



# FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

*Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ*

February 10, 2008

*First Sunday of Lent*



**Focus Statement:** In despair over our surrender to temptation, we confess our need for restoration. We turn to Jesus, whose tested obedience frees us to stand upright and honest before God.

## Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Announcements
- Prayer
- Offering

## Living by Faith

- Worship in Song
- Children's Time
- Confessing Our Sins
- HWB #553 *I am weak and I need thy strength*

## Hearing the Word *(Children dismissed for Children's Church)*

- Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2
- Sermon: *Behavioral Change*
- Song: *From ashes to the living fount*
- Communion
- Song: *Here is the bread*

## Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- Song *Come, walk with us*

**Guest Speaker: Rick**

*Worship Leader:* Rachel

*Song Leader:* Jonathan

*Greeters:* Isaac & Jean

*Pianist:* Rhonda

*Usher:* Chris

*Worship Nursery:* Maria

*Children's Church:* Parsilla

## *Upcoming Events & Meetings*

- Sun. Feb. 10 Children's Church 10:45am  
 Communion & Pastoral Vote 10:45am  
 Food for Thought at Tim & Rebecca's 4:30pm
- Tue. Feb. 19 Church Council 6:30pm
- Thr. Feb. 21 Southgate Group at Isaac & Jean's 11:00am  
 Women's Time Out at Marjorie's 6:00pm
- Sun. Feb. 24 Children's Church 10:45am

## *Giving for February 3, 2007*

Church Offering:  
\$1332.35

Sunday School:  
\$13.00

Meals on Wheels:  
\$10.00

## *Confessing Our Sins*

Leader: Look to God, your teacher, who watches out for you.

**People: When I hid my sin, my strength shriveled up.**

Leader: Do not wander stubbornly, but follow God's leading.

**People: Then I spoke up and confessed my wrong.**

Leader: Those who are faithful turn to God in times of danger.

**People: You, my refuge, saved me from ruin.**

Leader: Happy are the forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**People: I will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy, for steadfast love surrounds those who trust God.**

## *Lenten Love Challenge—Week One*

*The hand of love:* Write a letter, note or email to someone each day, saying how much you appreciate them.

## *Scripture Reflections for Lent—Week One*

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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Bill, or Maria.

### *Announcements:*

- We thank **Rick** for sharing with us this morning. Next Sunday Vern will be speaking.
- Sheri will be attending the **MCC Annual Meeting** in Illinois on March 7-9. The church is helping her put together an AIDS care kit. Please keep the meeting attendees in your prayers as well as the AIDS victims who will be ministered to by the kits. If anyone is interested in learning more about MCC or attending this meeting, please contact Sheri.
- **Ohio Conference News:** The Northeast Ohio Cluster Meeting of Ohio Conference will be held at 7 PM on February 18 here at Friendship. Annual Conference Assembly of the Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA will be held March 6-8 at Bluffton University and First Mennonite Church of Bluffton. For more information on either of these, contact Sheri.
- We have begun **recording our services** in digital format. This enables us to offer our sermons on our web site as well as in CD format. If you are interested in receiving copies of the sermon on CD, please contact Julie via phone or e-mail (secretary@friendmc.org).
- MMA (Mennonite Mutual Aid) is now offering **budget and debt counseling** at no cost to our church members (or those who attend regularly). Whether you need help with basic budgeting, credit card or credit score help, mortgage, loan assistance, counseling will be provided by LSS Financial Counseling by a toll free call. Brochures are in the information rack. If you have questions, see Sue, Friendship's MMA Advocate.
- 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.

### **Community Outreach**

10. Pray for SOOP participants in San Antonio where they serve as tutors, in soup kitchens and in various community agencies.
11. Pray that Service Adventure participants in South Bend, Ind., will show God's love each day to people with whom they work. Participants are Charity Gingerich, Alexia Kaufman, Sharla Kauffman, Tirza Ridderbusch and leader Laura Kraybill.
12. Mission workers in the Himalayan region of South Asia request prayer that young children as well as their working parents will be touched through the ministry of the church-run daycare center. Pray that the center will be financially viable.
13. Mission worker Shirley Roth shares that Nazareth Village in Israel welcomes visitors from all over the world to experience life as it was in Jesus' time. Just as the rain is anticipated these winter months, pray that Jesus' words spoken during the village tours will fall like rain upon hearts ready to receive them.
14. Please pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who serve the community in Washington, D.C.—Amelia Brandt, Rebecca Drooger, Bradley Jenkins and Anna Roeschley.

### **Teaching**

15. A mission worker teacher requests prayer for the children beginning their second semester in a small international school in Central Asia. Pray that they may grow spiritually while also learning academically.
16. Pray for the Radical Journey (a program joining DEO, RAD and MVS International) team members working in Colombia who assist in the Mennonite school in La Mesa through building relationships and teaching English.

### *Prayer Request for week of February 10*

Please pray for Melodie Davis of Mennonite Media as she writes a series of features on marriage for the Another Way newspaper and Web site column.