

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 19, 2015

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Children's Moment
Songs of Praise
Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35
Testimonies
Responding Time
Responding Song
Congregational 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

- **“Retreat Sunday”** This morning is our 3rd Sabbatical Retreat Sunday. This will be a time of fellowship and reflection. Thank you to all who helped plan and lead these meaningful times of worship during the sabbatical!
- **Potluck Meal** After Worship TODAY, we will have a potluck lunch. Bring a dish and join us!
- **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!
- **Sabbatical Sharing** Join us during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, May 10, for an intergenerational time of sharing from the Kanagy family about their time during their sabbatical.
- **Care packages for college students** We are putting together care packages for Friendship’s college students: Nick Arn (Bluffton University), Jacob Arn (Eastern Michigan University), Chris Savage (Tri-C), and Matt Savage (Ohio University). Please make sure to sign the cards today to wish them well as they finish the semester.
- **Women’s Spring Luncheon** All women are invited to join Pastor Nan at Bedford Church of the Nazarene’s Women’s Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 25 from 12-2. Please RSVP to Cara by Monday, April 20 if you would like to attend!
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$12.00; Sabbatical Fund: \$5.00; Meals on Wheels: \$5.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich

Song Leader: Rhonda Savage

Piano: Elizabeth Jones

Usher: Bill Speight

Sunday School Nursery: Todd Miller

Greeter: Bill Speight

Worship Nursery: Maria Witmer-Rich

A/V Team: Ben Speros

Sunday Building Trustee: Ben Speros

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Yoder

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Usher: Todd Miller

Greeter: Ryan Claassen

SS Nursery: Rudy Coblentz

Worship Nursery: Mary Wright

A/V Team: Eric Miller

Sunday Building Trustee: Joe Kotva

Looking Ahead

TODAY

Potluck after Worship

Tuesday, April 21

Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 25

Women’s Day of Reflection

Sunday, May 10

Kanagy Sabbatical Sharing 9:30 am

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$686.10

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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