

# Between Me & You

## Lent 2018

Lent Readings – Week 1

**Me & You & the Creatures Too**

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;

1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Between Me & You and all the creatures, God's promise and God's love grow wider.

An everlasting covenant is made between God (Me), the people (You), and every living creature. God's intention for relationship with the earth is inclusive and expansive, yet in our narrow-mindedness, we often exclude. How are we invited to expand our understanding to realize that all are included in God's covenant?



**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

**February 18, 2018**

Welcome  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship  
Songs of Praise  
Children's Moment  
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12  
Sermon: *"Conspiracy of Grace"*  
Alvis Pettker, Pastoral Candidate  
Responding Song  
Confession and 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

- **Thank you to Alvis Pettker** for bringing the message this morning! Alvis is a graduate of Canadian Mennonite University and Conrad Grebel University College. Alvis is a Pastoral Candidate for us here at Friendship Mennonite Church. He and his wife, Ruth, currently live in Ontario, Canada.
- **Lent 2018** Today marks the first Sunday in Lent. Lent is the 40 days before Easter when we turn inward and focus on growing closer to Jesus. This year's Lent theme is "Between Me & You" and will focus on God's covenant with God's people, as well as our relationships with each other and with creation. Each week will explore the nature of covenants and relationships. You can find this week's Lent readings on the back of the bulletin.
- **Families with children:** It's not too late to start Lent family worship. Just go to [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org) and download "Between Me & You," a free guide for family worship from now through Easter, April 1.
- **Ohio Conference Annual Conference Assembly** Bluffton University will host the 2018 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) of the Ohio Conference on March 9-10, 2018. The theme for ACA will be "Gathered and Sent," based on 1 Peter 2:9-10 and Luke 10:1-12.
- **Gathered and Sent** Ohio Conference invites you to a conference focused on growing as a good news community. Join us as we grow in our culture of mission, receive practical training (in evangelism and discipleship) and cultivate partnership and relationship. This workshop will take place on March 8-9 at Bluffton University before Ohio Conference's Annual Conference Assembly. Register online at [ohiomennoniteconference.org](http://ohiomennoniteconference.org)
- **Additional Giving from last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$21.00; MAMA Project: \$140.00.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Amy Gingerich

*Song Leader:* Rachel Miller

*Piano:* Rhonda Savage

*Usher:* Eric Miller

*Sunday School Nursery:* Mary Wright

*Greeter:* Ryan Hurley

*Worship Nursery:* Maria Witmer-Rich

*A/V Team:* Ben Yoder

*Sunday Building Trustee:* Miller Family

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### Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* Nate Stehouwer

*Song Leader:* Ronda Savage

*Usher:* Todd Miller

*Greeter:* Chris Coblentz

*SS Nursery:* Ay Gingerich

*Worship Nursery:* Sue Schmucker Coblentz

*A/V Team:* Eric Miller

*Sunday Building Trustee:* Chris Coblentz

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### Looking Ahead

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday of Lent

March 8-9

Gathered and Sent Conference

March 9-10

Annual Conference Assembly

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday

Sunday, April 1

Easter Breakfast 9:30 am

Easter Celebration 10:45 am

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### Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$1232.00

Weekly Budget:

\$1463.00

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