



# FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

*Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ*

February 17, 2008  
*Second Sunday of Lent*



**Focus Statement:** From complacent acceptance of life as it is, God calls us to new birth. We step out in faith into unknown territories.

## Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Announcements
- Prayer
- Offering

## Living by Faith

- Worship in Song
- Children's Time "Where does help come from?"
- Confessing Our Sins (on back of bulletin)
- HWB #599 *He leadeth me*

## Hearing the Word

- Scripture Reading: Mark 4:13-20
- Sermon: *The Parable of the Sower*
- Song: *From ashes to the living fount*

## Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- Song: *Come, walk with us*

**Guest Speaker: Vern**

*Worship Leader:* Rachel  
*Song Leader:* Jonathan  
*Greeter:* Marge

*Pianist:* Rhonda  
*Usher:* Todd

*Worship Nursery:* Keven & Elizabeth

## Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Mon. Feb. 18 Northeast OH Cluster Meeting 7:00pm
- 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  
Food for Thought at Tim & Rebecca's 4:30pm

## Giving for February 10, 2008

Church Offering:	Sunday School:
\$676.75	\$10.00

## Lenten Love Challenge—Week Two

*The voice of love:* Telephone someone each day and encourage, thank, forgive or express your love to them.

## Scripture Reflections for Lent—Week Two

Genesis 2:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5; John 3:1-17

## Announcements:

- We thank **Vern** for speaking this morning. Next week Bill will be sharing with us.
- The children's Sunday School classes will be putting together **care packages for our college students**. Please bring donations of four small items next Sunday, February 24, to help encourage Allison, Caitlin, Jonathan, and Jennifer.
- 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.

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Bill, or Maria.

- **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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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, February 27.
- 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.

### **Teaching**

17. Thank God for the Instituto Biblico Anabautista program for training leaders for Hispanic congregations. Pray for wisdom for three new volunteer tutors: Leonel Solis, Dallas center; and Daniel Rodriguez and Luis Villalobos, Omaha centers.
18. Karen Spicher is a new mission worker teaching English at Connexus, the Korea Anabaptist Center language institute. Join Karen in giving thanks for her loving Korean host family and pray for God's direction in their lives.
19. Mission associate Linda Riegsecker, Dominican Republic, requests prayer for God to speak to the hearts of students at Santiago Christian School and that teachers and staff will minister to them in a powerful way.
20. Anne Garber Kompaoré, Burkina Faso, has numerous teaching opportunities in 2008. Pray for her as she teaches Hebrew and Greek at a local Bible college, teaches Hebrew exegesis and translation in Jerusalem and trains two new translation teams at Burkina Bible Society.

### **Peace and Anabaptism**

21. As mission associates Mark and Mary Hurst continue their work in Sydney, Australia, pray for their effort with others in the area to begin a new Anabaptist fellowship. Thank God for their new home and base for ministry.
22. Mission workers in the Middle East ask us to pray for world leaders, as 1 Timothy 2:1-4 requests, to successfully make peace negotiations with the Israelis and Palestinians. Peace in the area will facilitate community outreach.
23. Pray for the Radical Journey team ministering in the work of conflict transformation in Northern Ireland. Ask God for more young adults who will consider spending a year in service with Radical Journey.

### ***Prayer Request for week of February 17***

The Soli Deo church in Halle, Germany, has a teaching series on the book of Romans. Mennonite Mission Network workers Sharon and Steve Norton request prayer that believers will understand the foundation of Christian faith and apply its truths.