



# Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 11, 2012

*For the message about the cross is foolishness  
to those who are perishing, but to us who  
are being saved it is the power of God.*

– 1 Corinthians 1:18

## Gathering

Gathering Song  
Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship

## Praising

Songs of Praise  
Offering

## Hearing

Confession and Assurance  
*Children are dismissed for Children's Church*  
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
Sermon: "A Covenant for Fools" Kevin Kanagy

## Responding

Responding Song/Action  
Congregational 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. Come visit again soon!

## Announcements

- **CALLING ON ALL SONGSTERS!** The Friendship Vocal Ensemble will continue practicing together! Rehearsals are set for every other Sunday, immediately after worship service. Rehearsals are approximately 30 minutes, more or less. Additional dates are March 18, March 25 and possibly April 1. If you were unable to join us last rehearsal, you are welcome to be with us. See **Elizabeth Jones** for additional information. Thank you for your participation and prayers.
- **Women....** mark your calendars for our upcoming FMC **Women's Retreat!** It will be May 4-6 at Asbury Camp and Retreat Center in Hiram, Ohio. Registration forms are available in the library. **The deadline to register is April 1.** Make checks payable to Friendship Mennonite Church and turn in registration and payment to **Jessica Stock** or **Cara Speros**.
- **Save your egg cartons and extra canning jars!** MCC Connections in Kidron collects them to sell to local farmers. **Joe Kotva** will take them down once a month to donate. Joe also will collect Campbell's soup labels for education to give to Central Christian Schools.
- **Got Cereal Boxes?** FMC Recycles. We can accept the following: newspaper, mail, catalogs, phone books, magazines, brown paper bags, office paper, flattened cardboard, and hard and soft bound books.
- **A lost and found box** for FMC items is located in the **closet right outside the sanctuary.** Please place any items you find, OR look for items you have lost. Thank you!
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- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$20.45; Penny Power: \$26.30; MCC Meat Canner: \$30.00.

***Serving Our Church Today***

*Worship Leader:* Amy Gingerich

*Piano:* Rhonda Savage

*Sunday School Nursery:* Cara Speros

*Sound:* Ben Yoder

*Song Leader:* Rachel Miller

*Usher:* Todd Miller

*Greeter:* Marge Meuti

*PowerPoint:* Ben Yoder

*Worship Nursery:* Ryan Claassen

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***Serving Next Sunday***

*Worship Leader:* Anita Hooley Yoder

*Usher:* Tim Savage

*Sunday School Nursery:* Kayley Nickless

*Song Leader:* Rachel Miller

*Greeter:* Elizabeth Jones

*Worship Nursery:* Chris Coblentz

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***Looking Ahead***

Tuesday, March 13

Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 14

Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 21

Family Fun Night 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 27

Children Christian Ed. Meeting 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 14

Church Work Day 9:00 am

May 4-6

Women's Retreat in Hiram, Ohio

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***Giving for Last Sunday***

Church Offering:

\$

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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#### Upcoming Birthdays...



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