

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 11, 2011

*We have been promised a day when tears of sorrow
will be transformed to shouts of joy.*

*But we live in a "meantime" still marked by
oppression, broken hearts, and loss of freedom.*

*We are invited to hold fast to what is good,
even while we wait for God's intervention.*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude – Phillip Witmer-Rich, Piano

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting

Praising

Songs of Praise

Children's Moment

Offering –Amelia Witmer-Rich, Piano

Hearing

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-11

Sermon: "The Oil of Gladness" Kevin Kanagy

Responding

Responding Song – Steve Mather, Piano

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

- **Week Three 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 "Reordering Our World:" 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:26-38, 46-55; Romans 16:25-27.
- **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 **NEXT SUNDAY** after the Children's Christmas Program for a noon potluck meal together. Mark your calendars!
- **FMC Library** Looking for some reading as we head into Christmas? As we get deeper into Advent and as many of us have breaks, pick up a book from the FMC library. This month, all Christmas titles, for youth and adults alike, are featured in the middle section of the bookcase. Just look on the display racks, or above the "Holiday" shelf label.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$5.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$30.00; Youth Fund: \$74.00.
- **2012 Calendars** are now available in the library from Mennonite Central Committee! Take one today and pray for relief work around the world.
- **Penny Power** This month, we will collect our Penny Power offering a week early, and it will be NEXT Sunday, December 18. The Penny Power offering is sent to Mennonite Central Committee to be used where needed around the world to help those in need.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich
Piano: Rhonda Savage *Usher:* Ike White
Sunday School Nursery: Cara Speros *Greeter:* Katherine Harris
Sound: Ben Yoder *PowerPoint:* Ben Yoder
Worship Nursery: Maria Witmer-Rich

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich *Song Leader:* J Witmer-Rich
Usher: Todd Miller *Greeter:* Chris Coblentz
Sunday School Nursery: Kayley Nickless *Worship Nursery:* S & J Thomas

Looking Ahead

TODAY	Kid's Christmas program practice 9:30 am
Wednesday, December 14	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Saturday December 17	Kid's Christmas Program Rehearsal 10 am
Sunday, December 18	Kids's Christmas Program 10:45 am
	Potluck Meal after Worship
Wednesday, December 21	Christmas Caroling 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:
\$1308.50

Weekly Budget:
\$1371.00

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Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ!

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- **Women....** mark your calendars for our upcoming **FMC Women's Retreat!** It will be May 4-6 at Asbury Camp and Retreat Center in Hiram, Ohio. Our retreat speaker will be Mattie Marie Mast and activities will include singing, crafts, games and time with God alone and with others.
- **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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- **Nursery Help Needed** We are looking for loving volunteers to help out in the nursery during the Sunday school hour a few times from January through May. If you are interested, contact Kayley Nickless at nicknumber03@aol.com or (330) 612-0114.
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