



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

November 30, 2008

First Sunday of Advent



“When we wander in darkness and despair, God's face seems hidden from us. We cry out to God to restore us, keeping alert and watching for God's face to shine among us.”

Coming to God

- Welcome and Announcements
- Call to Worship
- Song
- Offering

Learning about God

- Songs of Praise
- Children's Time: “The hidden face of God”
- Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63:1-9
- Sermon: “”

Responding to God

- Song of Response:
- Congregational Response
- Congregational Prayer
- Song
- Benediction

Sermon: Kevin

Worship Leader: Sang

Song Leader: Nan

Greeter: Sang

Worship Nursery: Keven & Elizabeth

Sunday School Nursery: Grace

Piano: Nan

Usher: Todd

Children's Time: Rhonda

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Wed. Dec. 3 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00pm
 Fri. Dec. 5 Thirsting Souls Group 6:30pm
 Thur. Dec. 11 Southgate Group 11:00am
 Women's Time Out Christmas Dinner 6:00pm
 Sat. Dec. 13 Elders' Meeting at Kevin & Nan's 7:30am
 Sun. Dec. 14 Korean Sunday – meal following worship service
 Tue. Dec. 16 Church Council Meeting 6:30pm
 Fri. Dec. 19 Thirsting Souls Group 6:30pm
 Thr. Dec. 25 Christmas – Caroling, Candles, and Cookies 6:00pm

Giving for November 23, 2008

Church Offering:	Eastern European Mission:	Sunday School:
\$450.06	\$1,000.00	\$11.00
Church Remodeling:	Missions:	Songbooks:
\$500.00	\$575.00	\$60.00
	Kitchen Supplies:	
	\$40.00	

Announcements:

- **November is Mission Month** at FMC! Please designate extra giving this month for missions. Our designated mission money will go to Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network and Ohio Conference. We will also be sharing throughout the month about how you can give of your time and money to local ministries right here in Cleveland!
- Many thanks to Shirley, Jonathan & Maria's Family, and Rachel S. for **decorating the sanctuary**. We have a purple theme this year, and we will be adding a purple banner each Sunday throughout Advent.
- Church council has hired **Cara as our new church secretary**. Beginning December 8, please contact Cara for all bulletin and calendar-related requests. She will assume the email secretary@friendmc.org.

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Kevin:
Nan:

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Gizella

Announcements Continued:

- Remember to **pray for the Bedford Heights Daycare children, parents and workers.** They use our church every day and are a huge part of our community. We will be planning another Thanksgiving dinner with them this year. FISH has been meeting and praying for ways to connect and minister to this special community who uses our church.
- 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.

Advent Readings – Week 1

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80 1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;

Mark 13:24-37