



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 49 Readings

Sunday, March 10: Acts 21:37-23:35, pages 1567-1570

Monday, March 11: Acts 24:1-26:32, pages 1570-1573

Tuesday, March 12: Acts 27:1-44, pages 1574-1575

Wednesday, March 13: Acts 28:1-31, Ephesians 1:1-2:22,
pages 1576-1579

Thursday, March 14: Ephesians 3:1-5:14, pages 1579-1582

Friday, March 15: Ephesians 5:15-6:23, Colossians 1:1-23,
pages 1582-1585

Saturday, March 16: Colossians 1:24-4:18, pages 1585-1588



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 10, 2013

Gathering

Welcome

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Praising

Songs of Praise

Lent Confession

Offering

Hearing

A2O Sharing

Introduction to the Lent Practice of the Week

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 13-15

Sermon: "*Generosity: The Grace of Giving*" Virgil and Kathy Troyer

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

- **Thank you to Virgil and Kathy Troyer** for bringing us the message this morning! Virgil and Kathy served a four-year term with MCC as regional disaster management coordinators in Central America, Mexico and Haiti 2008-2012. Their work included the response to the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and to other disasters in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Kathy also served part-time with a local ministry in the neighborhood in which they lived in Honduras. They currently live in Apple Creek, Ohio where Virgil is the director of MCC Connections Thrift Store (Kidron) and Kathy is the nurse at New Leaf Center (Mt Eaton), a clinic serving the needs of Amish children with genetic disorders.
- **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 today immediately after service to practice Palm Sunday celebration music. Our final Palm Sunday rehearsal is March 17. First timers and new comers are welcome. Prompt attendance is appreciated. 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.
- **Summer is Coming!** It's time to start thinking about Summer Camp! At Camp Luz this summer, campers will learn about how "God is Greater!" If you register your camper by April 15, they will receive a free t-shirt when they check in! See www.camluz.com for more information.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$9.75; Peru Mission: \$10.00; Meals on Wheels: \$10.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$30.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: April Mather

Song Leader: Rhonda Savage

Piano: Elizabeth Jones

Usher: Todd Miller

Sunday School Nursery: Steve Mather

Greeter: Katherine Harris

Sound: Ben Speros

PowerPoint: Ben Speros

Worship Nursery: M Witmer-Rich

Sunday Building Trustee: Mather

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Shirley Coblentz

Song Leader: J Witmer-Rich

Usher: Jim Stock

Greeter: Elizabeth Jones

Sunday School Nursery: Todd Miller

Worship Nursery: J & D Hartzler

Sunday Building Trustee: Anita and Ben Yoder

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, March 13

Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm

March 22-23

Lasting Flame Marriage Seminar

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Meal and Service 6 pm

April 26-27

Sister-Care Seminar in Bluffton, OH

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$2595.00

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ!

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