



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

May 6, 2007

Welcome!

May we feel God's presence as we worship together!



***"Seek the Lord while you can find him.
Call on him now while he is near."***

Is. 55:6 --NLT

- Worship in song
- Welcome
- Opening prayer
- Announcements
- Song *Ancient Words*
- Worship with our tithes and offerings
- Scripture Reading Acts 10: 9-16
- Sermon St. Peters Vision for the Early Church
- Welcoming of Ben and Rachel
- Special Music
- Child Dedication of Mary Elizabeth
- Song *Lord, We Bring To You Our Children*
- Benediction
- Moment of Silent Reflection

Guest Speaker: Vern

Worship Leader: Rachel

Song Leader: Rachel

Greeters: Bill & Karen

Worship Nursery: Chris

Sunday School Nursery: Marge

Pianist: Rhonda

Usher: Jerry

Upcoming Events & Meetings

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| Sun. | May 6 | Agape group at Jonathan & Maria's 4:30pm |
| Thr. | May 10 | Southgate Group at Isaac & Jean's 11:00am |
| Sun. | May 13 | Food for Thought group at Church 5:00pm |
| Tue. | May 15 | Cabinet of Ministries at Church 6:30pm
Church Council at Church 7:30pm |
| Wed. | May 23 | Women's Time Out at Marjorie's 6:00pm |
| Sun. | May 27 | Friendship Retreat Opening 4:00pm |

Giving for April 29, 2007

Church Offering:	Sunday School:
\$1830.70	\$17.00
Eastern European Mission:	The Mennonite Magazine:
\$1128.07	\$33.00

Gizella will be continuing her Eastern Europe Mission from May 24th to August 16th. Please keep her in your prayers as she prepares for this trip and while she is traveling to bring the good news of the Lord to the people of Hungary, Romania, Ukraine, and beyond. Contributions to this important ministry can be placed in the offering and marked "Eastern European Mission."

Announcements:

- We thank **Vern** for bringing us the message this morning. Next week we will have Rick.
- **Calendar change:** The **Full Cabinet of Ministries** will meet at 6:30PM on May 15th and **Church Council** at 7:30PM. There will be no meetings on May 22nd.
- We are updating our **Church telephone directory**. If you have any changes that need to be made, please contact Sue.

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Gizella

For emergencies, please contact,
our elders: Dean
or Tim.

- Each **Wednesday evening** anytime between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. we would like to have people pray from their house or wherever they are for 1) **Discernment**, as we are in the process of finding a pastor for our Church 2) **Each other**, as many are struggling with health issues, grief, and the day to day issues of life 3) **Our Church** as a whole. Even though we are apart, through our prayers we can come together.
- Two of our **high school seniors** will be attending Goshen next fall. The Church provides \$500 per term for students who attend a Mennonite college and Goshen matches what Friendship gives. But with the high cost of tuition, Church council is asking anyone interested to donate funds for additional financial aid to Goshen. Any amount donated will be split evenly between the students. We are asking for pledges only right now. If you are interested, please contact Sue. If we want Goshen to match the additional giving, we need to let them know the amount soon.
- Women of the Church come celebrate a new baby on the way! There will be a **Baby Shower for Elizabeth** on Saturday June 2, to be held at 2:00 at Rebecca's house. See Rebecca for directions. If you are interested in going in on a group gift, please give the money to Rachel.
- **Reminder: Women's Time Out** will meet on Wednesday, May 23 this month instead of its normal day.
- Please keep the **Pastoral Search Committee** in your prayers as they begin to process a new slate of candidates.
- If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, please contact Julie by Thursday morning via phone or e-mail (bulletin@friendmc.org).

Church Ministry

6. Pat and Rad Houmpham, Thailand, request prayer for the seven new believers baptized on Easter Sunday. Pray that their faith will remain strong in the face of pressure and ridicule.
7. Pray for God's leading for the Bethsaida Church, Rochester, N.Y., an Ethiopian ministry which rents another church facility that may need to close. Ask for God to work favorably in this situation.
8. Mission workers in the Himalayan region of South Asia request prayer for a new fellowship started by their church. Despite the obstacles, pray for God's kingdom to come in this place.
9. Please pray for guidance for the three persons in the Mission Network human resources department who meet today through Friday to review policies for Mission Network staff.
10. Pray for Quito Mennonite Church's growing congregation and that local church people will be called to serve there in Ecuador. Pray for David and Ericka Gingerich as they transition back to the U.S. and become parents this summer.
11. Pray for grace and wisdom as mission associates Colleen and Pablo Fast minister in their church in Manaus, Brazil to three small groups comprised of hurting women and children.

Education and Theological Education

12. Pray for Mennonite Partners in China teachers and staff who facilitate the Bluffton University China Study Tour that is traveling extensively throughout China this month.

Prayer Request for week of May 6

The first Sunday in May each year, Benin Bible Institute highlights its training programs on "BBI Sunday" in the Mennonite churches in Benin. Mennonite Mission Network workers Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey request prayer that this year the churches will again respond positively and generously to BBI.