

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](mailto:secretary@friendmc.org).*



# Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

June 24, 2012

*Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*

– Matthew 7:9-11

### Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

### Praising

Songs of Praise

Sending Prayer for Camp Luz Campers

Offering

Penny Power Offering

### Hearing

A2O Sharing

### *Children are dismissed for Sunday School*

Scripture Reading: Hosea 11:1,3-4; Matthew 7:9-11

Sermon: "What if God Really was Your Parent?" Joe Kotva, Jr.

### Responding

Responding Song

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

- **Thank you to Joe Kotva, Jr.** for bringing us the message this morning! Joe is the son of Joseph and Marjorie Kotva. He lives in Elkhart, Indiana, with his wife, Carol, and sons Joseph and Matthew. Joe teaches ethics part time at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Indiana University South Bend. In the past, Joe was the director of Anabaptist Center for Healthcare Ethics and was a pastor for 10 years in Allentown, Pennsylvania.
- **Help with our A2O puzzle!** We are in need of volunteers to paint, draw or write on our puzzle pieces. Ask **Anita Hooley Yoder** for a piece fits the Alpha to Omega display at the front of the church.
- **Updated Church Directory** Please find your copy in your church mailbox. Let **Cara Speros** know if you see an error.
- **Thank you to Ben Speros** for installing new label holders on our church mailboxes! Check them out when you pick up your new directory!
- **A2O Bible Reading Discussions** If you are interested in discussing the weekly scripture readings, a group will gather on Sunday mornings at 9:30 this summer. See **Christina Stehouwer** for more information.
- **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.
- **Time for Prayer** Prayer is our foundation of ministry. You are invited to join Pastor Nan for a time of prayer from 9:00-9:30 on the first and third Sundays of each month this summer. June 17, July 1, July 15, August 5, August 19. We will meet in the youth room upstairs and pray for our lives, our church, our community, and our world during this time.
- **Moving Help Needed** Harvey Osman will be moving tomorrow, with **Rudy and Shirley Coblentz** in charge. If you can give assistance with the move, please contact Rudy or Shirley.
- **Additional Giving for Last Sunday:** Meals on Wheels: \$25.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$30.00.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Amy Gingerich  
*Piano:* Rhonda Savage  
*Worship Nursery:* April Mather  
*Sound:* Ben Yoder  
*Preschool Class:* None

*Song Leader:* Rachel Miller  
*Usher:* Bill Speight  
*Greeter:* Bill Speight  
*PowerPoint:* Ben Yoder  
*Children's Church:* Anita Hooley Yoder

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## Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* April Mather  
*Usher:* Todd Miller  
*Children's Church:* Jessica Stock  
*Worship Nursery:* Kayley Nickless and Karen Ruff

*Song Leader:* Rachel Miller  
*Greeter:* Elizabeth Jones  
*Preschool:* Amy Gingerich

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## Looking Ahead

Wednesday, June 27

FMC City Fresh Stop 5:30-6:30

Family Fun Night 5:30

Thursday, June 28

Women's Bible Study 6:30

July 11-23

Pastors on Vacation

## Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:  
\$1478.05

Weekly Budget:  
\$1371.00

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