

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

January 1, 2012

*God came into the world to bring life to all humankind.  
When the light of God shines through us, people will be drawn  
—from all sorts of backgrounds and  
places. How do we prepare to welcome and  
embrace a “body” that is wider than we’d dared to imagine?*

## **Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

## **Praising**

Songs of Praise

Offering

## **Hearing**

Scripture Reading

Sermon: Dean Burden

## **Responding**

Responding Song

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

- **We welcome Dean Burden as he brings us the morning message today.** Pastors Kevin and Nan and family are taking this Sunday off. They will return to the office on Tuesday, January 3. As always, please call them to make appointments or with any needs that may arise.
- **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.
- **A lost and found box** for FMC items is located in the **closet right outside the sanctuary.** Please place any items you find, OR look for items you have lost. Thank you!
- **From Pastors Kevin and Nan :** Thank you so much for the kind and generous monetary Christmas gift you gave us this year! We are humbled and grateful for your support of us in prayer and in this financial support. It is truly appreciated.
- **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!
- **Penny Power Offering:** This year, we will continue collect the Penny Power offering each month. The Penny Power offering is sent to Mennonite Central Committee to be used where needed around the world. This offering is collected on the last Sunday of each month.
- **G has email!** If you are interested in sending her a note, her new email address is available from the church office. She would love to hear from everyone!

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* J. Witmer-Rich

*Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich

*Piano:* Rhonda Savage

*Usher:* Elizabeth Jones

*Sunday School Nursery:* None this week

*Greeter:* Bob Zwick

*Sound:*

*PowerPoint:* Ben Speros

*Worship Nursery:* April Mather

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## Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* Amy Gingerich

*Song Leader:* Rachel Miller

*Usher:* Matt Savage

*Greeter:* Marge Meuti

*Sunday School Nursery:* Todd Miller

*Worship Nursery:* M. Witmer-Rich

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## Looking Ahead

Thursday, January 5

Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 7

Leadership Team Meeting 9:00 am

Wednesday, January 11

Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 15

Church Life Meeting & Pizza Lunch 12:15

Wednesday, January 18

Family Fun Night 5:30 pm

January 23-February 23

Pastors Kevin and Nan on Sabbatical

## Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$827.20

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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