

Please pray...

Upcoming Birthdays...



Keep these people in your prayers this week as they celebrate another year of life!

*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

February 19, 2012

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

– Psalm 98:4

### Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

### Praising

Opening Song

Dedication of Grace Catherine Claassen and Parents

Songs of Praise

Offering

### Hearing

Scripture Reading: Psalm 98

Sermon: *“Make a Joyful Noise”* Steve Mather

### 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

- **Sabbatical Update** Pastors Kevin and Nan have been on a month-long sabbatical since January 23. They will return to work this Thursday, February 23. Please keep them in your prayers as they enjoy these last few days at home with their family!
- **The Heart of Mennonite Worship** This morning, we conclude a 4-week sermon and Sunday school series called, "The Heart of Mennonite Worship." Join us as we explore questions about how and why we do what we do during worship. This week's theme is "Why Do We Gather Songs for Worship?" Thank you to **Steve Mather**, for bringing this morning's message!
- **This morning Grace Catherine Claassen** will be dedicated to the Lord with her parents Ryan Claassen and Amy Gingerich. Please pray for Grace and her parents as they continue to nurture her as she grows. God bless you, Grace!
- **Join us for a potluck!** We will gather together for a potluck meal following the Worship service NEXT Sunday, February 26. Join us as we welcome the Kanagy family back from sabbatical! See **Jen Prough** with any questions!
- **CALLING ON ALL SONGSTERS!** The Friendship Vocal Ensemble will continue practicing together today! Rehearsals are set for every other Sunday beginning today, immediately after worship service. Rehearsals are approximately 30 minutes, more or less. Additional dates are March 4, 18, 25 and possibly April 1. If you were unable to join us last Sunday, you are welcome to be with us on February 19. See **Elizabeth Jones** for additional information. Thank you for your participation and prayers.
- **Community Theater! Amelia and Phillip Witmer-Rich** are participating in a youth production of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," at the Chagrin Valley Little Theater on February 25th and 26th. If anyone is interested in attending, tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from the box office at 440.247.8955, or you can ask **Maria Witmer-Rich** if you have any questions.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Jennifer Speight      *Song Leaders:* N. & C. Stehouwer  
*Piano:* Rhonda Savage      *Usher:* Matt Savage  
*Sunday School Nursery:* Kayley Nickless      *Greeter:* M. & P. Honsaker  
*Sound:* Ben Speros      *PowerPoint:* Ben Speros  
*Worship Nursery:* Maria Witmer-Rich

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### Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* Jennifer Speight      *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich  
*Usher:* Bill Speight      *Greeter:* Bill Speight  
*Sunday School Nursery:* R. Savage      *Worship Nursery:* K. Ruff & K. Nickless  
*Preaching:* Kevin Kanagy

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### Looking Ahead

February 23      Pastors return from Sabbatical  
Sunday, February 26      Lent Begins  
May 4-6      Potluck Meal after Worship  
Women's Retreat in Hiram, Ohio

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### Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:  
\$

Weekly Budget:  
\$1371.00

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