

Restore Us, Oh God

Lent 2017

Lent Readings – Week 2

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

In our humanness, we want to know, to define, and to have concrete answers for everything. However, life is filled with uncertainty. We trust that God, the great Mystery, is always present with us in our understanding.

Our world is filled with many voices and distractions that call us away from God. As we enter the season of Lent, let us step back and find space and opportunities for reflection. Empty yourself from what distracts you and renew your commitment to God's voice.



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

March 12, 2017

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Songs of Praise
Children's Moment
Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17
Sermon: Brother Dan
Song of Response
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

- **Camp Sunday Update** Thank you to everyone who attended our Camp Fundraiser last week! We collected \$265 to help send kids to camp this summer!
- **Youth and Mentor Lent Activity** The youth (grades 6 and up) will meet after church on Sunday, March 26, for a special Lent activity. We'll provide pizza – please bring a side dish or dessert to share! All youth are welcome! Please RSVP to Cara Speros if you plan on attending.
- **Thank you from Mennonite Mission Network** Thank you, Friendship Mennonite Church, for giving \$2312.00 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2016! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission play a vital role in our global church. Thank you for doing your part.
- **Annual Conference Assembly** Central Christian School in Kidron will host the 2017 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) of the Ohio Conference on March 24-25, 2017. "Who is my Neighbor?" will be the theme of the 2017 ACA. This theme is based on Luke 10:25-37. A missional conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch will take place March 23-24 at Kidron Mennonite Church immediately prior to ACA. Online registration is now open for both of these events. More information can be found online at <http://ohiomennoniteconference.org/annual-assembly/about-annual-assembly/>
- **Easter Breakfast** We will gather at 9:30 on Easter Sunday for our annual breakfast. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet, and see Nate Stehouwer with questions.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$15.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$40.00; Meals on Wheels: \$20.00; Camp Fundraiser: \$265.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Ryan Hurley *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich
Piano: Elizabeth Jones *Usher:* TBA
Sunday School Nursery: Mary Wright *Greeter:* Mary Wright
Worship Nursery: Sue Schmucker Coblentz *A/V Team:* Ben Speros
Sunday Building Trustee: Stehouwer Family

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich *Song Leader:* Rhonda Savage
Usher: Todd Miller *Greeters:* N & C Stehouwer
SS Nursery: Todd Miller *Worship Nursery:* April Mather
A/V Team: Nate Arn *Sunday Building Trustee:* Miller Family

Looking Ahead

March 23-24	Missional Conference @Kidron Mennonite
March 24-25	Ohio Conference Annual Conference Assembly
Sunday, March 26	Youth/Mentor Lent Activity
Thursday, April 13	Maundy Thursday Service
Sunday, April 16	Easter Breakfast 9:30 am

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:
\$3232.00

Weekly Budget:
\$1463.00

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