



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

December 23, 2007

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Announcements
- HWB #189 *To us a Child of hope is born*
- Offering

Living by Faith

- HWB #201 *Hark! the herald angels sing*
- Lighting of the Advent Candle – Jerry & Karen
- Advent Prayer
- HWB #206 *Infant holy, infant lowly*

Hearing the Word

- Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20
- Sermon: *The Exchanged Life*
- HWB #210 *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- HWB #212 *O come, all ye faithful*

Christmas Blessing

May God who makes all things new dwell among us
And give us life. Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

Guest Speaker: Dean

Worship Leader: Joe
Song Leader: Jonathan
Greeter: Marge

Pianist: Rhonda
Usher: Todd
Worship Nursery: Maria

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Wed. Jan. 2 Worship Committee 7:00pm
- Sat. Jan. 5 Elders' Meeting 7:30am
- Sun. Jan. 6 Agape Group at Ben & Rachel's 4:30pm
- Thr. Jan. 10 Southgate Group at Isaac & Jean's 11:00am
- Tue. Jan. 15 Church Council 6:30pm
- Sun. Jan. 27 Church Life Meeting 12:00pm

Giving for December 16, 2007

Church Offering:
\$1454.25

Sunday School:
\$10.00

MAMA Project:
\$90.00

Mission Month:

	\$1295 Goal: \$2000
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Announcements:

- We thank **Dean** for bringing us the message this morning. Joe, Jr. will be speaking next week.
- Please keep the **Pastoral Search Committee** in your prayers as they continue the search process.
- If you have an **item for the monthly calendar**, please leave a message on the church phone or contact Julie via phone or e-mail (calendar@friendmc.org) by Wednesday, December 26.
- 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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Bill, or Maria.

Christmas Ministries

23. Pray that God will bless Macau Mennonite Church small group celebrations in homes on Christmas Eve. Pray that church members will invite friends to the Christmas Day morning worship.

Church Ministry

24. Minister for urban ministries, Dick Davis, requests prayer for Western District Conference as it considers planting a Spanish-speaking congregation in Newton, Kan., and an English-speaking congregation in Fort Worth, Texas.

25. Rejoice that Christ the Savior is born! Pray that Mennonite congregations may effectively share the message of peace and hope around the world today.

26. Please pray for the ministerial team of the first Mennonite church planted in Barranquilla, Colombia, as it discerns who has the gifts and time for pastoral ministry.

27. Mission Network is grateful for the annual outpouring of generous giving at the end of the year. Pray for the staff in the finance department during this busiest time of their year.

28. Leslie Francisco, Mission Network urban ministry director, relates to urban congregations in Virginia. Pray that this may lead to developing new ministries and communities of faith.

29. Please pray for Willis Busenitz, Olivette McGhee and Carol and Mark Roth as they provide leadership for Native Mennonite Ministries. Ask God to give them guidance in planning for the 2008 Native Assembly to be held in Clinton, Okla.

Prayer Request for week of December 23

As Christ's birth is celebrated on this Christmas Sunday, pray that Mennonite congregations may effectively share the joyous message of peace and hope around the world today.

“Moments with children”



What is it?

- A new program for children ages 4-7 that will be replacing Children's church.

What does it involve?

As little or as much time as someone wants to invest in it. A person can pick **one** of the following to do from a Character Curriculum:

- **Read a Character Story:** Stories take about 5 minutes to read. There are questions printed at the end of the story that can be asked.
- **Play a Character DVD:** DVD's are 20-30 minutes in length.

OR

- **Plan something yourself**

When would “Moments with Children” start & How often would it take place?

- The program would start in January. Hopefully it would happen once or twice a month. If no one signs up, then the program won't take place.

Where do I sign up?

- On the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the lobby or by contacting Rebecca.