



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

November 28, 2010

In our time, we see the nations divided, each seeking its own interest. God calls us beyond our national boundaries into being one people, awakened from sleep and alert for signs of God's coming reign.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Song

Bell, Silence

Lighting of Advent Candle & Special Music

Gathering Words

Praising

Congregational Singing

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7

Offering

Penny Power Offering

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Hearing the Word

Testimony

Bell

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Bell, Silence

Sermon: "Looking Back, Looking Forward" Kevin Kanagy

Responding and Sending

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song and Benediction



Announcements

- **Children's Christmas Program:** Thanks to **Maria Witmer-Rich** for organizing the children's Christmas program this year. "Christmas Around the World" will be presented on Sunday morning, December 19th. Mark your calendars!
- **Calling all current and former brass musicians!** We are assembling a brass ensemble to play during one of the Advent worship services. If you are interested, or if you have a brass instrument you would be willing to lend to another musician in our congregation, please let April Mather know: april.luginbuhl@gmail.com or 440-243-4753.
- **Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cleveland needs your help!** This year, IHN will hold a "Snowflake Shop" for current and recent guest families. This gives families the opportunity to "shop" (free of charge) for gifts for members of their family, with the shop being stocked with gifts given by local congregations. For information on how to help, see the flyer in the lobby, or go to ihncleveland.org.
- **Love Fund:** The Love Fund is money set aside to help our friends and neighbors with urgent and emergency needs. If you can help with this fund, please designate it in the offering.
- **Are you interested in a free babysitter** for the month of July? See Sue Schmucker Coblentz, if you are! A 15 year old girl named Rhonda from Germany would like to come and live with a family for the month of July. She wants to learn English better and would need to live with the family she's working for.
- **Small Groups** meet monthly in various members' homes. If you are interested in learning more or joining a small group, contact Cara Speros at secretary@friendmc.org.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$11.00; Meals on Wheels: \$10.00; Missions Offering: \$523.00; Peru Mission \$30.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$20.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Yoder *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich
Piano: Rhonda Savage *Usher:* Matt Savage
Sunday School Nursery: Parsilla Honsaker *Greeter:* Chris Coblentz
Sound: Ben Speros *PowerPoint:* Ben Speros
Worship Nursery: Sharon & Jim Thomas

Serving Next Sunday

Usher: Chris Savage *Greeter:* Marge Meuti
Preaching: Kevin Kanagy *Sunday School Nursery:* S. Brazalovics
Worship Nursery: April Mather

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, December 1 *Worship Committee Meeting* 7 pm
Thursday, December 2 *Women's Time Out* 5:30 pm
Saturday, December 4 *Simply Eating Small Group* 4:30 pm
Sunday, December 5 *Finding Hope Small Group* 7 pm
Sunday, December 12 *Youth Christmas Cookie Decorating* 12:15
Wednesday, December 15 *Family Fun Night* 5:30-7:30 pm

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering: *Weekly Budget:*
\$1744.25 \$1371.00

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Congregational Counselor:

Secretary: Cara Speros (secretary@friendmc.org)

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Fellowship Hall

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