



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

February 22, 2009

*Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me,
bless his holy name. Psalm 103:1*

Coming to God

Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Songs
Offering

Learning about God

Songs of Praise
Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Sermon: "Tithing: Is it Really Necessary?" Kevin Kanagy

Responding to God

Song of Response
Sharing and Prayer
Closing Song
Benediction

Serving Today

Worship Leader: Nan Kanagy
Usher: Todd Miller
SS Nursery: Alice Patton
Piano: Rhonda Savage

Song Leader: Jonathan Witmer-Rich
Greeters: Mel & Parsilla Honsaker
Worship Nursery: Kayley Nickless
Children's Church: Karen Speight

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Sun. Mar. 1 Nursery Workers Meeting after Worship
Sun. Mar. 8 Agape Group 4:30pm at Witmer-Rich's
Wed. Mar. 11 Worship Committee Meeting 6:30pm
Thu. Mar. 12 Southgate Group 11am
Mar. 13-14 Ohio Conference Annual Conference Assembly
Fri. Mar. 6, 20 Thirsting Souls Group 6pm
Tue. Mar. 17 Church Council Meeting 6:30pm
Wed. Mar. 18 FISH Meeting 5pm
Sat. Mar. 21 Elders' Meeting 7:30am

Giving for February 15, 2009

Church Offering: \$1829.47 Sunday School: \$32.00

Meat Canner: \$20.00 Meals on Wheels: \$5.00 MAMA Project: \$90.00

Announcements:

- **Welcome to Friendship Mennonite Church! If you are visiting us this week, thank you! We are so glad to worship with you!** Please take a moment to fill out a visitor information card located in the pew and place it in the offering.
- **Sheri Banks is returning to Peru** on March 13. Those wishing to donate to the local mission that Sheri works with may do so through designating giving in the church offering. Sheri will distribute funds she receives to the local ministries.
- Praise God for **Gabriella Pei Hartzler who was born on Sunday, February 15 at 3:25 p.m. to Jonathan and Diana Hartzler!** She was 7lbs 8oz and is doing well with parents and sister Isabella. The Hartzlers have been attending Friendship for a number of months. They will be staying in Orrville with Jonathan's parents for a few weeks while they adjust to having Gabriella. Please keep them in your prayers as they make the transition to two children!

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