

Restore Us, Oh God

Lent 2017

**Lent Readings – Week 4**

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

We are bombarded by visual images, and can mistake what is seen for what is true. God reveals hidden truths, surprising us and challenging our assumptions. Once our eyes and hearts are opened, we can see with greater clarity.

Our world is filled with many voices and distractions that call us away from God. As we continue in 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 26, 2017**

Welcome  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship  
Songs of Praise  
Children's Moment  
Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37  
Ohio Conference Missional and Annual Conference Reporting  
Katherine Harris, Sheri Banks, Brother Dan Hooley  
Song of Response  
Anointing  
Congregational Sharing & Prayer  
Offering  
Penny Power 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

- **Youth and Mentor Lent Activity** The youth (grades 6 and up) will meet after church today for a special Lent activity. We'll provide pizza – please bring a side dish or dessert to share! All youth are welcome!
- **City Fresh** will be starting soon! City fresh is a weekly community supported agriculture (ie fruit and veggie) stand hosted at FMC on Wednesdays from June-August. This year we are looking for at least one more person to help us plan and connect with people in our community and in the day care. If you are interested, please see April Mather.
- **Service and Learning time in April!** Join us on Sunday, April 2nd at 9:30 for an intergenerational hour of serving our church through light clean up (wear clothes for being outside) and for examining how the Holy Spirit is celebrated during Lent throughout the world through the use of kites. For those who don't want to work outside, we'll build kites inside and if the weather cooperates, we'll fly them.
- **Maundy Thursday** On Thursday, April 13 at 6:30pm at the church we will be having a Tenebrae service, or service of shadows, to celebrate Maundy Thursday. This will include our tradition of footwashing. Join us at 6:00 for a simple meal beforehand. All are invited.
- **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: \$24.00; Love Fund: \$35.00; MAMA Project: \$90.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$20.00; Meals on Wheels: \$10.00.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Anita Hooley Yoder    *Song Leader:* Christina Stehouwer  
*Piano:* Rhonda Savage    *Usher:* Jonathan Hartzler  
*Sunday School Nursery:* Nate Stehouwer    *Greeter:* Ryan Claassen  
*Worship Nursery:* Sue Schmucker Coblentz    *A/V Team:* Ben Speros  
*Sunday Building Trustee:* Witmer-Rich Family

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## Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* Ryan Hurley    *Song Leader:* Rachel Miller  
*Usher:* Chris Savage    *Greeter:* Ryan Hurley  
*SS Nursery:* R & L Hurley    *Worship Nursery:* Diana Hartzler  
*A/V Team:* Eric Miller    *Sunday Building Trustee:* Yoder Family

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## Looking Ahead

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| TODAY              | Youth/Mentor Lent Activity Noon            |
| Sunday, April 2    | Service and Learning Sunday 9:30 am        |
| Thursday, April 13 | Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service 6:00 pm |
| Sunday, April 16   | Easter Breakfast 9:30 am                   |

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## Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:  
\$1502.00

Weekly Budget:  
\$1463.00

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