



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 2, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Focus Statement: From the dark valleys of our lives, we turn to God for healing. God renews our eyes and teaches us a whole new way of seeing.

Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Announcements
- Prayer
- Offering

Living by Faith

- Worship in Song
- Children's Time "The Lord is my shepherd"
- Confessing Our Sins (on back of bulletin)
- HWB #352 *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

Hearing the Word

- Scripture Reading: John 9:1-11
- Sermon: *Jesus, the Light of the World*
- Song: *From ashes to the living fount*

Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- HWB #355 *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Guest Speaker: Vern

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

Pianist: Rhonda
Usher: Todd
Worship Nursery: Julie

Moments with Children: Tim

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Sun. Mar. 2 Moments with Children 10:45am
Agape Group at Chris & Sue's 4:30pm
- Sun. Mar. 9 Food for Thought Group at Church 3:30pm
- Wed. Mar. 12 Worship Committee at Rachel's 7:00pm
- Thr. Mar. 13 Southgate Group at Isaac & Jean's 11:00am
- Tue. Mar. 18 Church Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Sun. Mar. 23 Easter Breakfast 9:00am
- Thr. Mar. 27 Women's Time Out at Marjorie's 6:00pm

Giving for February 24, 2008

Church Offering:	Sunday School:
\$3133.96	\$10.00
Meals on Wheels:	
\$5.00	

Lenten Love Challenge—Week Four

The heart of love: Make a list of five people for whom you will pray daily. Include both friends and enemies. Forgive them if they have wronged you. Ask forgiveness if you have wronged them.

Scripture Reflections for Lent—Week Four

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

In Our Prayers:

- Please remember Melvin & Parsilla in your prayers as Melvin continues to recover at home. Cards and calls are appreciated.
- Marjorie's niece Vivian passed away this week following a long illness. Please keep her family in your prayers.
- Keep the Ohio Annual Conference and the MCC Annual Meeting in your prayers as they meet this coming weekend. Sheri will be attending the MCC Meeting.

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Bill, or Maria.

Announcements:

- We thank **Vern** for speaking this morning. Next week Rick will be sharing with us.
- Please join us for our annual **Easter Breakfast** at 9:00am on March 23. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board with a list of needed items.
- Just a reminder: A sign up sheet for **Moments with Children** is located in the lobby on the bulletin board. We are now looking for Volunteers for March and April. If you have any questions, contact Rebecca.
- 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.
- March 14, 15, and 16 is **Central Christian's spring musical, Honk**, which is a family-friendly, humorous adaptation of The Ugly Duckling. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:00 and Sunday at 3:00. All seats are \$7.
- **Central's Fish Fry** is on Friday, March 14 from 4:30 to 7:30. Juniors are selling tickets or they will be available at the door. Adult tickets are \$7.00 and children's tickets are \$4.50. Children under age 5 eat free.
- **Men of God: The 2008 Men's Retreat** at Camp Luz is coming up on April 4-6, 2008. Henry Beun, Head Administrator at Central Christian School, will be the speaker. Come with us as we "Journey With Jacob". More information is available online at www.campluz.com

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Prayer Vine for March 2 – March 8

Ministry with Children and Youth

2. Marlow and Vicky Ramsay request prayer for the continuing discipleship program at Eternal Springs, a youth café in Erdenet, Mongolia. Pray for adequate finances for its yearly budget.
3. Pray for mission associate Sara Ulrich as she ministers to teenagers through Young Life in Hertford, England.
4. Christine and Phil Lindell Detweiler, South Africa, tell of outreach ministry at Breakthru Church through a homework club for children. Pray that this will have a significant impact on the lives of these children.
5. Please pray that the many Mennonite high school and college students soon to graduate in the U.S. will receive guidance as they decide if God is leading them to a time of Christian service.
6. Nora Iwarat and Mey Idawaty request prayer for opportunities to share about Jesus with the mothers and nannies of children who come for playgroup at their center on Cheung Chau Island, Hong Kong.
7. Pray for Melanie Quinn as she begins her assignment in Botswana as a youth ministry worker. Thank God for the many people who have persisted in prayer and fundraising to make this assignment possible.

Church Ministry

8. Special event: Pray for wisdom for the board of Mennonite Mission Network as it meets today through Monday in New Orleans.

Prayer Request for week of March 2

Mennonite Mission Network workers Christine and Phil Lindell Detweiler, South Africa, request prayer for Breakthru Church's outreach ministry to high-school students living in boarding houses while going to school in town. Often their parents' expectations about living conditions and supervision are not met.