



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

December 9, 2007

Second Sunday of Advent



Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Announcements
- Offering

Living by Faith

- Worship in Song
- Advent Visitor – Elizabeth
- Lighting of the Advent Candle – Melvin & Parsilla
- Prayer
- HWB #178 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Hearing the Word

- Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:14-16
- Sermon: *Growing Up, Part II*
- Song: *Come Share the Lord*
- Communion

Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- Special Music

Guest Speaker: Rick

Worship Leader: Shirley

Song Leader: Jonathan

Greeters: Sue & Chris

Worship Nursery: Maria

Pianist: Rhonda

Usher: Melvin

Advent Visitor: Patty

Upcoming Events & Meetings

TODAY

- Food for Thought Group at Church 4:30pm
- Sun. Dec. 9 Prayer Time at Church 6:00pm
- Thr. Dec. 13 Southgate Group at Applebees 11:00am
- Church Council Meeting 6:30pm

Giving for December 2, 2007

Church Offering:
\$1993.75

Mission Month:

	\$1245 Goal: \$2000
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November was Mission Month at Friendship. The Church Council set a goal of \$2000 in November for church-wide support and missions. The money is to be allocated evenly between Ohio Conference, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and Mennonite Mission Network (MMN).

Announcements:

- We thank **Rick** for bringing us the message this morning. Vern will be speaking next Sunday.
- The **Southgate Group** will meet at Applebees this Thursday at 11am for their Christmas Luncheon.
- Please keep the **Pastoral Search Committee** in your prayers as they continue the search process.
- 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 morning.

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**Advent Readings
Week Two**

In our families, in our jobs, in our faith families, in our nation and around the world, we hear and see the evidence of how far we are from God’s purposes. How we long for a fresh in breaking of God working in our everyday lives. However, that requires a ‘putting off’ of the old things, a turning, and a ‘putting on’ of the new nature (see Col. 1:10-15; Eph. 4:21-24). Use this special time of Advent to wait, to listen, to let the Holy Spirit reveal what needs to be ‘put of’ so you can ‘put on’ the new life God wants to give you as His gift.

Isaiah 11:1-10 Notice how God’s reign establishes a new order. What could God possibly want to re-order or re-arrange in your life? How will you let God face you in a new direction?

Romans 15:1-13 God is the source, the well-spring of true hope. What area/s in your life do you need to experience hope? Bring that lack of hope to God. Ask for his resources and his wisdom.

Matthew 3:1-12 How can you surrender so you can prepare for God’s coming? Prepare, and then expect a wonderful in breaking of God’s love and provision!! Then, pass it on!



Prayer Vine for December 9 - 15

Centers and Community Outreach

- 9. Glyn Jones and Susan Allison-Jones, workers in Botswana, are visiting their partner churches during North American ministry. Pray for their ministry today at First Mennonite Church, Wadsworth, Ohio.
- 10. Join Hillary Richardson, an intern in Argentina, in thanking God for the support from the Floresta Mennonite congregation in Buenos Aires as she works on peace and justice issues.
- 11. Thank God for the work of Jae-Young Lee, staff member at Korea Anabaptist Center, as he mediates conflicts in schools and communities through a new victim-offender program. Pray that local police offices will accept the program.
- 12. A Mission Network physician couple in rural India requests prayer for an orphanage run by a local church. Pray that repairs to a larger building will be completed before the orphanage moves there this month.
- 13. Pray for strength and endurance for Laura Helmuth, Amelia Steadmen and Peter Tissen, Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who serve a local congregation and education programs in Baltimore.
- 14. Michael (MJ) Sharp, serving with Military Counseling Network in Germany, requests prayer for an American military service man deployed in Iraq while awaiting news about the approval of his discharge as a conscientious objector.
- 15. Ed and Phyllis Shirk request prayer for the staff of the London Mennonite Centre as they plan for the coming year’s Cross Currents Anabaptist-oriented seminars and Bridge Builders mediation/conflict transformation courses and events.

Prayer Request for week of December 9

Pray for the staff at Korea Anabaptist Center as they make goals for publishing materials in 2008. Pray for wisdom in discerning how to increase sales and how to finance the many titles which are ready for publication. Mennonite Mission Network shares in this ministry.