

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](mailto:secretary@friendmc.org).*



# Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

November 13, 2011

*Blessed are your eyes because they see,  
and your ears because they hear.— Matthew 13:16*

## **Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

## **Praising**

Songs of Praise

Offering

## **Hearing**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

Sermon: “*Seeds for the Kingdom*” Tamara Gill

## **Responding**

Responding Song

Testimony

Missions Offering

Congregational Prayer

## **Sending**

Sending Song

**Welcome to Friendship Mennonite Church!  
Visiting this week?**

We are so glad you've joined us for worship! We hope you find a place to belong here. We together are searching for Jesus in our lives. Come visit again soon!

## Announcements

- **This morning, we welcome Tamara Gill as guest speaker!** Tamara Joan Gill grew up in Wooster, Ohio and attends Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Smithville, Ohio. After graduating from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in 2010, she reached out to the community as a Subway sandwich artist. Currently, she serves as a Youth Care Specialist at the Christian Children's Home of Ohio. Last year, she was a young adult delegate at Ohio Conference's Annual Conference Assembly. This responsibility allowed her to become more involved with Ohio Conference activities, including now leading the Young Adult Ministry Resource Team. Tamara seeks to follow God's calling to minister to all people in a community, creatively reaching out to others with Christ's love.
- **This weekend, Pastors Kevin and Nan** are at Mohican State Park for a Pastor/Spouse Marriage Retreat sponsored by Ohio Mennonite Conference. They wish to thank the church for sending them to this!
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$22.00; November Missions: \$459.80; Meals on Wheels: \$5.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$40.00.
- **Needed:** A team member to work with Pastor Nan to coordinate Adult Christian Education for January – May 2012. Please consider this or nominate someone whom could step up and help.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** gift catalogues are available in the library. Please take one and read how you can give a different kind of gift this year! \$8 purchases teaching materials for one workshop for children and youth on 1) respect 2) nonviolence 3) responsibility and 4) love of God and neighbor.
- **Feeling called to help with a local mission?** The 2012 Bedford Heights City Fresh Stop is seeking one person to help manage the produce pick up. If interested, see the job description in the lobby or contact April Mather.
- **What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving dinner?** The turkey, the sides? Join us for the FMC Thanksgiving Potluck Feast, **NEXT Sunday, November 20th** after church. Bring your family and a favorite dish to share. An RSVP response would be appreciated in order to get an idea on how many will be feasting. Also, in order to have a balanced table of food, we would like you to sign up with the dish you plan on bringing. You can either email Jen Prough at [jenprough1@gmail.com](mailto:jenprough1@gmail.com) or there is a signup sheet at church this morning. Contact Jen with any questions. Hope to see you all there!

## Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: April Mather

Song Leader: Jennifer Speight

Piano: Rhonda Savage

Usher: Elizabeth Jones

Sunday School Nursery: Todd Miller

Greeter: Ike White

Sound: Jerry Ruff

PowerPoint: Ben Speros

Worship Nursery: Cara Speros

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## Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Yoder

Song Leader: Nan Kanagy

Usher: Todd Miller

Greeter: Rudy Coblentz

Sunday School Nursery: K. Nickless

Worship Nursery: Chris Coblentz

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## Looking Ahead

Wednesday, November 16 Thanksgiving Family Fun Night 5:30 pm

Thursday, November 17 Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm

Saturday, November 19 Elders' Meeting 8:00 am

Sunday, November 20 FMC Missions Fair & Thanksgiving Meal

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## Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$2721.25

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Dental Floss  
Mouthwash  
Soap  
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Hand Sanitizer  
Tissues

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