

Please pray...

If you have a prayer request or praise that you would like to share, contact Cara Speros. secretary@friendmc.org.



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

December 4, 2011

*Repentance raises valleys, lowers hills,
and challenges the ways we're accustomed
to living. Are we ready for things to be
different, to let God's coming
alter the landscape of our lives?*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting

Praising

Songs of Praise

Offering

Hearing

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: "Releasing and Receiving" Kevin Kanagy

Responding

Responding Song

Communion

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

- **Week Two of Advent:** Advent is a time for us to anticipate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The following scriptures may help you as you prepare for next week, when we will focus on "Transforming our Sorrow:" Psalm 126; Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24.
- **This morning,** we will celebrate **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.
- **Thank you to Jessica Stock** for sharing her artistic abilities this Advent season. Each week a new painting will be revealed, as we anticipate an "awesome deed we did not expect" from God. Our theme for this Advent is Unexpected Acts of God.
- **As you think about year-end giving,** won't you consider giving to Friendship Mennonite Church? Our mission and purpose is "Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ" Many lives are touched by our ministries and mission projects. You could give to a specific ministry, or to the building fund for property improvements. Thank you in advance.
- **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.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$5.00; November Missions: \$208.62; Penny Power: \$26.26.
- **2012 Calendars** are now available in the library from Mennonite Central Committee! Take one today and pray for relief work around the world.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich
Piano: Rhonda Savage
Sunday School Nursery: Kayley Nickless
Sound: Jerry Ruff

Song Leader: Rachel Miller
Usher: Bill Speight
Greeter: Bill Speight
PowerPoint: Ben Speros

Worship Nursery: Jen Prough

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich
Usher: Ike White
Sunday School Nursery: Cara Speros

Song Leader: J Witmer-Rich
Greeter: Katherine Harris
Worship Nursery: S & J Thomas

Looking Ahead

TODAY

Wednesday, December 7
Saturday, December 10

Wednesday, December 14
Saturday December 17
Sunday, December 18

Kid's Christmas program practice 9:30 am
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

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:
\$501.22

Weekly Budget:
\$1371.00

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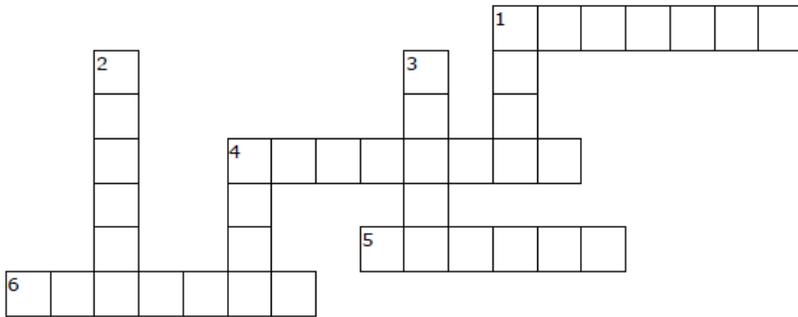
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- **Advent Adult Sunday School** - Adults are invited to gather in the fellowship hall for each week. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for people to bring snacks to share this Advent season. Our teachers will be **Maria Witmer Rich, Ryan Claassen, Kevin Kanagy and Dean Burden.**
- **Save your egg cartons and extra canning jars!** MCC Connections in Kidron collects them to sell to local farmers. **Joe Kotva** will take them down once a month to donate. Joe also will collect Campbell's soup labels for education to give to Central Christian Schools.
- **Got Cereal Boxes?** FMC Recycles. We can accept the following: newspaper, mail, catalogs, phone books, magazines, brown paper bags, office paper, flattened cardboard, and hard and soft bound books. Bring your cereal boxes too!
- **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.**
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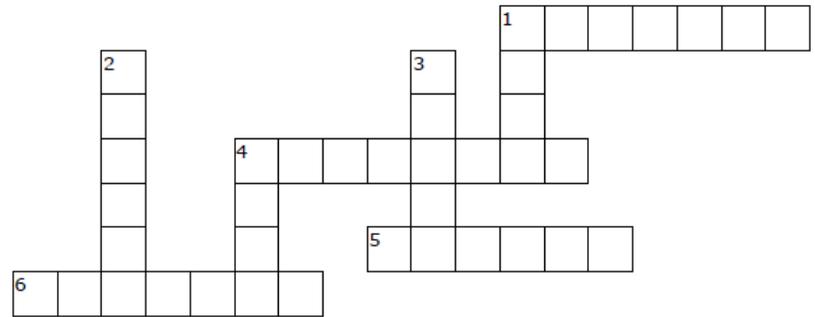
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