



# Friendship Mennonite Church

## Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

December 19, 2010

*In our time, God is seen as a powerful tyrant or an irrelevant myth. God calls us to celebrate the center point of human history, when God came to live with us as a small one in need of parents' love, provision and protection: a sign of unexpected power in weakness.*

### 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, recited by Charles Reese

### Hearing the Word

*Bell*

Scripture: Genesis 18:18-19; Luke 1:26-33

*Bell, Silence*

Offering

*Christmas Around the World*

Presented by FMC's Children, Directed by Maria Witmer-Rich

### Responding and Sending

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song and Prayer for the Meal



## Announcements

- **Thank you!** This advent season, we have been blessed to have a number of people share their talents in music throughout our candle lighting time. Thank you to **Stephen Mather** (guitar), Rachel **Miller** (flute), **Anita Hooley Yoder** and **April Mather** (French horn), and **Nathan and Christina Stehouwer** (cello and violin) for sharing! Next week we look forward to **Marissa, Michelle and Mia Fair** sharing their talents in praise dance with us. We praise God for the gifts He has given His people so that He may be glorified.
- **Congratulations to Sheri Banks** who will be retiring on December 23!
- **Christmas Eve Service!** Join us on Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm for a candlelight service of singing and scripture. Bring a plate of cookies to share after the service!
- **Next Sunday we will have a Christmas breakfast** at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Donations will be accepted to help the youth attend Pittsburgh 2011 this summer. Please fill out the 1/2 sheet insert in the bulletin and put it in the offering plate.
- **YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY** 6:00 p.m. at the church This Wednesday, December 22. Bring a white elephant Christmas gift to share! Thanks to Denise Bohrer for helping! Contact Nan Kanagy with questions.
- **Pastors Kevin and Nan** will take a few vacations days this week. They will be out of the office Tuesday, December 21 through Thursday 23rd. They will be in town, so please do call in case of any emergency at all. Thank you.
- **Small Groups** meet monthly in various members' homes. If you are interested in learning more, contact Cara Speros at secretary@friendmc.org.
- **Thank you to Kayley Nickless** for lovingly making the new curtains in the nursery!
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Peru Mission: \$65.00; Scholarships: \$225.00; Love Fund: \$100.00.

**Serving Our Church Today**

Worship Leader: Nan Kanagy                      Song Leader: Jonathan Witmer-Rich  
Piano: Nan Kanagy                                      Usher: Tim Savage  
Sunday School Nursery: Susan Brazalovics                      Greeter: Ryan Claassen  
Sound: Ben Speros                                      PowerPoint: Ben Speros  
Worship Nursery: Susan Brazalovics

**Serving Next Sunday**

Usher: Melvin Honsaker                                      Greeter: TBA  
Preaching: Nan Kanagy                                      Sunday School Nursery: None  
Worship Nursery: Kayley Nickless & Karen Ruff

**Looking Ahead**

**TODAY**                      Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am  
Church Potluck after Worship  
Wednesday, December 22                      Youth Christmas Party 6:00 pm  
Friday, December 24                      Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm  
Saturday, December 25                      Merry Christmas!  
Sunday, December 26                      Christmas Breakfast 9:30 am  
Tuesday, December 28                      Sojourners Small Group 4:30 pm  
Sunday, January 2                      Finding Hope Small Group 7:00 pm

**Giving for Last Sunday**

Church Offering:                                      Weekly Budget:  
\$948.00    \$1371.00

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**Congregational Counselor:**  
**Secretary:** Cara Speros (secretary@friendmc.org)  
**Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ!**

**Please pray...**

**If you have a prayer request or praise item that you would like shared in the bulletin, please let Cara Speros know, or email her at secretary@friendmc.org.**

**Christmas Around the World**

Thank you to **Maria Witmer-Rich** and the following children for all of their hard work in bringing us this morning's Christmas Program!

**Join us for a Christmas Breakfast  
Sunday, December 26, 2010 at 9:30 am**



If you will be attending, please fill out this form and put it in the offering or give it to Shirley Coblentz.

YES! I/we will attend!

Name and Number of People attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will bring the following food to share:

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