



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

December 6, 2009



Coming to God

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candlelighting

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Advent Skit

Opening Song

Offering

Singing Our Praise

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Learning about God

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: *"The Shepherds: Looking for God in the Mundane"*

Kevin Kanagy

Responding to God

Responding Song

Communion

Gluten-free bread is available for communion

Closing Song

Serving Today

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Song Leader: Nan Kanagy

Yoder Piano: Nan Kanagy

SS Nursery: Parsilla Honsaker Usher: Matt Savage

Worship Nursery: J & S Thomas Greeters: Mel & Parsilla Honsaker

Children's Church: B & C Speros Sound: Ben Yoder

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Thu. Dec. 11	Southgate Group 11 am
Sat. Dec. 12	Elders' Meeting 8 am
Sun. Dec. 13	Youth Group Gathering after Worship
Tue. Dec. 15	Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm
Sat. Dec. 19	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal 9-11am Community Meal 4-6 pm
Sun. Dec. 20	Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am
Thu. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm

Giving for November 30, 2009

Church Offering:
\$513.00

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!
- **Today is the second Sunday of Advent.** Advent is a season in the church year that we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. The word "advent" is Latin for "a coming or arrival" God came to earth and lived among us in Jesus. This is a time to celebrate, rejoice, confess and ask God to prepare us for Jesus' coming into our lives again and again.
- **Give a gift that matters.** Mennonite Central Committee Christmas giving catalogs are available this Sunday in the foyer. Give water, shelter and friendship all in the name of Christ. Give to MCC in the name of a family member or friend.

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- **Additional giving for November 30:** Meals on Wheels: \$10.00; Fall Missions: \$425; Community Meal: \$20.00; Eastern European Missions: \$25.00.
- **Attention youth!** Our next youth group activity will be next Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church. We will be baking lots of Christmas cookies to share with our congregation. Lunch will be provided. Feel free to bring friends (of junior high and high school age) and your favorite Christmas music. We will start after church and finish around 3 p.m. See Ben or Anita Yoder with any questions.
- **Just a reminder:** If you have borrowed a book from our church library, don't forget to return it and check out something new!
- **Attention adults:** We are looking for someone to teach or lead a second Sunday School class beginning in January. If you are interested, please see Cara Speros or Pastor Nan.
- **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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As we continue our path toward the birth of our Savior, let us make ourselves ready for God to burst into our lives! Let God guide you along the path of peace, a path fulfilled by God's coming.

God, we long for your coming. We pray that you will guide us with your grace. Draw near to us. Thank you for your tender mercy toward us as you guide us.

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