

## Join us for the City Fresh 2016 Season! Wednesdays from 3:45-6:30pm from Until September 21<sup>st</sup>!

Yes, you read that right! Brother Dan has offered to run the City Fresh stop an extra month so that we can continue to share and connect with our neighbors during the peak of God's garden goodness. Thank you to all of you who have prayed for this ministry and volunteered to help. A big thank you to all of you who have donated to provide shares to the Southeast Clergy Hunger Center! We have matched the Church of the Master donation! We can always accept more donations for the Hunger Center. Let April know if you'd like to contribute a \$16 share!

### Ways to pray for this ministry:

- \* That we may be God's light to our community
- \* For volunteers that help make this possible
- \* For the kids and teachers at the Day Care as they learn more about gardening and try new veggies. Some kids are finding they are gifted in gardening!
- \* For our relationship with the SE Hunger Center to grow

### Needs:

Volunteers! Thank you to those who have volunteered so far! There are still openings for volunteers, mostly for help between 3:45 - 6:30 each week, especially in September. Please see April to sign up!

Consider donating \$16 to buy a share for the Hunger Center. Our goal is to provide at least 2 per week for them!

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 15 through September 21st. Visit [www.cityfresh.org](http://www.cityfresh.org) for more info.



**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 7, 2016**

Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Songs of Praise  
Scripture Reading: Exodus 34:5-7; Romans 2:5-11  
Sermon: *"God is Gracious: We Are Forgiven"*  
Brother Dan Hooley  
Responding Song  
Congregational Sharing & Prayer  
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 in life!

## Announcements

- **Worship at Friendship Retreat** Next Sunday, there will be no Service at Friendship Mennonite Church 21881 Libby Road. Instead, our morning worship will be at our retreat property. Join us at 10:45 for a time of Worship in Creation, followed by a shared potluck meal. Bring a dish to share at the meal, your own place settings, and a lawn chair. Directions are in the magazine rack in the lobby, and can be found online at <http://www.friendmc.org/retreat.php/>
- **Back-to-School Sunday!** Join us on Sunday, August 21 as we kick off a new school year! Sunday School will resume this week – classes are available for newborns through adults. We will also have a Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship, so students may bring their backpacks with them.
- **Pastoral Search Update:** The Pastoral Search Committee has completed the Congregational Information Form and is beginning to review candidates for the job of FMC pastor. Please contact Maria Witmer-Rich (m\_witmer\_rich@hotmail.com, 216.235.4467) if you have a name of someone that you would like to suggest as a candidate for pastor at FMC.
- **Bicycle Donations Needed** Bedford Heights Day Care, which meets in our building during the week, is looking for donations of all sizes of bikes. Let Cara Speros know if you have a bike that you are able to donate.
- **Hymn Sing** Aurora Mennonite Church invites you to participate in a Community Hymn Sing on Sunday, August 7 at 6:00. This will be a time of singing and fellowship with refreshments to follow. The church is located at 59 E. Mennonite Road (corner of SR 43 and Mennonite Rd.) Aurora, OH. For more information, call 330-562-8011 or email [auroramenn@windstream.net](mailto:auroramenn@windstream.net).
- **Summer Travels** Please keep those who are traveling from our congregation in your prayers as they are away from us.

## Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich

Song Leader: Rhonda Savage

Piano: Elizabeth Jones

Usher: Todd Miller

Sunday School Nursery: None

Greeter: Ryan Claassen

Worship Nursery: Maria Witmer-Rich

A/V Team: Eric Miller

Sunday Building Trustee: Witmer-Rich Family

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### Serving Next Sunday

Next Sunday's service will be held at Friendship Retreat in Geauga County!

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### Looking Ahead

Thursday, August 11    Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm  
Sunday, August 14    Worship at Friendship Retreat 10:45 am  
Wednesday, Aug. 17    Pastoral Search Committee Meeting 7:00 pm  
Saturday, Aug. 20    Youth/Mentor Gathering  
Sunday, Aug. 21    Sunday School Resumes 9:45 am

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### Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:  
\$

Weekly Budget:  
\$1371.00

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