



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

March 16, 2008

Palm/Passion Sunday



Focus Statement: As the crowds celebrated with palm branches, we begin our procession into the depths of God's love. Jesus, the One hailed as Son of David, walks in humility toward the cross.

Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Song: *Jesus is coming*
- Offering

Living by Faith

- Sharing and Prayer
- Song: *Somebody prayed for me*
- Announcements
- Special Music: *Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

Hearing the Word

- Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
- Sermon: *Listening, God's Love, and Transformation*
- Songs of Reflection

Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- Song: *Rain Down*

Guest Speaker: Rebecca

Worship Leader: Rachel

Song Leader: Jonathan

Greeter: Marge

Pianist: Rhonda

Usher: Todd

Worship Nursery: Keven & Elizabeth

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Tue. Mar. 18 Church Council Meeting 6:30pm
 Thr. Mar. 20 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm
 Sun. Mar. 23 Easter Breakfast, no Sunday School 9:00am
 Thr. Mar. 27 Women's Time Out at Marjorie's 6:00pm

Giving for March 2, 2008

Church Offering:	Sunday School:
\$908.37	\$10.00
Scholarship Fund:	
\$50.00	

Lenten Love Challenge—Week Six

The victory of love: This is the week of celebration. Thank God for God's love revealed in many ways. Rejoice that Christ lives. Get outdoors and enjoy the new life in God's creation.

Scripture Reflections for Lent—Week Six

Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Philippians 2:5-11

In Our Prayers:

- Please remember Melvin & Parsilla in your prayers as Melvin recovers from recent surgery. Cards and calls are appreciated.

Announcements:

- We thank **Rebecca** for speaking this morning. Next week Dean will be sharing with us.
- Please join us for our annual **Easter Breakfast** at 9:00am on March 23. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board with a list of needed items. There will be no Sunday School on Easter.

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Bill, or Maria.

- As part of Holy Week at Friendship, we traditionally meet on the Thursday before Easter Sunday to mark **Maundy Thursday** and reflect on the meaning of Easter. This year we would like to expand this ceremony to also include the service of Lovefeast. Lovefeast is a service which includes communion, footwashing, and a simple meal based on a literal reading of the New Testament and the last supper. The service will start at 6:30 and childcare will be provided. A simple dinner will be provided for the children as well.
- Just a reminder: A sign up sheet for **Moments with Children** is located in the lobby on the bulletin board. We are now looking for Volunteers for March and April. If you have any questions, contact Rebecca.
- 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 Tuesday morning.
- **Men of God: The 2008 Men's Retreat** at Camp Luz is coming up on April 4-6, 2008. Henry Beun, Head Administrator at Central Christian School, will be the speaker. Come with us as we "Journey With Jacob". More information is available online at www.campluz.com

Church Ministry

16. Pray for Mission Network church relations staff as they provide and develop congregational resources. These include the mission bank projects, prayer materials and arranging for mission workers and staff to visit churches.
17. Pray for Comunidad Vida Abundante, Cicero, Ill., as it looks for a new facility that can house their full membership and enable them to respond to congregational and community needs.
18. Melodie Davis requests prayer for a woman with ongoing mental health needs who responded to Mennonite Media's program on mental illness. Pray that the Mennonite church she has recently begun attending can be helpful in this situation.
19. Pray for the Hmong Mennonite congregation and its leadership in Denver as they minister in their community. Pray for resources to be an effective witness for Christ.
20. Mission workers Pat and Rad Houmphan in Borabu, Thailand, request prayer for the development of local church leaders. Pray for a young couple attending Prayao Bible College who plans to do a 10-month internship beginning in April.
21. Pray for alertness and understanding for Norm Nicolson learning French and his wife, Lillian, studying Jula in Burkina Faso. Both languages are necessary for communicating in their respective work with recording Christian programs and Bible translation.
22. Kaz and Lois Enomoto, Tokyo, request prayer that the Easter service at Yayoidai Church will be one of joy and understanding the power of the risen Lord. Pray that English Club students will come and find a place within the church community.

Prayer Request for week of March 16

Mennonite Mission Network worker Gretchen Kingsley and Ute Paul, both members of the Mennonite Team in the Argentine Chaco, have prepared a Christian education teaching tool appropriate for Toba indigenous churches. Pray that the first booklets for sale will be accepted and that the biblical stories may come alive for the children.