



Alpha to Omega:

Following the Golden Thread of Salvation History

At FMC, we are journeying through the Bible together in one year. Join us as we read from a Chronological Bible and explore what God is saying to us through God's Word. Pick up a free Bible in the foyer if you do not have one.

Week 47 Readings

Sunday, February 24: 1 Corinthians 4:1-7:40, pages 1512-1516

Monday, February 25: 1 Corinthians 8:1-11:1, pages 1517-1519

Tuesday, February 26: 1 Corinthians 11:2-13:13, pages 1520-1523

Wednesday, February 27: 1 Corinthians 14:1-15:58, pages 1523-1527

Thursday, February 28: Corinthians 16:1-24, Acts 19:21-20:6,
Romans 1:1-32, pages 1527-1531

Friday, March 1: Romans 2:1-4:25, pages 1531-1535

Saturday, March 2: Romans 5:1-8:17, pages 1535-1538



Happy Birthday!



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

***Contact the church office for a
birthday list***



Friendship Mennonite Church Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

February 24, 2013

Gathering

Welcome

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Praising

Songs of Praise

Lent Confession

Offering

Hearing

A20 Sharing

Introduction to the Lent Practice of the Week

Scripture Reading

Sermon: Vikki Pruitt-Sorrels

Responding

Responding Song

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Announcements

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. Together we are serving Jesus and looking for God's work in our world.
Come visit again soon!

Announcements

- **This Saturday, March 2 - Lent Retreat** All adults are invited to a morning "retreat" of art, poetry, and reflection as we seek to renew our spiritual lives during the season of Lent. (Don't worry if you don't consider yourself an artist or a poet--there will be easy ways for everyone to be involved!) Childcare will be provided. 9:00 am to 12 noon. Contact **Anita Hooley Yoder** with questions.
- **Pastors Kevin and Nan** are visiting with family this morning. Thank you to **Pastor Vikki Pruitt-Sorrells** from Lee Heights for bringing us the morning message.
- **Sister Care Seminar** - Sister Care validates women's gifts of caring and equips them to respond more effectively to the needs of others in their lives and in the congregation. If you are interested in attending the Sister Care Seminar in Bluffton, Ohio on April 26-27, see **Rhonda Savage** or the insert in the bulletin.
- **Friendship Vocal Ensemble** will meet for about 45 minutes following today's service. First timers and all others are welcome, and your prompt attendance is appreciated. See **Elizabeth Jones** for more information.
- **Bulletin Information** If you have items for the bulletin, please have them to **Cara Speros** by **Wednesday** evenings at 5:00. You can contact her at secretary@friendmc.org or by calling the church and leaving a message.
- **Financial Peace University** is a video-based class led by financial expert Dave Ramsey. A class will be offered at Northfield Presbyterian Church beginning in April. Scholarships are available and more information can be found at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/44235/class/227833> Contact Pastor Nan if you are interested.
- **Upward Bound Angels** meets in our fellowship hall the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 7 to 9 pm. They invite women of the church and community to join these discussions. The objective of the group is to uplift, strengthen, encourage and promote problem solving dialogue especially in areas of domestic violence, conflict resolution, health awareness and other concerns. The group is new and working on obtaining their own nonprofit status.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Jonathan Witmer-Rich *Song Leader:* J Witmer-Rich
Piano: Rhonda Savage *Usher:* Elizabeth Jones
Sunday School Nursery: Jen Prough *Greeter:* Licia Griffin
Sound: Jerry Ruff *PowerPoint:* Ben Speros
Worship Nursery: Licia Griffin *Sunday Building Trustee:* B Speros

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Nan Kanagy *Song Leader:* Rachel Miller
Usher: Elizabeth Jones *Greeters:* C Coblentz & P Witmer-Rich
Sunday School Nursery: TBA *Worship Nursery:* TBA
Sunday Building Trustee: TBA

Looking Ahead

TODAY

Wednesday, February 27

Saturday, March 2

Sunday, March 3

March 22-23

Vocal Ensemble practice after Worship
Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm
Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm
Lent Retreat
Potluck Meal after Worship
Lasting Flame Marriage Seminar

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:
\$

Weekly Budget:
\$1371.00

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Secretary: Cara Speros (secretary@friendmc.org)

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Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ!

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Speakers: Steve and Annie Chapman

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