



# Friendship Mennonite Church

## Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 8, 2009

With the gift of new names to reflect new reality, God replaces barrenness and emptiness with life and fruitfulness. We respond in trust, denying ourselves and following Jesus in a life of service and cross bearing.

### Coming to God

Welcome and Announcements  
 Call to Worship  
 Opening Songs  
 Offering

### Learning about God

Children's Moment  
 Parent/Child Dedication  
 Songs of Praise  
 Lent Confession

Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Mark 8:34-35

Sermon: "Is Your ID Secure?" Nan Kanagy

### Responding to God

Song of Response  
 Sharing and Prayer  
 Sending Song  
 Benediction

### Serving Today

Worship Leader: Joe Kotva	Song Leader: Kevin Kanagy
Usher: Tim Savage	Greeters: C & S Coblentz
SS Nursery: Nan Kanagy	Worship Nursery: Tameca Valian

### Upcoming Events & Meetings

<b>Today</b>	Young Adult Lunch Gathering after Worship
Wed. Mar. 11	Worship Committee Meeting 6:30pm
Thu. Mar. 12	Southgate Group 11am
Mar. 13-14	OH Conference Annual Conference Assembly
Sun. Mar. 15	Men's Group at Jerry Ruff's House 6pm
Thu. Mar. 19	Women's Time Out at Kotva's 6pm
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 March 1, 2009

Church Offering:	Sunday School:	Peru Mission Trip
\$1367.25	\$12.00	\$100.00
Weekly Budget:		Scholarships:
		\$25.00

### 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.
- **Calling all Young Adults!** There will be a gathering at Gizella's house **today** after church. Join us for food and fellowship! We will meet in the lobby and walk to Gizella's house with Pastor Kevin.
- Today **Ian Alexander Speros** will be dedicated to the Lord with his **parents Ben and Cara and big sister Callie**. Ian is 9 months old. Please pray for his family as they continue to nurture and encourage him as he grows. God bless you Ian!

## Announcements Continued

- Please join us next Sunday after worship for a **light potluck meal to celebrate Tameca Valian, and her children Tabatha, Alexis, and Jailah**. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share and wish Tameca and her daughters well as they move to California.
- The **church directory is currently being updated**. If you have any changes, please let Cara Speros know by Thursday, March 12 at noon.
- We have been invited to experience worship with **Lee Heights Community Church** on Saturday, March 14 at 7pm. Worship will be led by **Shining Through**, a music ministry team from Bluffton University.
- **Mennonite Health Assembly is coming to Cleveland!** March 19-22, many health professionals will gather to network and brainstorm. **Pastor Kevin and Pastor Nan** have been invited to share at the opening session about what God is doing here at FMC! Church members are invited to attend the session, which begins at 7:30 on March 19. Please let Pastor Nan know by March 18 if you would like to attend! You can also see the assembly's website for more information about this event: <http://www.mhsonline.org/php/assembly/index.php>
- **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.
- Do you have any **pictures of church people or events?** We are looking for pictures for the bulletin board and to share on PowerPoint before worship services. If you have any, please send them to Cara Speros at [secretary@friendmc.org](mailto:secretary@friendmc.org) or put copies in her church mailbox. Thanks!

## Lent Readings – Week 2

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;  
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

In discipleship there are no short cuts. Jesus was tempted to take a short cut so that he wouldn't need to lose his life. We are also called to lose our lives in a way that requires faith and trust in God.

As we continue our journey toward Easter, ask God to show you parts of your life that you need to give over to God. Let God transform your life!

God, help us to realize that only you can give us hope during this time of transformation. Help us to seek your guidance on our journey.

