

Prayer Requests

- Pray for those in our congregation who have lost loved ones in recent months, as they grieve.
- Pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with stress that seems overwhelming at times, that God will comfort them.
- Pray for M, who had foot surgery, as she heals.
- Pray for A's brother, V, who was shot in the neck and is recovering well.
- Pray for S, as she recovers from kidney issues.
- Pray for K & J as they support a friend who recently lost a son.
- Pray for T & J and their family as they are beginning their full-time missionary work in Guatemala. They are former members of FMC.
- Pray for those involved with City Fresh for this year. Pray for overall director Anna Kiss and for April Mather, the director of our site here at FMC.
- Pray for Ohio Conference's Leadership Team as they begin the search for a transitional conference leader.
- Pray that as summer comes to a close, students may spend quality time with their families and get the rest they need to begin the 2015-2016 year well.

If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the bulletin, contact Cara Speros at secretary@friendmc.org.



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

August 9, 2015

Welcome & Scripture Memory

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon: "Come to Me" Lidia Zehr

Responding Song

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Announcements

Sending Song

Benediction

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 in life!

Announcements

- **Thank you to Lidia Zehr** for sharing with us this morning! Lidia was born in Argentina. She and her husband Doug were married in 1986 and have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. They were MCC volunteers in Bolivia for 10 years. Lidia has a Bachelor's degree in Theology and also in English as a Second Language. She has served as a missionary since she was 12 years old. In 2002, Lidia became pastor of Crystal Springs Mennonite Church in Kansas. They moved to Ohio in December 2014.
- **This morning**, Kevin and Nan are in Columbus, OH for the weekend, celebrating their 15 year anniversary.
- **Friendship Retreat** Join us NEXT SUNDAY for a time of Worship at Friendship Retreat! We will gather at our property in Geauga County for Sunday morning worship at 10:45, followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch and a lawn chair, and join us for this amazing worship time in God's creation. Directions are in the foyer brochure rack. There will NOT be Worship at the church building next week.
- **Service and Learning Sunday** Two weeks from today, August 23 will be our August Serving and Learning Sunday! More details to come. Please plan to come from 9:30 to 10:30 for our intergenerational time of serving together at various stations, and learning about mission around the world!
- **Rib Fundraiser.** Saturday, August 22, Pastor Kevin will be smoking ribs to sell in order to raise money for their trip to Mennonite World conference. Then Sunday, August 23, we will have World Conference Sharing Sunday by a number of members who attended World Conference in Harrisburg two weeks ago. Order forms will be emailed this week or please call the church office or Kevin and Nan to make an order. Donations accepted for the ribs.
- **Back to School Sunday** Join us also on Sunday, August 30 for Back-to-School Sunday as we pray for our teachers and students who will be heading back to school!
- **Fall Christian Education** will begin on Sunday, September 6.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$6.00; Meals on Wheels: \$40.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$40.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Rhonda Savage *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich
Guitar: Aaron Ressler *Usher:* Chris Savage
Sunday School Nursery: Ryan Claassen *Greeter:* Rudy Coblentz
Worship Nursery: Angela Thornton *A/V Team:* Eric Miller
Sunday Building Trustee: Ben Speros

Serving Next Sunday

Next Sunday, we will worship together at Friendship Retreat in Geauga County at 10:45 am. There will not be Worship at the church building on Sunday, August 16.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, August 12	City Fresh
Sunday, August 16	Worship at Friendship Retreat 10:45 am
Monday, August 17	Children's Christian Ed Meeting 7:00 pm
Sunday, August 23	Service and Learning Sunday 9:30 am
Sunday, August 30	Back to School Sunday
Sunday, September 6	Fall Sunday School Begins 9:30 am
September 18-20	Women's Retreat at Camp Luz

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:
\$3902.00

Weekly Budget:
\$1371.00

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FMC 2015 Summer Scripture Memory

Galatians 5:16-17, 22-25

16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ^{17a} For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh;

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Ohio Mennonite Women's Fall Retreat

All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend this fun event the weekend of September 18-20. The theme is "Where is the Pause Button?" and promises to be a fun time filled with fellowship, worship and sharing. Speakers will share their journeys to intentionally slow down and nurture the spirit in the midst of busyness.

Anyone interested can let Cara Speros know, and see Pastor Nan with questions!



Thank you for your help with the 2015 City Fresh Season!

Thank you all for your support and prayers for the City Fresh ministry. With your help we had 25 people use our stop at some point this season to connect with fresh, local produce. We still have 2 weeks left (we end on Aug. 12th). Highlights from the season so far include:

- Meeting 12 new people this year
- Connecting with a shareholder who attended FMC as a child
- Having help from some of the girls from the Day Care. Every year a different batch of kids come and help, and every year it is a treat to see. This year it was particularly heartwarming to see one girl ask every shareholder if he or she wanted a prayer, and then pray with those who said they did.
- And of course there was the first fresh food workshop, focusing on kale and greens. We had 11 people total participate and all seemed to have a great time.

Ways to pray for this ministry:

- * That we may be God's light to our community
- * For the volunteers that help make this possible
- * For the shareholders, that they may know God's peace
- * For wisdom for the advisory board as they plan and discern what happens next. Another workshop in the fall? Keep doing City Fresh in the spring?

Thank you everyone for your support and encouragement as we all work to find ways God calls us to work in our community and within our congregation.

Running a weekly "City Fresh Stop" is a ministry of Friendship Mennonite Church and several area agencies/individuals/churches. City Fresh is a Cleveland area CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program. Pick up is on Wednesdays June 24 through August 12. Visit www.cityfresh.org for more info.