



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 15, 2009

With words sweeter than honey, God brings order out of chaos, wisdom out of foolishness. We respond in trust, following God's way of sacrifice instead of seeking human power and prestige.

Coming to God

Welcome and Announcements
 Call to Worship
 Opening Songs
 Offering

Learning about God

Songs of Praise
 Lent Confession
 Song of Response "You Are All We Have"
 Scripture Reading: John 2:13-22
 Sermon: Kevin Kanagy

Responding to God

Song of Response
 Sharing and Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

Serving Today

Worship Leader: Rhonda Savage	Song Leader: Rachel Miller
Usher: Matt Savage	Greeters: Rudy Coblentz
SS Nursery: Todd Miller	Worship Nursery: Parsilla Honsaker
Piano: Nan Kanagy	

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Today Men's Group at Jerry Ruff's House 6pm
 Tue. Mar. 17 Church Council Meeting 6:30pm
 Wed. Mar. 18 FISH Meeting 5pm
 Thu. Mar. 19 Women's Time Out at Kotva's 6pm
 Sat. Mar. 21 Elders' Meeting 7:30am
 Agape & Thirsting Souls Groups 5pm at FMC
 Thu. Mar. 26 Pastoral Support Committee 6pm at Maria Witmer-Rich's House
 Wed. Apr. 1 Worship Committee Meeting 7pm

Giving for March 8, 2009

Church Offering:	Sunday School:	Peru Mission Trip
\$1027.50	\$17.00	\$300.00
Weekly Budget:		Scholarships:
\$1448.00		\$80.00

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.
- Please join us after worship for a **light potluck meal to celebrate Tameca Valian, and her children Tabbatha, Alexis, and Jailah,** as they move to California.
- **All the ladies** of the church are invited to a **baby shower for Diana Hartzler and baby Gabriella.** We are having a night out for them on **March 27th at 7:00** to be held at Shirley Coblentz's house. Please come to visit with the newest addition to the Friendship family! RSVP to Shirley or Sue Coblentz.

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