



# FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

*Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ*

March 23, 2008  
*First Sunday of Easter*



The God of victory, who raised Jesus, transforms our fear into joy.

## Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Hymn: HWB #273 *Low in the grave he lay*

## Living by Faith

- Announcements
- Sharing and Prayer
- Offering
- HWB #269 *Thine is the glory*
- HWB #285 *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

## Hearing the Word

- Children's Story "What is Easter about?"
- Scripture Reading: John 20
- Sermon: *What the Resurrection proves*
- HWB #280 *Christ the Lord is risen today*
- HWB #275 *Lift your glad voices*
- Communion

## Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- HWB #288 *Rejoice, the Lord is king*

**Guest Speaker: Dean**

*Worship Leader:* Keven  
*Song Leader:* Rachel  
*Greeter:* Matthew

*Pianist:* Rhonda  
*Usher:* Tim

*Worship Nursery:* Chris

*Children's Story:* Rachel

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## Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Thr. Mar. 27 Women's Time Out at Marjorie's 6:00pm  
Sun. Mar. 30 Hungarian Meal 12:00pm  
Wed. Apr. 2 Worship Committee at Rachel's 7:00pm  
Sat. Apr. 5 Elders' Meeting 7:30am  
Sun. Apr. 6 Agape Group at Chris & Sue's 4:30pm

## Giving for March 16, 2008

Church Offering: \$2287.48	Sunday School: \$15.00
MAMA Project: \$90.00	The Mennonite: \$105.00
Scholarship Fund: \$25.00	

## Lord's Supper Reading

- Leader: What do you bring to Christ's table?  
**People: We bring bread, made by many people's work, from and unjust world where some have plenty and most go hungry.**
- Leader: At this table all are fed, and no one turned away.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**
- Leader: What do you bring to Christ's table?  
**People: We bring wine, made by many people's work, from and unjust world where some have leisure and most struggle to survive.**
- Leader: At this table all share the cup of pain and celebration, and no one is denied.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**
- Leader: Our witness against hunger, our cry against injustice and our hope for a world where God is fully now and every child is fed.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

From *Sing the Journey* #171

Congregational Counselor: Gizella  
Elders: Dean, Tim,  
Bill, or Maria.

### *In Our Prayers:*

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

### *Announcements:*

- We thank **Dean** for speaking this morning. Next week Gizella will be sharing with us.
- Following next Sunday's service, Gizella will be preparing a traditional Hungarian meal for the congregation. Please plan to stay for this light meal and time of fellowship.
- 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 **item for the monthly calendar**, please leave a message on the church phone or contact Julie via phone or e-mail ([calendar@friendmc.org](mailto:calendar@friendmc.org)) by Wednesday, March 26.
- 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](mailto:bulletin@friendmc.org)) by Thursday morning.
- **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](http://www.campluz.com)

### **Teaching**

23. Pray for personnel involved with Spanish and Portuguese theological education programs across the Americas as they give follow-up to ideas and plans that developed at their gathering in Guatemala at the end of 2007.
24. Anna and Joe Sawatzky request prayer that a six-year curriculum for Bethany Bible School in South Africa will increase biblical understanding and leadership capabilities among church leaders.
25. Please lift up in prayer mission associates Cheri Herrboldt and Joe Roos who seek to provide spiritual strength and nourishment to the entire school community as they serve at Kodaikanal International School in India.
26. Pray for the Instituto Biblico Anabautista students taking a course on the life of Christ at the study center in Harrisonburg, Va. Also remember Marvin Lorenzana as he tutors.

### **Community Service**

27. Mennonite mission workers in Southern Africa meet for their annual retreat today through Monday in Gaborone, Botswana. Pray for a time of fellowship, team building and worship with input from Jonathon Larson, former mission worker.
28. Pray for SOOP volunteers serving at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center in Toano, Va. They support the ministries of this Mennonite camp by assisting with maintenance, housekeeping and office work.
29. Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who work alongside the St. Louis Mennonite Church in extending the kingdom of God: Amanda Maust at La Clinica and Tiffany Hochstetler at Headstart.

### *Prayer Request for week of March 23*

Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network workers and believers around the world who worship together the resurrected Christ this Easter day. Pray that Christ's message of hope in the midst of brokenness may resound across our streets and around the world.