



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 22, 2009

With humanly scandalous remedies, God provides healing and hope in the midst of death and despair. We respond in trust, looking to God to restore us in times of trouble.

Coming to God

Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Songs
Offering

Learning about God

Campfire Worship Service: "The Good Shepherd"
Deb Horst & Kelli Ferguson, Camp Luz Staff

Responding to God

Song of Response
Sharing and Prayer
Sending Song
Benediction

Serving Today

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| Worship Leader: Anita Hooley | Song Leader: Jonathan Witmer-Rich |
| Usher: Todd Miller | Greeters: Ike & Jean White |
| SS Nursery: Cara Speros | Worship Nursery: Kayley Nickless |
| Piano: Rhonda Savage | |

Upcoming Events & Meetings

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| Today | Men's Group at Jerry Ruff's House 6pm |
| Thu. Mar. 26 | Pastoral Support Committee 6pm at Maria Witmer-Rich's House |
| Sat. Mar. 28 | Elders' Meeting 7:30am |
| Wed. Apr. 1 | Worship Committee Meeting 7pm |
| Fri. Apr. 3, 17 | Thirsting Souls Group 6:30pm |
| Thu. Apr. 9 | Maundy Thursday Service 6pm |

Giving for March 15, 2009

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| Church Offering: | Sunday School: | Peru Mission Trip |
| \$538.25 | \$10.00 | \$20.00 |
| Weekly Budget: | | MAMA Project |
| \$1448.00 | | \$90.00 |

Announcements:

- **Welcome to Friendship Mennonite Church! If you are visiting us this week, thank you!** We have a visitor packet for you that will be passed out during the announcements. This will give you information about our Church and a visitor information card for you to fill out and place in the offering so that we can get to know you. We are so glad to worship with you!
- Thank you to **Deb Horst and Kelli Ferguson from Camp Luz** for leading us in worship this morning! Deb is Camp Director at Camp Luz, and Kelli is a Voluntary Service participant serving as office manager for the camp. They will be bringing us the message and news from Camp Luz this morning!
- **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 **this Friday, 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.

Announcements Continued

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- **Pastor Kevin and Pastor Nan are out of town** visiting Nan's sister in Indiana who just had a baby. They will return to the office on Tuesday, March 24.
- **Sheri Banks continues her mission trip to Peru** this week. Please keep Sheri and her husband, Gary, as well as the other members of the mission team, in your prayers as they do God's work.
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