



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

July 20, 2008



“I love the Lord; he heard my cry and chased my griefs away.
O let my heart no more despair, while I have breath to pray!”
I love the Lord by Isaac Watts based on Psalm 116, verse 2

Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Song: *I love you, Lord*
- Song: *He is Able*
- Announcements

Living by Faith

- Praises & Prayer Concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Song
- Offering

Hearing the Word

- HWB #194: *Away in a manger* (1st verse sung by children)
- Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18 – 2:12
- Sermon: “Anticipating Christ”
- Song of Response: *Jesus be the Center*

Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- HWB #204 *Gloria*

Sermon: Kevin

Worship Leader: Shirley
Song Leader: Rachel
Greeters: Isaac & Jean
Sunday School: Maria

Pianist: Nan
Usher: Todd
Worship Nursery: Chris

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Fri. July 25 FMC/Daycare Picnic 5:00pm
- Sun. July 27 FMC Picnic at Retreat 4:00pm
- Thr. July 31 Women’s Time Out at Marjorie’s 6:00pm

Giving for July 13, 2008

Church Offering:	MAMA Project:	MCC Meat Canner:
\$1,320.25	\$90.00	\$10.00

Announcements:

- The 2nd **quarter financials** are completed and have been reviewed by council. If you would like a copy of the financials, please see Sue.
- **Daycare Classroom Use:** All are most welcome to use the daycare rooms on Sunday mornings for adult-attended or supervised church activity. We do ask that children not play unattended in those areas to ensure that we respect the daycare areas and property. Children from the church are always welcome to play in the nursery and in our own Sunday school area.
- Sundays, July 13th through August 17th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. there will be a **time of prayer**. We will pray for a variety of things including the vision and mission of Friendship Mennonite as well as our community and daily personal concerns. Times of silence with God will be incorporated with scripture as well. Childcare will be provided upon request. Please contact Pastor Nan with questions or if you need childcare.
- Today a sign up sheet will be in the foyer for our **FMC Community Picnic** with the Bedford Heights Daycare on July 25 at 5:00 p.m.. We need people to help park, bring food, be “gate keepers” and more! Please sign up; we need as much help as possible. This will be a great event for our church and community!

Gizella is continuing her Eastern Europe Mission from May 9th to August 15th. Please keep her in your prayers as she is traveling to bring the good news of the Lord to the people of Hungary, Romania, Ukraine, and beyond.

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Announcements Continued:

- August 1st and 2nd is the **Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale** in Kidron, OH. Visit <http://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org/> for more information. The relief sale raises money for relief work around the world through Mennonite Central Committee.
- The worship committee and church council have decided to order sets of two **new songbooks for the sanctuary**. One is called Sing the Journey, the other is Sing the Story. Both songbooks were created by the same group that put together the blue Hymnal Worship Book. The new songbooks contain a variety of types of songs: praise songs, traditional hymns, gospel songs, international songs, etc. We have sung a number of songs out of these songbooks in the past few years, even though doing so is somewhat difficult without songbooks for the whole congregation. At this point the church is purchasing 20 of each songbook. Obviously, this is not enough to completely fill the pews. If you would like to purchase additional songbooks to donate to the church and increase the numbers, please contact Jonathan or Rachel. The songbooks are \$10 each.

On a related note, the worship committee also proposes to remove the **red hymnals** from the pews. We do not use these hymnals much at this point, and with ordering new songbooks we need to make room. The committee proposes to keep about five of the red hymnals for the church, as a future resource if we want to sing a song from those books that is not present in our blue hymnal. On an upcoming Sunday, the red hymnals will be placed on table at the back of the church. At that time, you will be able to take one of the hymnals for your personal use if you would like to do so. After that Sunday, the red hymnals will be donated. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to talk with Jonathan or Rachel.

- 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, July 30.
- 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.

Sermon Notes: