



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

April 5, 2009

With an unexpected presence, God comes to us in humility. Though we begin Palm Sunday with clarity of vision and end with cries of despair, we recognize that our lives are in God's hands and respond in faith and trust.

Coming to God

Welcome and Announcements
 Call to Worship: Children's Procession
 Song: "Jesus is Coming"
 Children's Drama: Jesus Arrives in Jerusalem
 Offering

Learning about God

Songs of Praise
 Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11
 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: Tim Savage Piano: Rhonda Savage
 SS Nursery: Kayley Nickless Worship Nursery: Anita Hooley
 Greeters: Marge Meuti & Ben Yoder

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Thu. Apr. 9 Southgate Group 11am
 Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service 6:30 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
 Thu. Apr. 16 Women's Time Out 6 pm

Giving for March 29, 2009

Church Offering:	Sunday School:	The Mennonite:
\$1117.62	\$12.00	\$105.00
Weekly Budget:	Jan.-March Giving:	Jan.-March Budget:
\$1448.00	\$16,027.97	\$18,824.00

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!
- Praise God for **Anna Magdalena Smucker who was born on Wednesday, April 01, 2009 to Rachel and Ben Smucker!** Anna was 7 pounds, 5 ounces and 19 inches long. Congratulations to Rachel, Ben, and big sister Mary!
- **If you signed up to bring food for the Easter Breakfast,** please make plans to arrive between 9:00 and 9:15 so that we may have the food set up and begin serving breakfast right at 9:30. Thanks!

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Congregational Counselor:

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