

# Thank You for Your Help In Our 2016 City Fresh Season!

What an amazing City Fresh Season we had this year, and I am grateful for God's perseverance as City Fresh starts to bloom and fill a niche here in our community. This year our stop centered on 2 kinds of service: the Hunger Center and the Day Care.

Thank you to all of you who have prayed for this ministry, who volunteered to help, and who have donated to provide shares to the Southeast Clergy Hunger Center! Do you know, you, along with the Women's group at Church of the Master, we donated more than 52 shares of food to the Hunger Center this summer? As Joe Kotva, who was gracious enough to deliver the food can tell you- that's a lot of produce.

We also saw 14 shares donated each week to be available to use during the stop with kids from the Day Care. Any food not used, was then shared with the Hunger Center. Working with the Day Care was a beautiful part of this summer. In conjunction with working with the Day Care on their garden, Anita and a few others were able to prep and share produce with a few kids each week. This is a starting point for a deeper relationship, both with the Day Care, and more importantly, with the kids.

Thank you to everyone at FMC who prayed for this ministry, both this year, and over the last 5 years. I am grateful to everyone who has volunteered or donated money for Hunger Center shares. I am grateful to all who come on Wednesdays to help and who can enjoy that fellowship we share as we work. Thank you to Brother Dan, who stepped in to close out our season, allowing these connections and relationships more time to bear fruit and to Mary Lowery who helps guide this ministry on the Advisory Board.

- April Mather

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

**September 18, 2016**

Welcome  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship  
Songs of Praise  
Scripture Reading: Mark 1:29-39  
Sermon: Brother Dan Hooley  
Responding Song  
Congregational Sharing & 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

- **Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) update:** The PSC began preliminary interviews with candidates, and will continue to interview candidates over the next couple of weeks. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for the committee as they enter this new phase.
- **Potluck at Friendship Retreat** Join us on Sunday, October 2, at 4:00 pm at our Retreat property in Geauga County, for our last potluck meal of the season! We will gather at 4:00 for fellowship and will eat around 5:00. Hot dogs will be provided; please bring a dish to share, your own place settings, and a lawn chair. Directions can be found in the brochure rack in the foyer. Contact Sue or Chris Schmucker Coblentz with questions.
- **Meals on Wheels** is an organization that provides meals to low-income seniors in our area. Our very own Joe Kotva helps weekly with this, and they recently sent us a note thanking us for our \$85.00 donation and for sharing Joe with them. They are having a fundraiser on September 23 to help provide meals to even more people. See the bulletin board for details.
- **Seminar to focus on missional essentials** Berlin Mennonite Church will host a one-day seminar, “Missional Essentials: Engaging God’s mission where you live, work and play,” on Oct. 29. The facilitators of this seminar will be Brad Brisco and Lance Ford, who were the presenters at the “Becoming Missional” training event at Central Mennonite Church in March 2016 prior to Annual Conference Assembly. Brother Dan would welcome others from Friendship Mennonite to join him at this seminar. Please contact him if you are interested in attending.
- **Additional Giving from last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$20.00; Ice Cream Social: \$238.00; Love Fund: \$50.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$30.00; Meals on Wheels: \$20.00.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Anita Hooley Yoder      *Song Leader:* Rhonda Savage  
*Piano:* Elizabeth Jones      *Usher:* Chris Savage  
*Sunday School Nursery:* Steve Mather      *Greeter:* Rudy Coblentz  
*Worship Nursery:* Angela Thornton      *A/V Team:* Nate Arn  
*Sunday Building Trustee:* Mather Family

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## Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* Shirley Coblentz      *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich  
*Usher:* Elizabeth Jones      *Greeter:* Chris Coblentz  
*SS Nursery:* Ryan Claassen      *Worship Nursery:* Maria Witmer-Rich  
*A/V Team:* Ben Speros      *Sunday Building Trustee:* Speros Family

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## Looking Ahead

Friday, Sept. 23      Meals on Wheels Fundraiser  
Thursday, Sept. 29      Leadership Team Meeting 7:00 pm  
Sunday, October 2      Potluck at Friendship Retreat 4:00 pm  
Saturday, October 29      Missional Essentials Seminar

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## Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:  
\$2175.00

Weekly Budget:  
\$1371.00

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