



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 48 Readings

Sunday, March 3: Romans 8:18-10:21, pages 1538-1542

Monday, March 4: Romans 11:1-14:23, pages 1543-1547

Tuesday, March 5: Rom 15:1-16:27, 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4,
pages 1547-1552

Wednesday, March 6: 2 Corinthians 2:5-6:13, pages 1552-1555

Thursday, March 7: 2 Corinthians 6:14-10:18, pages 1556-1559

Friday, March 8: 2 Corinthians 11:1-13:13, Acts 20:7-12,
pages 1561-1564

Saturday, March 9: Acts 20:13-21:36, pages 1564-1567



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

March 3, 2013

Gathering

Welcome

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Praising

Songs of Praise

Lent Confession

Offering – Eric Miller, Trombone

Hearing

A2O Sharing

Introduction to the Lent Practice of the Week

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Sermon: "The Faith Effect" Kevin Kanagy

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

- **Ohio Mennonite Annual Conference Assembly: Pastors Kevin and Nan, Christina Stehouwer, Elizabeth Jones and Rachel Breuning** will all be helping lead worship Saturday for ACA. 80+ churches will gather for worship, work, workshops and sharing. **Anita Hooley Yoder and Katherine Harris** will go as our church's delegates. **Amy Gingerich** will also attend. If you would like to attend, please visit the Ohio Conference Website for a schedule and more information. Your prayers are appreciated!
- **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 not meet today so that all may enjoy the potluck meal. We do have two more practices, on March 10 and March 17, for Palm Sunday celebration music. Thank you for your participation! 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.
- **Giving for February 17:** Church Offering: \$1550.55; Sunday School: \$35.36; Peru Mission: \$35.00; MAMA Project: \$90.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$20.00.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$10.00; Penny Power Offering: \$23.60.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Nan Kanagy

Piano: Rhonda Savage

Sunday School Nursery: Amy Gingerich

Sound: Ben Yoder

Worship Nursery: Jess Stock

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Usher: Elizabeth Jones

Greeters: Chris Coblentz

PowerPoint: Ben Yoder

Sunday Building Trustee: Prough

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: April Mather

Usher: Todd Miller

Sunday School Nursery: Steve Mather

Sunday Building Trustee: Steve and April Mather

Song Leader: Rhonda

Greeters: Katherine Harris

Worship Nursery: M Witmer-Rich

Looking Ahead

TODAY

Wednesday, March 6

March 22-23

April 26-27

Potluck Meal after Worship

Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm

Lasting Flame Marriage Seminar

Sister-Care Seminar in Bluffton, OH

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$990.00

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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