



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 9, 2008

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Focus Statement: From the stench of a death-choked landscape, we cry out to God to breathe the Spirit into us. We wait in hope for God to restore the dead to life.

Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Announcements
- Prayer
- Offering

Living by Faith

- Worship in Song
- Children's Time "Waiting and Watching"
- Confessing Our Sins (on back of bulletin)
- HWB #584 *They that wait upon the Lord*

Hearing the Word

- Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:1-14
- Sermon: *To Will and To Do*
- Song: *From ashes to the living fount*

Sending to Serve

- Benediction

Guest Speaker: Rick

Worship Leader: Dean
Song Leader: Rachel
Greeters: Isaac & Jean

Pianist: Rhonda
Usher: Chris
Worship Nursery: Maria

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- 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, no Sunday School 9:00am
Thr. Mar. 27 Women's Time Out at Marjorie's 6:00pm

Giving for March 2, 2008

Church Offering:
\$908.37

Sunday School:
\$10.00

Scholarship Fund:
\$50.00

Lenten Love Challenge—Week Five

The mind of love: Use this week to pray for yourself and to look inward. Praise God for God's love whether you find yourself in the heights or in the depths.

Scripture Reflections for Lent—Week Five

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

In Our Prayers:

- Please remember Melvin & Parsilla in your prayers as Melvin continues to recover. Cards and calls are appreciated.

Announcements:

- We thank **Rick** for speaking this morning. Next week Tim & Rebecca 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. There will be no Sunday School on Easter.

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Bill, or Maria.

- 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

Church Ministry

9. Please pray for people in Samogho villages in Burkina Faso who have told Donna and Loren Entz they enjoy hearing the Samogho language on radio. The 30-minute programs of biblical and traditional oral material are tied together by a theme from the Luke text.
10. Pray for Elsy and Martin Gonzáles, church workers in Colombia, as they and a Radical Journey team collaborate to provide holistic services in marginalized neighborhoods.
11. Pray that God will call mission workers to serve long-term as part of the intercultural Mennonite Team in the Chaco, Argentina. Additional personnel are needed to share in Bible-related ministries with indigenous churches.
12. Pray for Lois Hertzler of Mennonite Media as she helps churches find resources they can use in reaching out to the community and in learning more about Mennonites.
13. Pray for Marco Güete, Mission Network urban ministry director, as he works with urban and Latino congregations in Texas and the new churches that emerge.
14. Gerald and Rie Neufeld are completing their service in Japan to begin pastoring a Japanese church in Canada. Pray for God's leading as they say farewell in Japan and make many decisions in this time of transition.
15. Today Gretchen and Keith Kingsley, Argentina, are facilitating a workshop for men and women in church leadership, one of nine monthly sessions for training in the northern zone of Toba churches. Pray that the Holy Spirit will enliven this gathering.

Prayer Request for week of March 9

Mennonite Mission Network workers request prayer for the Colombian Mennonite Church as it continues to work for peace in Colombia. Pray for the protection of people supporting human rights and displaced people.