Manuela Olvera received diplomas from the Instituto Bíblico Anabautista study center in Dallas. Pray that God's strength and wisdom will be with them as they begin serving in a new community.