



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

January 6, 2008



**Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation
day after day. --Psalm 96:1-2 NIV**

Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Offering
- Response to Offering HWB #119 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Living by Faith

- Worship in Song
- Announcements
- Sharing
- Prayer
- HWB #43 *Christ is our cornerstone*

Hearing the Word

- Scripture Reading:
- Sermon:
- HWB #332 *Blessed Assurance*

Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- HWB #401 *This little light of mine*

Guest Speaker: Vern

Worship Leader: Dean
Song Leader: Jonathan
Greeters: Sue & Chris

Pianist: Rhonda
Usher: Melvin
Worship Nursery: Julie

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Sun. Jan. 6 Agape Group at Chris & Sue's 4:30pm
- Thr. Jan. 10 Southgate Group at Isaac & Jean's 11:00am
- Sun. Jan. 13 Moments with Children 10:45am
- Tue. Jan. 15 Church Council 6:30pm
- Sun. Jan. 27 Moments with Children 10:45am
Church Life Meeting 12:00pm

Giving for December 30, 2007

Church Offering:	Sunday School:
\$818.50	\$15.00
Eastern European Missions:	
\$1,000.00	

Mission Month (November):	Goal: \$2000
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Announcements:

- We thank **Vern** for bringing us the message this morning. Rick will be speaking next week.
- Please keep the **Pastoral Search Committee** in your prayers as they continue the search process.
- We are in the process of revising the **church directory**. If you have any address or phone number updates, please contact Julie via phone or email (secretary@friendmc.org).
- 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, January 23.
- 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 morning.

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Bill, or Maria.

Church Ministry

6. Mennonite Media's documentary "Embracing Aging: Families Facing Change" will begin airing today on ABC-TV stations. Pray for viewers and for Media staff who will respond to phone calls several Sundays this month.

7. Pray that Ministry Support Teams for new international mission workers will be able to find the prayer, financial and emotional support the workers need for their ministry assignments.

8. Pray for the development of local leadership to lead the Mennonite congregation in Niedergoersdorf, Germany, since Dorothy and Jake Unrau have returned to Canada. Pray for a resident pastor and for financial support for this position.

9. Mission Network executive cabinet meets today through Friday for its annual retreat. Pray for the processing of the budget for the next year and a vision for the future.

10. Pray for wisdom for Tony Brun, instructor for Instituto Bíblico Anabautista, as he teaches the course on Acts tomorrow through Sunday to students of the Harrisonburg, Va., study center.

Ministry with Ethnic Minorities

11. A learning community retreat is planned this month in Raleigh, N.C, for people engaged in ministry with Hispanic populations in the U.S. Pray that the participants will develop supportive relationships to help them be more effective in their ministries.

12. Please pray that a place of worship is found in Hong Kong Central from which to reach out to Filipino domestic workers who spend time off work there on Sundays.

Prayer Request for week of January 6

Please pray that Mennonite Mission Network workers Lillian and Norm Nicolson will be prepared mentally, emotionally and spiritually for their return to Burkina Faso tomorrow. Lillian will be involved in Bible translation in the Siamou language and Norm will record scriptures and Christian programs.

“Moments with children”



What is it?

- A new program for children ages 4-7 that will be replacing Children's church.

What does it involve?

As little or as much time as someone wants to invest in it. A person can pick **one** of the following to do from a Character Curriculum:

- **Read a Character Story:** Stories take about 5 minutes to read. There are questions printed at the end of the story that can be asked.
- **Play a Character DVD:** DVD's are 20-30 minutes in length.

OR

- **Plan something yourself**

When would “Moments with Children” start & How often would it take place?

- The program would start in January. Hopefully it would happen once or twice a month. If no one signs up, then the program won't take place.

Where do I sign up?

- On the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the lobby or by contacting Rebecca.