

## Weekend to Remember

All married couples who are regular attenders at Friendship Mennonite Church are urged to attend a marriage getaway weekend! Full funding for registration is available when entire event is attended. Couples must pay for their own lodging. Choose from the following dates to get away:

March 7-9, 2014 - Akron

March 14 -16, 2014 - Independence

Please contact Rudy or Shirley Coblentz  
with questions. 330-653-3303

### *Steps to Register:*

1. Register and pay at [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com)
2. Email your receipt to Sue Coblentz, treasurer:  
[sue@coblentzhomes.com](mailto:sue@coblentzhomes.com). She will reimburse your cost from the FMC marriage fund.
3. Book the hotel of your choice
4. Mark your calendar and prayerfully prepare.



MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Christmas Giving catalogs have arrived and are located in the library! Take one home today! Instead of giving a material gift to someone who doesn't need anything, why not give a gift in their name to help with relief around the world? When you donate, ask for a free card from MCC to send to friends that explains the gift you have given in their honor.



Happy Birthday!



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

**\*Contact the church office for a  
list of upcoming birthdays\***



# Friendship Mennonite Church

**December 8, 2013**

Welcome  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting  
Songs of Praise  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12  
Sermon: "The Fruit of Repentance" Kevin Kanagy  
Song of Response  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Sending Song

### **Visiting this week?**

#### **Welcome to Friendship Mennonite Church!**

We are so glad you've joined us for worship! We hope you find a place to belong and consider joining us in God's mission. We are looking for people to join us who are interested in learning more about Jesus, becoming a disciple and finding out God's purpose for them in life!

## Announcements

- **Women's Time Out** will meet THIS Thursday at 4:00 pm at Joe Kotva's home. See Mary Lowery if you have questions.
- **Food Pantry Help** us stock the emergency food pantry at FMC! Please bring in non-perishable goods that could be given to families in need who approach FMC for food. They should be 1-2 years from their expiration date. Please bring your donations by Sunday December 15th so that we may help Angela Thornton put them away as part of our Sunday of Service on December 22nd. See Angela if you have any questions.
- **The Friendship Bell Choir** will meet during Children's Church today in preparation for our December 15 Christmas play. Parents, thank you for your child's participation.
- **FMC Women:** In your church mailbox, you will find a complimentary copy of *Timbrel*, a publication of Mennonite Women USA, which connects today's Mennonite women in all our diversity by sharing our stories and perspectives. If you are interested in ordering this magazine, please contact Cara Speros or fill out the order form in your mailbox.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$13.00; Missions: \$10.00; Meals on Wheels: \$20.00.
- **New Phone Number** The Speros family has a new phone number: contact the church office if you need it.
- **Girl Talk Community Club** The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month, Pastor Nan leads "Girl Talk", a club for community girls ages 9 - 13 at 4:00 pm. Let her know if you're willing to donate crafts or snacks.

### **Sunday Morning Adult Connection! – 9:30 – 10:30 Every Sunday**

Adults are invited to join in a new series discussing Go to Church, Change the World by Gerald Mast. This will include smaller group breakout sessions twice a month as well as Bible study and discussion. Please join us as we look at why church matters as we connect with one another and pray for each other.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Amy Gingerich      *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich  
*Piano:* Rhonda Savage      *Usher:* Elizabeth Jones  
*Sunday School Nursery:* Cara Speros      *Greeter:* Chris Coblentz  
*Worship Nursery:* April Mather      *Sunday Building Trustee:* Witmer-Rich  
*A/V Team (Sound/PowerPoint):* Ben Yoder

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### Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* Nan Kanagy      *Song Leader:* Nan Kanagy  
*Usher:* Todd Miller      *Greeter:* Rudy Coblentz  
*SS Nursery:* Chris Coblentz      *Worship Nursery:* Robin & Becca Arn  
*Sunday Building Trustee:* Joe Kotva

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### Looking Ahead

Monday, December 9	Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 11	Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 pm
Friday, December 13	Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 4 pm
Sunday, December 15	Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am
December 16-21; 27-Jan. 4	Pastors on Vacation
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

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### Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:  
\$909.75

Weekly Budget:  
\$1371.00

#### Friendship Mennonite Church

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Nan Kanagy (nan@friendmc.org)

**Secretary:** Cara Speros (secretary@friendmc.org)

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# ***FMC Advent Schedule***

***Join us and prepare for the Birth of Jesus as we begin a new sermon series on the book of Matthew!***

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- Children's Play Practice in Sanctuary  
10:45 Worship ***Matthew 3:1-12***

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4:00 pm - Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Play

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9:30 am – Adults: Go to Church, Change the World  
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10:45 am - Children's Christmas Program!

## **Sunday, December 22**

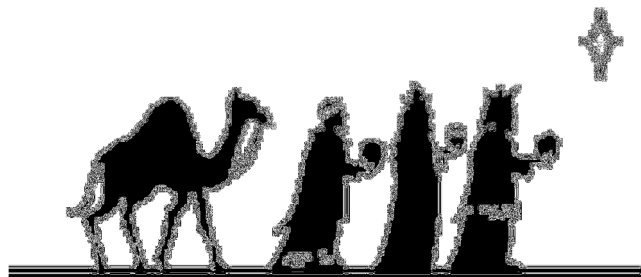
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10:45 am Worship ***Matthew 1:18-25***

## **Tuesday, December 24**

6:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Bring your Favorite Cookies to share!

## **Sunday, December 29**

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