



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

September 9, 2007

Welcome!

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



"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."
Psalms 139:23,24 --NLT

- Worship in song
- Welcome
- Opening prayer
- Announcements
- HWB #6 *Here In This Place*
- Worship with our tithes and offerings
- Scripture/Responsive Reading Psalm 139 (*see insert*)
- Sermon

We Worship a God Who Longs to Fellowship With Us

- Song *Draw Me Close To You*
- Benediction
- Song *The Lord Lift You Up*

Guest Speaker: Barbara

Worship Leader: Keven
Song Leader: Jonathan
Greeter: Rudy & Shirley

Worship Nursery: Julie

Pianist: Rhonda
Usher: Melvin

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- TODAY Food for Thought at Rudy & Shirley's 6:00pm
- Tue. Sept. 11 Southgate Group at Isaac & Jean's 10:00am
- Fri. Sept. 14 Community Picnic 5:00pm
- Sun. Sept. 16 Vote on Pastoral Candidate 10:45am
- Tue. Sept. 18 Full Cabinet of Ministries 6:30pm
Church Council 7:30pm
- Thr. Sept. 20 Women's Time Out at Marjorie's 6:00pm

Giving for September 2, 2007

Church Offering:	Sunday School:
\$1148.00	\$14.00
MCC Meat Canner:	
\$20.00	

Announcements:

- We thank **Barbara** for bringing us the message this morning. Vern will be speaking next Sunday.
- There will be a **potluck** following the worship service today. Anyone is welcome to attend. Following the meal, there will be a chance to meet and ask questions of the Barbara.
- We will be having a **confidential ballot vote** whether or not to invite Barbara to be our new pastor next Sunday, September 16. Any church members who will not be present should contact Jonathan or one of the elders for an absentee ballot *prior* to September 16.
- Please keep **Harvey** in your prayers. He suffered a minor heart attack this week.
- Please remember **Jacob** in your prayers this Tuesday morning. He will be undergoing another laser treatment. Pray for little anxiety and an easy recovery.
- **Children's Church** for September: Sept. 16 & Sept. 30

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Dean
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- The **FMC/BH Day Care Community Picnic** is THIS FRIDAY!! Please check the bulletin boards to confirm what you signed up for last month or to sign up for something else. If you haven't received your t-shirts yet, please see Julie.
- If you're interested in joining the **Social Committee**, please talk with Tim. Responsibilities of social committee members include scheduling and organizing social activities for the congregation such as potluck dinners and special events for Thanksgiving and Lent, etc.
- The results from **last week's vote** are as follows:
Church Council: Sheri & Julie
Discernment: Starla & Todd
Elders: Dean, Bill, & Maria
Please remember to **pray for and affirm our leadership** as they have graciously volunteered their time to make important decisions for the church!
- **Children's church** will resume again next Sunday for children ages 4 -7. The dates for September will be the 16th and the 30th. Starla will be the teacher. The children will meet twice a month and the dates will be put in the bulletin as well as on the church calendar. The children will be meeting in the room located at the end of the hall once you go through the Fellowship area. When the children will be dismissed will be denoted in the bulletin! If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca, Children's Church director. Thanks!
- If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, please leave a message on the church voicemail or contact Julie via phone or e-mail (bulletin@friendmc.org) by Thursday.

Prayer Request for week of September 9

Please pray for grace on the lives of Mennonite Voluntary Service participants in New York City who assist the homeless and work in reading programs and in gardening projects: Amanda Hastings, Adriana Koehn, Leigh Anna Ridge and Daniel Talstra.

Education and Theological Education

9. Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey request prayer for wisdom as leaders of Benin Bible Institute discern how to make the three-year, fulltime training program for pastors more attractive.
10. Pray for the university students in Nanchong, China, whom mission worker Jeanette Hanson teaches "Cross-cultural Communication and Understanding." This is to prepare them to teach Chinese as a second language.
11. Please pray for missionary children Amanda and Aaron Hanes, Senegal, as they adjust to a new school and living in a dorm. Also remember their parents, Jim and Paula, who deal with family life changes.
12. Join Betsy and Steve Dintaman in giving thanks to God for the new dorm on the campus of Lithuania Christian College and the donors and volunteer workers who helped make it possible. Pray for blessings on the 196 students who will live in the dorm this year.

Church Ministry

13. Pray that the people of Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador will commit to the ministries of the congregation. Pray especially for the refugees who attend the church and have need for employment.
14. Pray for pastors in rural China who seek further ministry training but are unable to afford the costs of such training.
15. Cliff and Natasha Dueck request prayer that the new congregation in Naddnepryanski, Ukraine, will bring light to the community through use of a daycare center that has been given to the church.

Responsive Reading—Psalm 139

LEADER: O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise;

CONGREGATION: You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely, O LORD.

LEADER: You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

READER 1: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me; your right hand will hold me fast.

READER 2: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me, and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

LEADER: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

CONGREGATION: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

LEADER: If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men! They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you? I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

ALL: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.