

Please pray...

Upcoming Birthdays...



Keep these people in your prayers this week as they celebrate another year of life!

If you have a prayer request or praise that you would like to share, contact Cara Speros. secretary@friendmc.org.



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

May 13, 2012

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Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Praising

Songs of Praise

Offering

Hearing

A2O Sharing

Children are Dismissed for Children's Church

Scripture Reading: Exodus 1:8-22

Sermon: *"Birthing Our Deliverance"* Anita Hooley Yoder

Responding

Responding Song

Women's Retreat Sharing

Congregational Sharing and 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

- **The Friendship Vocal Ensemble** will meet and practice after service on TODAY. Thank you for your prompt attendance, participation and prayers. We are preparing songs for the Sunday, May 20. All are welcome even if you were unable to sing with us on Easter Sunday. See **Elizabeth Jones** if you have questions.
- **A2O Scripture Reading Discussions** Are you interested in digging deeper into the weekly Scripture readings? Join a group on a semi-regular basis for a time of discussion. Contact **Christina Stehouwer** with questions.
- **Like to decorate, paint or draw?** Ask **Anita Hooley Yoder** for a puzzle piece that fits the A2O “Golden Thread of Salvation Theme” Each family/individual can decorate a piece throughout the year.
- **City Fresh** Want to pick up fresh veggies weekly at FMC? City Fresh is accepting subscriptions for their first city fresh stop, June 13th. Pick up an application in the foyer brochure rack today! Volunteers are also needed on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 pm this summer. Please contact **April Mather** if you can volunteer.
- **Missions Sunday** is next week! We will celebrate after church with a potluck. All are invited and please bring a donation for Eastern European Missions as this is a fundraiser. You are invited to bring a dish from another country.
- **Lost Keys** Have you lost your keys? There is a set of keys in the church office with a Kroger grocery card attached. See Cara Speros if they are yours!
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$5.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Dean Burden

Piano: Rhonda Savage

Sunday School Nursery: Todd Miller

Sound: Jerry Ruff

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Usher: Elizabeth Jones

Greeter: Elizabeth Jones

PowerPoint: Ben Speros

Worship Nursery: Maria Witmer-Rich

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Yoder

Usher: Bill Speight

Sunday School Nursery: Cara Speros

Song Leader: Nan Kanagy

Greeter: Bill Speight

Worship Nursery: Chris Coblentz

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, May 15

Wednesday, May 16

Sunday, May 20

Sunday, May 27

Admin Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Family Fun Night 5:30 pm

Missions Potluck 12:15 pm

Potluck at Retreat 4:00 pm

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$377.80

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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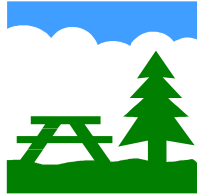
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Secretary: Cara Speros (secretary@friendmc.org)

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Worship (camping on Saturday)*

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Sunday October 7 - Fall hot dog roast

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Directions & info: For maps to the Retreat, if you need a ride, or if it is raining, please contact Sue or Chris Coblentz at home. Maps are also available in the brochure rack in the foyer.

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