



**FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH**  
*Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ*

December 28, 2008  
**Christmas Sunday**

*Even as we struggle to hold on to hope, God's salvation appears in front of us. Our communities reflect the face of God when women and men, young and old together behold and celebrate God's salvation.*

**Coming to God**

- Welcome and Announcements
- Call to Worship
- Opening Songs
- Offering

**Learning about God**

- Songs of Praise
- Children's Time
- Children's Song: STS #16 *Peace Before Us*
- Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-40
- Sermon: Kevin Kanagy "The Embracing Face of God"

**Responding to God**

- Song of Response STJ #105 *Don't Be Afraid*
- Congregational Response
- Congregational Prayer
- Closing Song
- Benediction

**Serving Today:**

*Worship Leader:* Shirley Coblentz      *Piano:* Rhonda Savage  
*Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich      *Usher:* Matt Savage  
*Worship Nursery:* Chris Coblentz      *Children's Church:* Tim Yoder  
*S.S. Nursery:* Grace Nham      *Greeters:* Marge Meuti & Abiti Murra  
*Children's Time:* Rhonda Savage

**Upcoming Events & Meetings**

Dec. 29-Jan 5 Pastors Kevin and Nan on vacation  
 Sat. Jan. 3 Elders Meeting 7:30 am  
 Tue. Jan. 6 Finance Committee Meeting  
 Sun. Jan 11 Communion during Worship

**Giving for December 21, 2008**

Church Offering:	Sunday School:
\$633.94	\$5.00
Meals on Wheels:	Llama Project:
\$5.00	\$90.00

**Announcements:**

- The **finance committee** will be meeting on January 6 to prepare the **2009 budget**. If you have any input about the budget, please see Sue Schmucker Coblentz before Jan. 6.
- **Pastor Kevin and Pastor Nan will be taking a week of vacation** December 30-January 6. They will return to the office on January 7. Part of this time will be spent with Nan's family in Orrville. The rest will be spent working on projects at home. Please call an elder (Dean Burden, Maria Witmer-Rich, or Bill Speight) if a need arises during this time.
- Mark your calendars! We are invited to **Lee Heights Community Church on Saturday evening, March 14, 2009** to be lead in worship by **Shining Through**, a song ministry team from Bluffton University.
- If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, please contact Cara Speros via phone or e-mail ([secretary@friendmc.org](mailto:secretary@friendmc.org)) by Wednesday morning.

