



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 29, 2009

With a firm grip upon our hand, God cleanses and renews us, writing laws and teaching us wisdom in our inner beings. We respond in trust, confessing our failure and submitting ourselves to God's way.

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 12:20-33
 Sermon: Kevin Kanagy

Responding to God

Song of Response
 Congregational Response
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

Serving Today

Worship Leader: Shirley Coblentz Song Leader: Jonathan Witmer-Rich
 Usher: Chris Savage Piano: Rhonda Savage
 SS Nursery: Alice Patton Worship Nursery: K & E Larkin
 Children's Church: Karen Speight Greeters: Mel & Parsilla Honsaker

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Wed. Apr. 1 Worship Committee Meeting 7 pm
 Thu. Apr. 9 Southgate Group 11am
 Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service 6 pm
 Fri. Apr. 10 Good Friday Service 1st UMC, Bedford noon
 Sat. Apr. 11 Come and Worship 6 pm
 Sun. Apr. 12 Easter Breakfast 9:30 am
 Wed. Apr. 15 FISH Meeting 5 pm

Giving for March 22, 2009

Church Offering:	Sunday School:	E. Europe Mission
\$2205.71	\$16.00	\$20.00
Weekly Budget:	Meals on Wheels:	Meat Canner
\$1448.00	\$5.00	\$20.00
	The Mennonite:	
	\$105.00	

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!
- **Two daylong prayer retreats, led by Deb Horst, will be held at Camp Luz** on, April 4th and April 8th. The retreat invites you to journey with Jesus during his last earthly week, to prepare you to anticipate resurrection Sunday. Suggested donations of \$5 per lunch will be accepted. Please RSVP by March 31 by e-mail to: campuz@zoominternet.net or call 330-683-1246.
- Please continue to keep **Sheri and Gary Banks** in your prayers as they begin the final days of their **mission trip to Peru**.

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Congregational Counselor:

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