

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 enter into the Easter season, 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

April 12, 2015

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Songs of Praise
Scripture Reading: John 21:1-25
Sermon: "*So Now What?*"
Randy Keeler, Bluffton University
Responding Song
Congregational Sharing & 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 in life!

Announcements

- **Thank you to Randy Keeler** for bringing the message this morning! Dr. Randy Keeler is Associate Professor of Religion at Bluffton University. Randy and his wife, Karen, have been married for 35 years and have 4 children. He enjoys golfing and working out, and recently became a grandfather! Randy is on sabbatical from Bluffton this year, resourcing congregations across the Ohio Conference in the area of Youth Ministry.
- **Canned Goods!** Looking for a way to give? 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!
- **Central Christian Middle School** presents the drama, Sarah, Plain and Tall, on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the door. Visit www.ccscomets.org for details. Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present their spring concert on Friday, May 15 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. Visit www.ccscomets.org for details.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Meals on Wheels: \$10.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: April Mather *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich
Piano: Rhonda Savage *Usher:* Elizabeth Jones
Sunday School Nursery: Ryan Claassen *Greeter:* Rudy Coblentz
Worship Nursery: Sue Schmucker Coblentz *A/V Team:* Nate Arn
Sunday Building Trustee: Mather

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Worship Committee *Song Leader:* Rhonda Savage
Usher: Bill Speight *Greeter:* Bill Speight
SS Nursery: Todd Miller *Worship Nursery:* Maria Witmer-Rich
A/V Team: Ben Speros *Sunday Building Trustee:* Speros

Looking Ahead

Sunday, April 19 "Retreat" Sunday at FMC 10:45 am
Potluck after Worship
Tuesday, April 21 Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:
\$1175.00

Weekly Budget:
\$1371.00

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