

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, soup labels, or glass canning jars 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: \$8.00; Meals on Wheels: \$5.00; Penny Power Offering: \$19.42; Eastern European Missions: \$798.



Happy Birthday!



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

Charlotte Witmer-Rich: March 16

Todd Miller: March 19



Friendship Mennonite Church

March 2, 2014

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Songs of Praise
Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:13-23
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.
- **The Friendship Vocal Ensemble** is leading the music for our Easter Sunday (April 20) celebration. Practices are scheduled immediately after worship services for the third and fifth Sundays of March, March 16 and March 30, and the second Sunday of April, Palm Sunday, April 13. All voices are welcome, high and low, operatic and non-operatic. As usual, I appreciate your participation and thank you for your vocal and all other talents!!
- **The Friendship Bell Choir**, ages five and older, will be ringing bells during our Easter Sunday (April 20) celebration. Practices are scheduled during Children's Church on the fourth Sunday of March, March 23, and the first Sunday of April, April 6. Parents, thank you for your child's participation.
- **Thanks to Golden Standard**, the cleaning company that the church uses, we were able to donate \$900 to the Mentoring Network in our community. Golden Standard donates a portion of their income from us to the Mentoring Network each year. In 2013, \$900 was donated. This is one small way we can impact the community we live in. The Mentoring Network connects men from local churches to Bedford High School and Middle School students.
- **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: Jonathan Witmer-Rich

Piano: Rhonda Savage

Usher: Elizabeth Jones

Sunday School Nursery: C Speros

Greeters: Melvin & Parsilla Honsaker

Worship Nursery: April Mather

Sunday Building Trustee: R Claassen

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

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Nate Stehouwer

Song Leader: Rhonda Savage

Usher: Chris Savage

Greeter: Chris Coblentz

SS Nursery: Todd Miller

Worship Nursery: Diana & Jonathan Hartzler

Sunday Building Trustee: Nate & Christina Stehouwer

Looking Ahead

Saturday, March 8

Ohio Conference Annual Assembly

Sunday, March 9

Lenten Luncheon after Worship

Wednesday, March 12

Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 18

Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 23

Lenten Luncheon after Worship

Sunday, March 30

MCC Relief Kits 9:30 am

Saturday, April 5

Women's Day of Inspiration

Sunday, April 6

Lenten Luncheon after Worship

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$1008.00

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)