



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

December 14, 2008

Third Sunday of Advent

“Amidst the ruins of our cities and countryside, God offers liberation and restoration. We reflect God’s face as we become builders and planters of righteousness.”

Coming to God

- Welcome and Announcements
- Call to Worship
- Song: *Hear My Prayer, Lord*
- Song: STJ #105 *Don't Be Afraid*
- Offering

Learning about God

- Songs of Advent
- Children’s Time: “Picking Up the Pieces”
- Children’s Song: STS #16 *Peace Before Us*
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 126
- Sermon: Kevin Kanagy “The Restoring Face of God”

Responding to God

- Song of Response STJ #105 *Don't Be Afraid*
- Congregational Response
- Congregational Prayer
- Closing Song #427 *You Shall Go Out With Joy*
- Benediction

Worship Leader: Shirley Coblentz

Song Leader: Nan Kanagy

Usher: Tim Savage

S.S. Nursery: Parsilla Honsaker

Children’s Church: Ben & Cara Speros

Piano: Nan Kanagy

Greeter: Rudy Coblentz

Sunday School Nursery: Bahlee Nham

Children’s Time: Cara Speros

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Today

Korean Sunday – meal following worship service
Men’s Gathering at Jerry Ruff’s 6:00pm

Tue. Dec. 16 Church Council Meeting 6:30pm

Fri. Dec. 19 Thirsting Souls Group 6:00pm

Wed. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve - Caroling, Candles, & Cookies 6pm

Dec. 29-Jan 5 Pastors Kevin and Nan on vacation

Giving for December 7, 2008

Church Offering:

\$810.57

Sunday School:

\$15.00

Meals on Wheels:

\$5.00

Songbooks:

\$100.00

Announcements:

- The **men will be having a gathering this evening** at Jerry Ruff’s house at 6:00. All men are invited to join us for football and fellowship. For more information or directions, see Jerry or Pastor Kevin.
- After worship today, Sang and Bahlee Nham will be sharing a noon meal with us, as well as some pictures and stories from **God’s movement in Korea**. Please join us in the fellowship hall!
- Make plans now to join your church family for a time of **Caroling, Candles and Cookies** on Christmas Eve. We will have a time of singing, scripture, and candlelighting in the sanctuary. We will then have a fellowship time together to celebrate Christ’s birth. Please bring a plate of cookies to share!
- There are several items in our **lost and found**. Please look on the back pew to claim what is yours!
- If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, please contact Cara Speros via phone or e-mail (secretary@friendmc.org) by Wednesday morning.

Advent Readings – Week 3

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

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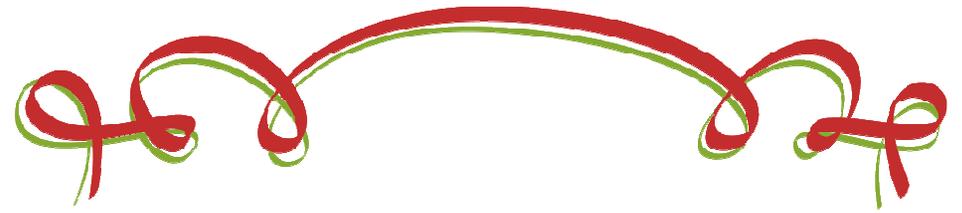
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