



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

December 5, 2010

*In our time, we suffer, and witness the suffering of others.
God calls us to envision the end of suffering,
to be patient observers of God's healing action,
and at the same time active partners with God in the
coming of the good news of restoration.*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Song

Bell, Silence

Lighting of Advent Candle & Special Music

Gathering Words and Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7

Offering

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Hearing the Word

Bell

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

Bell, Silence

Sermon: "Highway of Joy" Kevin Kanagy

Responding and Sending

Song of Response

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song and Benediction



Announcements

- **Attention Youth!** Please plan to stay after church TODAY for lunch and Christmas Cookie decorating! Anita and Ben Yoder will help make them with us! Bring your friends and your appetites! Contact Nan Kanagy with questions.
- **Family Fun Night is THIS WEDNESDAY!** Join us at 5:30 for a light dinner. At 6:30, there is something for everyone – childcare for the little ones, Kids Club for school-agers, and Bible Study for youth and adults. Please contact Karen Speight or Nan Kanagy if you can bring a dessert or drink or a special treat for Christmas for the Kids Club kids.
- **Office Hours** Pastors Kevin and Nan want to be available at all times for the congregation. Please give them a call at the church during office hours, or on Kevin's cell phone 440-591-4072 for the most immediate response. Kevin and Nan's joint office hours are Tuesdays from 9:30 to noon. Nan works all day Wednesday and is in the office the majority of the day. Kevin is in the office most Thursday and Friday mornings. Their day off is Monday. You can reach the pastors by email at pastor@friendmc.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:** Peru Mission \$112.00; Meals on Wheels: \$10.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$20.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Piano: Nan Kanagy

Usher: Todd Miller

Sunday School Nursery: Rudy Coblentz

Greeters: Ike & Jean White

Sound: Ben Yoder

PowerPoint: Ben Yoder

Worship Nursery: Jen Prough

Serving Next Sunday

Usher: Tim Savage

Greeter: Ryan Claassen

Preaching: Kevin Kanagy

Sunday School Nursery: Todd Miller

Worship Nursery: Susan Brazalovics

Looking Ahead

TODAY

Youth Christmas Cookie Decorating 12:15

Wednesday, December 15

Family Fun Night 5:30-7:30 pm

Thursday, December 16

Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Friday, December 17

Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 19

Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am

Church Potluck after Worship

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$1852.91

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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Congregational Counselor:

Secretary: Cara Speros (secretary@friendmc.org)

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