

Announcements Continued

- **Donations to MCC** Each month, Joe Kotva makes a trip to MCC Connections in Kidron, Ohio. He is always willing to take any egg cartons and/or soup labels that others may have to donate. See Joe if you have any questions.
- **Coffee and Doughnuts anyone?** Please sign up in the lobby for a new year of sharing food and drink with the church on Sunday morning. Thanks to all who have done so this far! Contact **Christina Stehouwer** or **Angela Thornton** with questions.
- **Save the Date!** All women are invited and encouraged to attend the Ohio Mennonite Women Spring Day of Inspiration. This day will be held at nearby Lee Heights Community Church on Saturday, April 5, 2014.
- **The MCC Great Lakes Annual Meeting** is usually held in late February. Starting this year there will be three separate special Celebrate MCC meetings from May 3 to May 10 rather than one event as has been the tradition. The Ohio event is on Saturday afternoon on May 10 at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Kidron. We are excited that several special guests from Haiti will join us this year with MCC updates on the continuing response to the 2010 Haiti earthquake. More information in April.
- **Prayer Time** All are invited to join together from 9:00-9:30 for a time of prayer for our church and community and for what God is doing around us. We will meet in the Conference Room on the following Sundays: February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, and April 13 & 27.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$9.00; Meals on Wheels: \$10.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$30.00.



Happy Birthday!



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

Contact the church office for a list of upcoming birthdays



Friendship Mennonite Church

February 23, 2014

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Songs of Praise
Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:47-58
Sermon: Kevin Kanagy
Responding Song
Congregational Sharing and Prayer
Offering
Penny Power Offering
Announcements
Sending Song

Visiting this week?

Welcome to Friendship Mennonite Church!

We are so glad you've joined us for worship! We hope you find a place to belong and consider joining us in God's mission. We are looking for people to join us who are interested in learning more about Jesus, becoming a disciple and finding out God's purpose for them in life!

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- **Ohio Conference's Annual Conference Assembly** will be held Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8 at Bluffton University. You are welcome to attend the assembly worship times and workshops even if you are not a delegate. Copies of the 2014 ACA schedule, registration form and workshop sheet are available at the Ohio Conference Website. (www.ohiomennoniteconference.org)
- **All are welcome** to participate in the Friendship Vocal Ensemble [one does not have to have an operatic voice or know how to read music!]; children's participation in Bell Choir encouraged; and, if your child has a talent that we are unaware of, please let us know. We enjoy having our children offer a musical selection or maybe recite a poem during the offering. Elizabeth is responsible for scheduling the offering activity.
- **Missions Potluck** Join us for a potluck fundraiser after worship today, to help support our sister G in Eastern Europe as she continues to author books, travel, and speak the truth of Jesus to church groups, youth conferences and orphanages. G moved to Hungary in 2011 after living and serving here at FMC for many years and will be here that Sunday to worship and fellowship with us.
- **Marriage Seminars** Married life is stressful. Juggling work, children, and activities can make it tough to show patient love to your spouse every day. That is where the Weekend to Remember marriage getaway from FamilyLife comes in. March is a great time to spend a weekend away, after being cooped up all winter. We are fortunate to have 2 weekends with locations in close proximity, March 7-9 at Hilton Akron in Fairlawn or March 14-16 Embassy Suites Rockside in Independence. FMC still has money for this getaway in the Marriage Fund. This can also be used for any other Christian based marriage retreat. For more information, contact Shirley Coblentz ASAP.
- **Thank you**, Friendship Mennonite Church, for giving \$2193.49 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2013! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission are felt across the street and around the world. Because of your generosity, this year, we're able to respond to even more calls to ministry! Gratefully, Stanley Green, Executive Director, and staff of Mennonite Mission Network.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Dean Burden

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Piano: Rhonda Savage

Usher: Tim Savage

Sunday School Nursery: Chris Coblentz

Greeter: Mary Lowery

Worship Nursery: Maria Witmer-Rich *Sunday Building Trustee:* B Speros

A/V Team (Sound/PowerPoint): Ben Speros

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich

Song Leader: Jonathan Witmer-Rich

Usher: Elizabeth Jones

Greeters: Melvin & Parsilla Honsaker

SS Nursery: Cara Speros

Worship Nursery: April Mather

Sunday Building Trustee: Amy Gingerich & Ryan Claassen

Looking Ahead

TODAY

Tuesday, February 25

Saturday, March 8

Sunday, March 9

Sunday, March 23

Sunday, March 30

Saturday, April 5

Sunday, April 6

Mission Potluck after Worship 12 noon

Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Ohio Conference Annual Assembly

Lenten Luncheon after Worship

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MCC Relief Kits 9:30 am

Women's Day of Inspiration

Lenten Luncheon after Worship

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$1569.50

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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Announcing....

Lenten Lunches

March 9 - Salad Lunch (sign up on bulletin board)

March 23 - Soup Lunch

April 6 - Potluck

During this reflective season, we hope that our lunches can be a chance for intentional sharing with one another in addition to being a fun chance to catch up. As we eat together we will have questions at each table to stimulate sharing as a group for those who feel comfortable. We will also have a member of the congregation share a short testimony with the larger group after lunch.

Children will also have fun activities from 12:30 – 1:30

Infants through 6 years: Childcare and crafts upstairs

7 years through 12 years: Kids Club!

All are invited to stay during these times
for meaningful fellowship and stories.

Mark your calendars today!

*Brought to you by Worship Committee
(Steve Mather, Rachel Miller, Nathan Stehouwer and Kanagys)*

AND

*Fellowship and Family Life Committee
(Christina Stehouwer, Angela Thornton, Nan Kanagy)*

Mennonite Central Committee Relief Kits



Looking for a way to serve? MCC Relief Kits Coming soon!

Why not take on a new discipline during this season of Lent? Purchase something for someone else every time you go grocery? Donate items like soap, towels and toothbrushes (see the full list below). We will be collecting items for MCC Relief Kits during the month of March. Save the date for **March 30** during the Christian Ed Hour as we put these kits together.

Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families traumatized by war and disasters. In recent years, kits have been sent to Haiti, Iraq, Gaza, Bosnia, Serbia, Nepal, Mozambique, Indonesia and Honduras.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapping)
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (380-710ml / 13-24oz; place bottle in a re-sealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars of laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha, Sunlight or Zote brands; contact your local MCC warehouse with questions)
- 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (minimum 130ml / 6oz; leave in box)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (leave in packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs(6 to 8in / 15 to 20cm)
- 1 fingernail clipper

- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18-24 thin maxi)