

Advent Scripture Readings

As we begin preparations for the birth of our Savior, take time each week to focus on what God wants to show you during this Advent season. We anticipate God's bursting in and breaking out in our lives during this time!

Week of November 30:

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Week of December 7:

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
Mark 1:1-8; 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Week of December 14:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; Luke 1:46b-55;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Week of December 21:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus! We long for His coming at Advent, and pray that you give us the strength and wisdom to live in joyful expectation.



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 7, 2014

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Advent Candlelighting
Songs of Praise
Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8
Sermon: Kevin Kanagy
Responding Song
Communion
Congregational Prayer
Offering
Callie Speros, Piano
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 in life!

Announcements

- **Communion** This morning, we will be celebrating 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.
- **Missions Month Update** Thanks to all who gave to our Missions Month Offerings! We collected \$1862. These funds will be sent to the following organizations and missionaries that we support: Ohio Conference, Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network, Sheri Banks, Gizella Tapayoli, & Ted & Julie Smoker & Family.
- **The Bell Choir** will meet during Children's Church December 14 to prepare for our Christmas program. Participation is open to all school age young folk.
- **FMC Giving:** Thank you for designating funds in the offering to go towards our love fund to help people in need this time of year. Many of us are just a paycheck or two away from despair. This time of the year especially is difficult on people and the church gets a lot of requests. Please give so that a gas tank may be filled up, diapers are provided for babies in need, an electric bill can be paid, or groceries bought...and hope is brought! Thank you! - the Pastors and Elders
- **Girl Talk** needs your help! All girls ages 9 to 13 are invited to meet the first Monday of the month with Pastor Nan for snacks, talking about life and Bible lessons. The next meeting is December 15. To volunteer for snack, craft or other types of support see Nan for more info. Thanks!
- **2014 Christmas program:** This year's children/youth Christmas program will be December 21, during morning worship. Practices for the program will take place during the Christian Ed hour at 9:30 on December 7 and 14, and a final dress rehearsal will take place on Friday, December 19 in the afternoon.
- **Canned Goods!** Looking for a way to give this season? We are always receiving calls at the church for people who are in need this season. Please bring canned goods to restock our food pantry. You may also donate gift cards for the pastors to give out to those who may need additional groceries this season.
- **Additional Giving for Last Sunday:** Missions Offering: \$601.00; Sunday School: \$9.00; Meals on Wheels: \$15.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Shirley Coblentz

Song Leader: Rhonda Savage

Piano: Elizabeth Jones

Usher: C Coblentz

Sunday School Nursery: Steve Mather

Greeter: C Coblentz

Worship Nursery: D Hartzler

A/V Team: Nate Arn

Sunday Building Trustee: S & C Coblentz

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Nan Kanagy

Song Leader: Nan Kanagy

Usher: Chris Savage

Greeter: Ryan Claassen

SS Nursery: Chris Coblentz

Worship Nursery: Angela Thornton

A/V Team: Ben Yoder

Sunday Building Trustee: Stehouwer

Looking Ahead

TODAY

Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30 am

Sunday, December 14

Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30 am

Friday, December 19

Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 4:00

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$380.00

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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FMC Advent Happenings

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday in Advent - Hope

9:30 am – Children and Adult Christian Ed
10:45 am – Worship Texts: Mark 13:24-37

Sunday, December 7 - Second Sunday in Advent - Peace

9:30 am - Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:45 am – Worship Texts: Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday in Advent - Joy

9:30 am Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:45 am – Worship Texts: John 1:6-8

Friday, December 19

4 pm - Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday in Advent - Love

9:30 am Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:45 am – Worship Texts: Luke 1:26-38

“Broadcasting Christmas: A 1940's Radio Broadcast for Children”

Wednesday, December 24

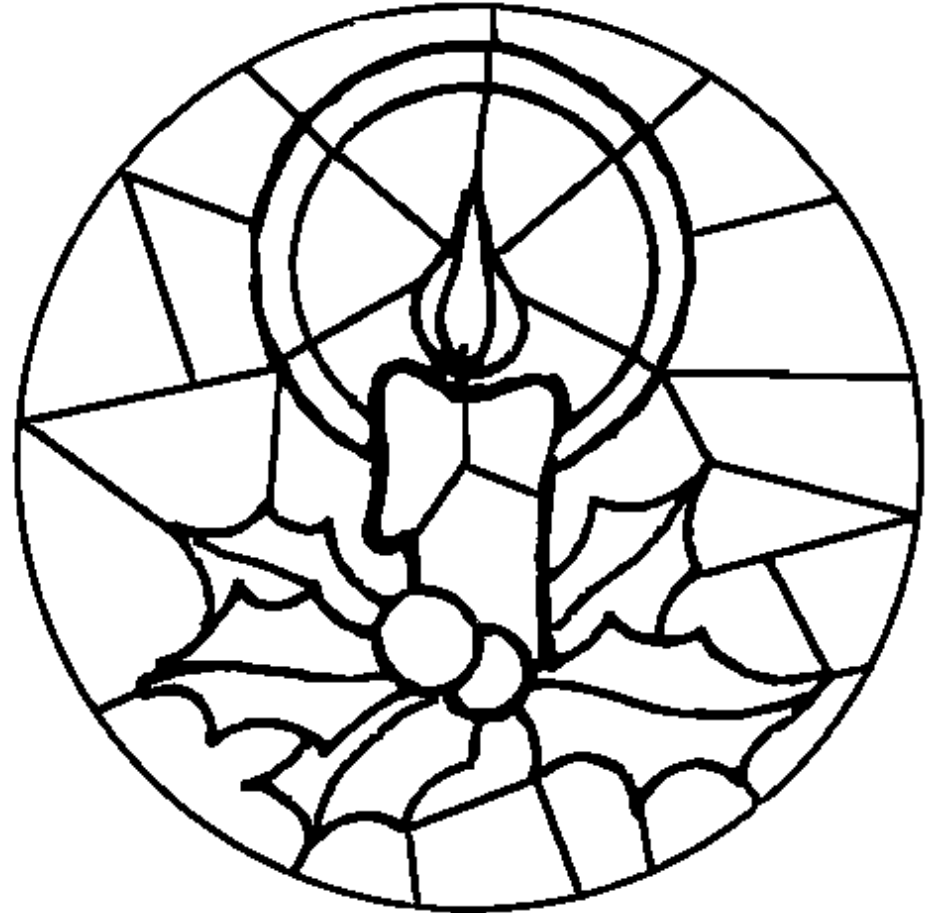
6:30 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Bring your Favorite Cookies to share!

Sunday, December 30 - Beauty Revealed

9:30 am - Fellowship Hour, no Christian Ed.
Bring some finger foods to share!
10:45 am – Worship texts: Luke 2:22-40



THE CANDLE OF PEACE



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him.
Romans 15:13a

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