

The Bounty in Absence

Sabbatical 2015

Pastors Kevin and Nan Kanagy will be on a three month sabbatical from February 1 through April 30 this year. Worship Committee has chosen the theme "**Bounty in Absence**" for this time period and we look forward to seeing how God will move in our midst. Please contact Elder Rhonda Savage if a pastoral need arises.

As our visual during the time of the Kanagy's sabbatical, we will watch as a piece of burlap fabric changes, moves and evolves in the front of the sanctuary. The transformation of this humble fabric will help us to remember the ways that we can be transformed by the Holy Spirit, sometimes in surprising ways and sometimes during times of difficulty and "absence."

As we near the end of the season of Lent, here are some questions to reflect on, thinking of "Bounty in Absence."

- What are examples (biblical and in our own lives) of God's amazing provision in times of absence and emptiness?
- The absence of the Kanagys can be viewed as an opportunity for our church to grow in new ways as we explore life without pastors present. What gains can we as a congregation make in the Kanagy's absence?



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

March 29, 2015

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Songs of Praise
Children's Moment
Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11
Sermon: *"A Day in My Life with Jesus"*
Ralph Reinford, Regional Pastor
Congregational Sharing and Prayer
Responding Song
Offering
Penny Power 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 in life!

Announcements

- **Thank you to Ralph Reinford** for bringing the message this morning! Ralph been a Regional Pastor in Ohio Conference for four years. Before that, he was pastor at Wooster Mennonite for 14 years and 12 years as pastor in Hickory NC. Ralph is married to Barb, who is Office Manager at Everence in Kidron and Hartville. They have two married children and two grandchildren, all living in Harrisonburg VA.
- **Maundy Thursday** Please join us on Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 pm for a Maundy Thursday service to prepare us for Easter.
- **Easter Breakfast** Make plans to join us for our annual Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 am! There is a sign up sheet in the foyer
- **The Lent worship arts** represent the ways that bounty and absence often intermingle, with the rough, coarse and simple burlap cloth (representing absence) knotted together with the brilliant, smooth purple fabric (representing bounty). The three floating candles represent the trinity and remind us of God's presence throughout our many seasons of life.
- **Canned Goods!** Looking for a way to give this winter? 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 to give out to those who may need additional groceries this season. Thank you.
- **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: \$21.00; Meals on Wheels: \$60.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$30.00; The Mennonite: \$111.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Yoder

Song Leader: Rhonda Savage

Piano: Elizabeth Jones

Usher: Chris Coblentz

Sunday School Nursery: Rudy Coblentz

Greeter: Rudy Coblentz

Worship Nursery: April Mather

A/V Team: Ben Yoder

Sunday Building Trustee: Witmer-Rich

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Shirley Coblentz

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Usher: Chris Savage

Greeter: Chris Coblentz

SS Nursery: None

Worship Nursery: Cara Speros

A/V Team: Eric Miller

Sunday Building Trustee: Rudy Coblentz

Looking Ahead

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday – Breakfast 9:30 am

Worship 10:45 am

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$2736.01

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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