

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 21, 2014

Welcome
Children's Bell Choir
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Advent Candlelighting
"Angel, Angel!" A Story by the Primary Class
*"Broadcasting Christmas:
A 1940's Radio Broadcast for Children"*
Responding Song
Congregational Prayer
Offering
Charlotte 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

- **2014 Christmas program: THANK YOU to Maria Witmer-Rich** for organizing and directing this year's children/youth Christmas program! Thank you also to **Elizabeth Jones** for organizing the Bell Choir! Thank you to the following children and youth for bringing us this fun presentation: **Eric Miller, Phillip Witmer-Rich, Amelia Witmer-Rich, Kennedy Weaver, Callie Speros, Jacob Coblentz, Inaya Thornton, Luke Coblentz, Charlotte Witmer-Rich, and Hannah Kanagy.** Thank you to **Shirley Coblentz** and the Shine Sunday school class for sharing their story: **Grace Claassen, Isabella Hartzler, Gabriella Hartzler, Madi Kanagy, Ellie Kanagy, Sam Mather, Ian Speros** and **Elliot Speros.**
- **Youth Christmas Get Together** All youth and their friends are invited to the Kanagy's home this evening 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!
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** Please join us THIS Wednesday at 6:30 pm for a time of singing and reflecting. Following the service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of sharing. Please bring a plate of cookies to share.
- **Next Sunday** We will have a fellowship time at 9:30 am. There will be no Christian Education. Bring some snacks (fruit, etc.) to share and enjoy each other's company!
- **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.
- **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 for details!
- **Additional Giving for Last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$9.00; Love Fund: \$400.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$30.00; MAMA Project: \$90.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: April Mather

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Piano: E Jones, R Savage

Usher: Bill Speight

Sunday School Nursery: Todd Miller

Greeter: Bill Speight

Worship Nursery: S Schmucker Coblentz A/V Team: B Speros & E Miller

Sunday Building Trustee: Stehouwer

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Shirley Coblentz

Song Leader: Jonathan Witmer-Rich

Usher: Melvin Honsaker

Greeter: Jerrald Covington

SS Nursery: None

Worship Nursery: Maria Witmer-Rich

A/V Team: Nate Arn

Sunday Building Trustee: Rudy Coblentz

Looking Ahead

TODAY

Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am

Youth Christmas Party 4:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 28

Fellowship Time during Sunday School

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$2523.15

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

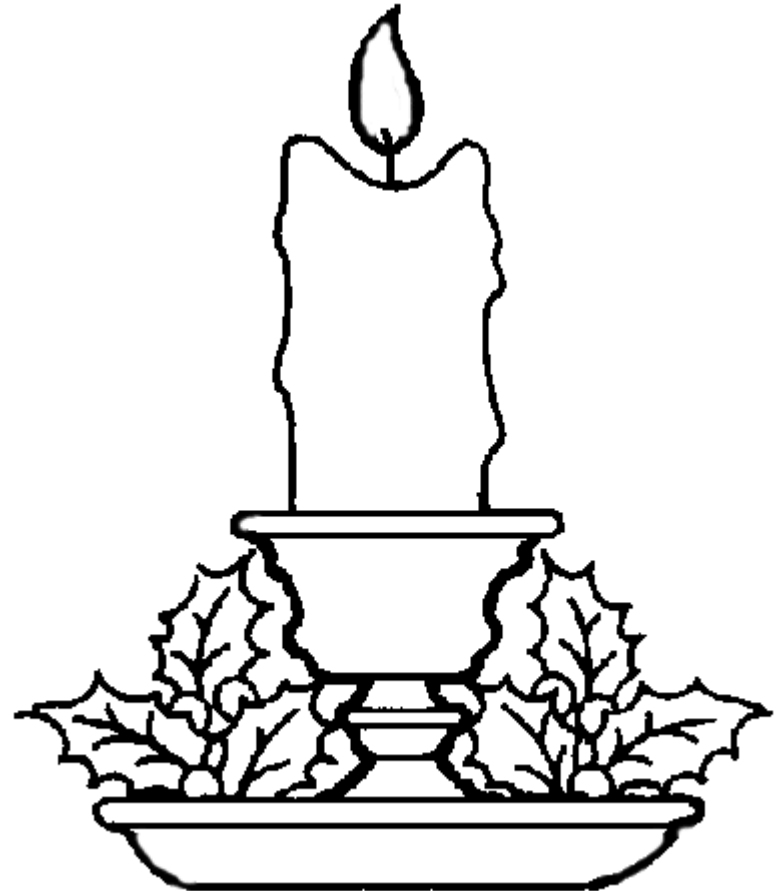
6:30 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Bring your Favorite Cookies to share!

Sunday, December 28 - 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



CANDLE OF LOVE



But then God our Savior showed us his kindness
and love. He saved us,
not because of the good things we did, but because
of his mercy.
Titus 3:4-5a (NLT)