



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

December 13, 2009



Coming to God

Processional *"Joy to the World"*

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candlelighting

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Advent Skit

Singing Our Praise

Offering

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Learning about God

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-8

Sermon: *"Mary and Joseph"* Kevin Kanagy

Responding to God

Responding Song

Receiving into Membership Anita and Ben Yoder

Congregational Prayer

Closing Song

Benediction

Serving Today

Worship Leader: Shirley Coblentz *Song Leader:* Rachel Miller

Piano: Rhonda Savage *Usher:* Ben Yoder

SS Nursery: Todd Miller *Greeters:* B & C Speros

Worship Nursery: M. Witmer-Rich *Sound:* Bill Speight

Children's Church: Karen Speight

Upcoming Events & Meetings

TODAY

Tue. Dec. 15

Sat. Dec. 19

Sun. Dec. 20

Thu. Dec. 24

Youth Group Gathering after Worship

Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal 9-11am

Community Meal 4-6 pm

Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am

Potluck Send-off for Kim Family after Worship

Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm

Giving for December 6, 2009

Church Offering:

\$1897.00

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 we welcome Ben and Anita Yoder into our church family!** Anita and Ben have been attending FMC for about a year and are already very active in many ministries in the life of our church. Please continue to keep them in your prayers!
- **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.
- **Additional giving for December 6:** Sunday School: \$10.00; Meals on Wheels: \$10.00; Fall Missions: \$220.00; Penny Power Offering: \$67.31.

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Congregational Counselor:

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