

Please pray...

*If you have a prayer request or praise item that you would like shared in the bulletin, please let Cara Speros know, or email her at [secretary@friendmc.org](mailto:secretary@friendmc.org).*



# Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 20, 2011

We ponder your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.

Your name, O God, like your praise,  
reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with victory.- Psalms 48:9-10

## Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

## Praising

Songs of Praise

Confession

Time of Silent Prayers of Confession

## Hearing

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: *"God's Invitation, RSVP Required"* Kevin Kanagy

## Responding

Responding Song

Offering

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

## Sending

Sending Song

## Welcome to Friendship Mennonite Church!

### Visiting this week?

We are so glad you've joined us for worship! We hope you find a place to belong here. We together are searching for Jesus in our lives. You will receive a visitor packet in the service and we hope you can fill out the info card so we can get to know you better. Please place it in the offering plate. May you be blessed today!

## Announcements

- **Sign up to Serve!** Today in your mailboxes there is a list of potential areas of ministry to serve in this coming fall. In the next month, we invite you to prayerfully discern how God may be calling you to help build our church. Turn in your sheets by April 10 to the gifts discernment box or offering plate. More details to come!
- **“Bridges to the Cross”** is the theme for Pittsburgh 2011, MC USA’s biannual Convention. It will be held this July 4-9. You can find more information at [www.mennoniteusa.org](http://www.mennoniteusa.org). Several families and some of our youth are planning to attend – see Pastor Nan if you are thinking of attending!
- **One Psalm a day for 150 days!** Many people began reading the Psalms last month. It’s not too late to join us! Let’s join together as a church to read these poetic prayers in the Scriptures and put God at the center of our lives. A reading log is available from Cara Speros.
- **Next Sunday** we will collect the Penny Power Offering, which is sent to Mennonite Central Committee to help with relief efforts worldwide.
- **Building Fundraising.** Our church is working on several improvement projects this year, including: (1) the new entryway arch, (2) renovating the room next to the pastor's office, and (3) re-paving the driveway and parking lot. We need to raise \$15,000 to pay for these projects. Please consider how much you can contribute toward this goal -- every little bit helps. Please put your contributions in the offering labeled "Building Fund." For more information or questions, see Jonathan Witmer-Rich.
- **Scholarships:** It’s time to pledge our giving to Goshen College for the next school year. We will have one student Chris Savage who may be attending Goshen as a freshman. Goshen matches in part the funds we give for scholarships. If you are interested in giving extra for scholarships, please contact Sue Schmucker Coblentz. The pledge must be given by April 1.
- **Save your egg cartons!** MCC Connections in Kidron collects them to sell to local farmers. **Joe Kotva** will take them down once a month to donate. See Joe for more information.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$20.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; MAMA Project: \$90.00; Meals on Wheels: \$5.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$20.00; Scholarships: \$50.00.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Shirley Coblentz

*Song Leader:* Rachel Miller

*Piano:* Rhonda Savage

*Usher:* Chris Coblentz

*Sunday School Nursery:* Kayley Nickless

*Greeter:* Chris Coblentz

*Sound:* Ben Yoder

*PowerPoint:* Ben Yoder

*Worship Nursery:* Jonathan & Diana Hartzler

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## Serving Next Sunday

*Usher:* Chris Savage

*Greeter:* Rudy Coblentz

*Preaching:* Kevin Kanagy

*Sunday School Nursery:* Parsilla Honsaker

*Worship Nursery:* Jim & Sharon Thomas

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## Looking Ahead

### TODAY

Sunday, March 27

Saturday, April 2

Sunday, April 3

Wednesday, April 13

Saturday, April 16

Finding Hope Small Group 7:00 pm

Sojourners Small Group 4:30 pm

Youth Room Work Day 10:00 am

Finding Hope Small Group 7:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Elders’ Meeting 8:00 am

Ladies Night Out 6:00 pm

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## Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:  
\$3066.25

Weekly Budget:  
\$1371.00

### Friendship Mennonite Church

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**Congregational Counselor:**

**Secretary:** Cara Speros ([secretary@friendmc.org](mailto:secretary@friendmc.org))

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