



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

November 22, 2009

November is Missions Month! This is a month for us to recognize and support the variety of ways God is using our church and members.

Coming to God

Welcome and Announcements
 Opening Song
 Call to Worship
 Singing Our Praise
 Offering

Music offered by Joy and Minah Kim

Learning about God

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:17-26

Sermon: "4 Corner Evangelism" Brian Walls, Youth for Christ

Responding to God

Responding Song
 Congregational Prayer
 Closing Song
 Benediction

Serving Today

Worship Leader: Tim Yoder Song Leader: J. Witmer-Rich
 SS Nursery: Alice Patton Piano: Rhonda Savage
 Worship Nursery: Jonathan & Usher: Ike White
 Diana Hartzler Greeters: Jim & Sharon Thomas
 Sound: Tim Savage

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Tues. Nov. 24 Pastors Nan and Kevin return to office
 Thu. Nov. 26 Community Meal 2-4 pm
 Sun. Nov. 29 Practice Begins for Children's Christmas Play
 Wed. Dec. 2 Worship Committee Meeting 7 pm
 Thu. Dec. 3 Women's Time Out 5:30 pm

Giving for November 15, 2009

Church Offering:
 \$2164.95

Weekly Budget:
 \$1448.00

Announcements:

- **Welcome to Friendship Mennonite Church! If you are visiting us this week, thank you!** We have a visitor packet for you that will be passed out during the announcements. This will give you information about our Church and a visitor information card for you to fill out and place in the offering so that we can get to know you. We are so glad to worship with you!
- **Pastors Kevin and Nan have been on vacation** this week and will return to the office on Tuesday, November 24. If you have a need, please contact an elder, Maria Witmer-Rich or Bill Speight.
- **As you enjoy time with your family on Thanksgiving** this Thursday, please keep in mind our Community Meal, organized by Karen Speight. Please pray for those who will come and those who will serve them a meal and show them God's love!
- **Thank you to Brian Walls for bringing the message this morning!** Brian is the Ministry Director for the Greater Cleveland Youth for Christ.

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- **Additional giving for November 15:** Sunday School: \$11.00; Fall Missions: \$50.00; Eastern European Missions: \$46.00; Meals on Wheels: \$10.00; Meat Canner: \$20.00; MAMA Project: \$90.00.
- **Recycling is more than a slogan.** Recycling is a part of stewardship. And stewardship is a caring way of life. How are you making an effort to REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE? Have a special passion or interest in this area? You could help set up a viable recycling organization here at our church for the daycare. Boxes, aluminum cans, paper and plastic bottles are thrown into the trash for the landfill every day here at our church. How can we help? Talk with Pastor Nan if you have an interest in this ministry possibility!
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