

Please pray...

*If you have a prayer request or praise that you would like to share, contact Cara Speros. [secretary@friendmc.org](mailto:secretary@friendmc.org).*



# Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

November 27 2011

*Restore us, O God;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved. – Psalm 80:3*

## **Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements  
Advent Candle Lighting  
Call to Worship

## **Praising**

Songs of Praise  
Offering

## **Hearing**

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19  
Sermon: *"Surprised by God"* Kevin Kanagy

## **Responding**

Responding Song  
Mission Testimony  
Missions Offering and Penny Power Offering  
Congregational Sharing and 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 marks the beginning of the Advent Season.** Advent is a time for us to anticipate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- **Next week**, December 4, we will be celebrating communion together. We welcome all to the table to remember the life and death of Jesus.  
Grapes and a blessing will be available for the children as a special time for them to share.
- **Needed:** A team member to work with **Pastor Nan** to coordinate Adult Christian Education for January – May 2013. Please consider this or nominate someone whom could step up and help. See the letter in your mailbox for more details.
- **Potluck Time!** Join us December 18th after the Children's Christmas Program for a noon potluck meal together. Mark your calendars!
- **Thank you!** Check out the new wall to wall custom cabinets in the conference room! A big thank you to **Rudy and Shirley Coblentz** for donating the cabinets and helping to beautify the space we share with the Bedford Heights Daycare. The church will use the first cabinet closest to the door. Look forward other renovations coming soon. If you would like to donate or have questions concerning other renovations, contact Pastor Kevin or Jonathan Witmer Rich.
- **Feeling called to help with a local mission?** The 2012 Bedford Heights City Fresh Stop is seeking many volunteers to help hand out produce weekly. If interested, see the job description in the lobby or contact **April Mather**.
- **Children's Christmas Program practice starts today!** All FMC children and their friends are invited to participate in this year's production "Flashback to Christmas" written by Eric Miller and Anita Hooley Yoder. Remaining practices are Sundays, December 4, 11 and 18 at 9:30 a.m. and dress rehearsal at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 17th with a pizza lunch following. Contact Nan Kanagy with questions.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Jennifer Speight

*Song Leader:* Christina Stehouwer

*Piano:* Rhonda Savage

*Usher:* Matt Savage

*Sunday School Nursery:* Parsilla Honsaker

*Greeter:* Ryan Claassen

*Sound:* Ben Speros

*PowerPoint:* Ben Speros

*Worship Nursery:* Shirley Coblentz

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### Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* Amy Gingerich

*Song Leader:* Rachel Miller

*Usher:* Bill Speight

*Greeter:* Bill Speight

*Sunday School Nursery:* Kayley Nickless

*Worship Nursery:* Jen Prough

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### Looking Ahead

#### TODAY

Thursday, December 1

Wednesday, December 7

Saturday, December 10

Wednesday, December 14

Saturday December 17

Sunday, December 18

Kid's Christmas program practice 9:30 am

Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm

Budget Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

Elder's Meeting 8 am

Sabbatical Planning Meeting 10:30 am

Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Kid's Christmas Program Rehearsal 10 am

Kids's Christmas Program 10:45 am

Potluck Meal after Worship

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### Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$627.06

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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Care Alliance Health Center treats the homeless and low income citizens of Cleveland. This underserved population is always in need of personal care items, socks, and other useful supplies. **TODAY is the last Sunday we will collect items.** Thank you for your care for those on the margins of our society.

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Reading Glasses  
Manicure Kit/Nail clippers  
RTA Bus Passes  
Combs/Brushes  
Hand towels  
Lotion  
Chapstick/Lip Balm

### Medical Supplies

Band-aids  
Sealed over-the-counter medications: Tylenol, etc.  
Cough Drops  
Allergy Medication

### Personal Hygiene

Deodorant  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Dental Floss  
Mouthwash  
Soap  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
Hand Sanitizer  
Tissues

### Clothing Items

Socks, Gloves  
Coats, Blankets  
Hats

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