



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 51 Readings

Sunday, March 24: 2 Timothy 4:19-22, Hebrews 1:1-4:13,
pages 1610-1614

Monday, March 25: Hebrews 4:14-7:28, pages 1614-1617

Tuesday, March 26: Hebrews 8:1-10:39, pages 1618-1622

Wednesday, March 27: Hebrews 11:1-12:29, pages 1622-1625

Thursday, March 28: Hebrews 13:1-25, 1 Peter 1:1-2:3, pages 1625-1628

Friday, March 29: 1 Peter 2:4-5:11, pages 1628-1633

Saturday, March 30: 1 Peter 5:12-14, 2 Peter 1:1-3:18, pages 1633-1636



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 24, 2013

Gathering

Welcome

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Praising

Songs of Praise

Lent Confession

Offering – *Amelia Witmer-Rich, piano*

Hearing

A20 Sharing

Introduction to the Lent Practice of the Week

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Sermon: *"An Unlimited Patience"* 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

- **Thank you to the Friendship Vocal Ensemble, under the leadership of Elizabeth Jones** for leading us in music this morning!
- **Communion** Next week, March 31, we will be celebrating communion together. We welcome all to the table to remember the life and death of Jesus. Grapes and a blessing will be available for the children as a special time for them to share.
- **Bible Party and A2O Celebration!** Everyone is invited on April 7th from 9:30-10:30 am to the fellowship hall for fun. Come prepared to celebrate together. All regular Sunday School classes are cancelled and everyone is encouraged to attend and celebrate the end of our A2O year of reading through the Bible together. Check your mailbox for a list of foods mentioned in the Bible that you could include in your potluck dish!
- **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**
- **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.
- **Making Summer Plans yet?** FMC adults are invited to consider serving with MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) in New York City, July 15 to 20th with Pastors Kevin and Nan who will be participating in the Pastors to Projects program. They will help rebuild housing damaged from hurricane Sandy this past fall. Contact Pastor Nan for more information.
- **MCC Update** In the two years since the armed conflict began in Syria, 70,000 people have been killed and 3 million Syrians have fled their homes to seek shelter in other countries or safer areas within Syria. Mennonite Central Committee continues to send them tangible messages of God's love and compassion through milk powder and diapers, peacebuilding and trauma workshops, emergency food, and kits and blankets. Please hold all who have been affected by this crisis in your prayers. You also can help MCC continue its emergency response in Syria and with Syrian refugees living in Jordan and Lebanon by donating to the Middle East crisis fund. You may donate online, mcc.org/middleeastcrisis or by calling 1-888-563-4676.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Shirley Coblentz

Song Leader: Vocal Ensemble

Piano: Elizabeth Jones

Usher: Jonathan Hartzler

Sunday School Nursery: Chris Coblentz

Greeter: Ryan Claassen

Sound: Ben Yoder

PowerPoint: Ben Yoder

Worship Nursery: Jen Prough

Sunday Building Trustee: Hartzler

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich

Song Leader: Nan Kanagy

Usher: Matt Savage

Greeter: Rudy Coblentz

Sunday School Nursery: None

Worship Nursery: Angela Thornton

Sunday Building Trustee: Ben Speros

Looking Ahead

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Meal and Service 6 pm

Sunday, March 31

Easter Breakfast and Celebration!

Sunday, April 7

A2O Celebration Biblical Potluck

Tuesday, April 9

Children's Christian Ed Meeting 7:00 pm

April 26-27

Sister-Care Seminar in Bluffton, OH

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

Weekly Budget:

\$

\$1371.00

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