

# *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 14, 2014**

Welcome  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship  
Advent Candlelighting  
Songs of Praise  
***Children are dismissed for Bell Choir Rehearsal***  
Scripture Reading: John 1:6-8  
Sermon: Kevin Kanagy  
Responding Song  
Communion  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering  
*Amelia Witmer-Rich, 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

- **The Bell Choir** will meet during Children's Church today to prepare for our Christmas program. Participation is open to all school age young folk.
- **Youth Christmas Get Together** All youth and their friends are invited to the Kanagy's home on Sunday, December 21 for a Christmas gathering! We will meet at 4:30 for a time of fun and fellowship! RSVP to Pastor Nan if you can attend!
- **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.
- **MC USA Convention** This summer, MC USA's Convention will take place in Kansas City. From June 30-July 5, Mennonites will gather to encounter Jesus together. Visit [www.mennoniteusa.org/convention](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/convention) for details!
- **Additional Giving for Last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$26.00; Love Fund: \$375.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$30.00.

## Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Nan Kanagy

Song Leader: Nan Kanagy

Piano: Nan Kanagy

Usher: Chris Savage

Sunday School Nursery: Chris Coblentz

Greeter: Ryan Claassen

Worship Nursery: Angela Thornton

A/V Team: Ben Yoder

Sunday Building Trustee: Ben Speros

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## Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: April Mather

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Usher: Bill Speight

Greeter: Bill Speight

SS Nursery: Todd Miller

Worship Nursery: Sue Coblentz

A/V Team: B Speros & E Miller

Sunday Building Trustee: Stehouwer

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## Looking Ahead

TODAY	Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30 am
Friday, December 19	Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 4:00
Sunday, December 21	Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am
	Youth Christmas Party 4:30-7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm

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## Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$2393.05

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”*

4:30-7:00 pm – Youth Christmas Party at Kanagy's House

## **Wednesday, December 24**

6:30 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Bring your Favorite Cookies to share!

## **Sunday, December 30 - Beauty Revealed**

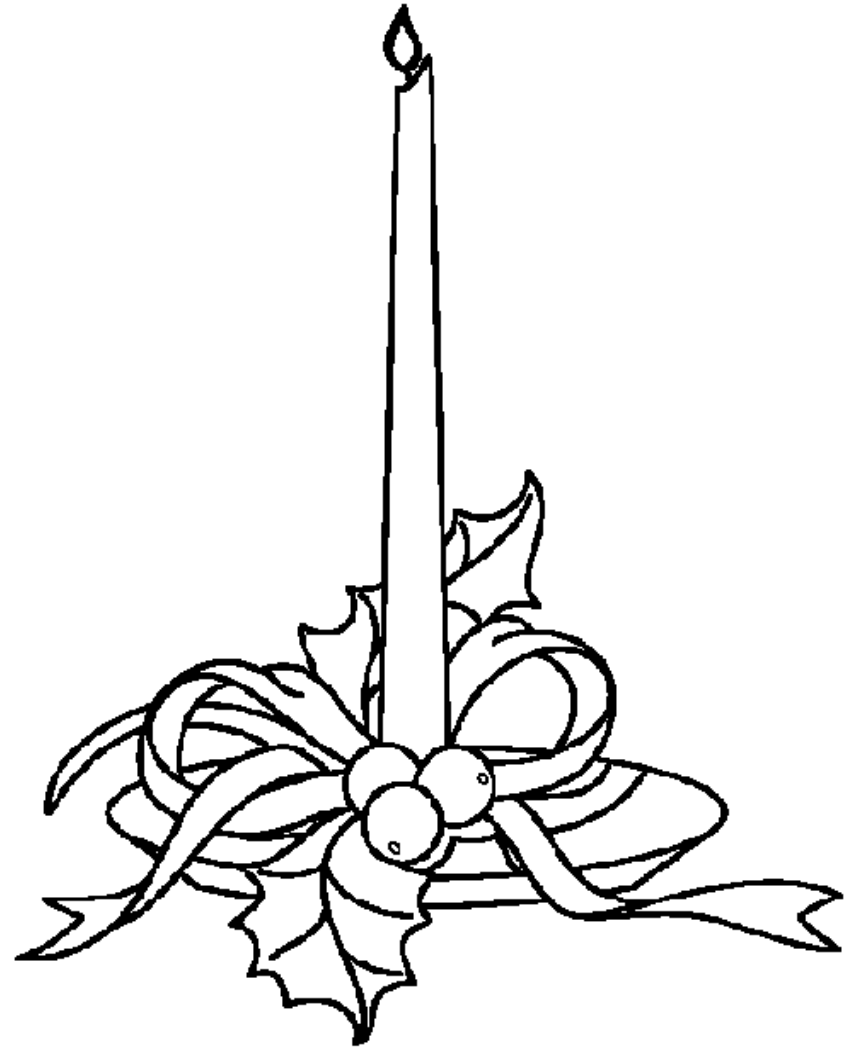
9:30 am - Fellowship Hour, no Christian Ed.

Bring some finger foods to share!

10:45 am – Worship texts: Luke 2:22-40



# ***THE CANDLE OF JOY***



They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads.  
Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee  
away.

Isaiah 35:10 (NIV)

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