

# Prayer Requests

- Pray for those in our congregation who have lost loved ones in recent months, as they grieve.
- Pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with stress that seems overwhelming at times, that God will comfort them.
- Pray for M, who had foot surgery, as she heals.
- Pray for A's brother, V, who was shot in the neck and is recovering well.
- Pray for S, as she recovers from kidney issues.
- Pray for K & J as they support a friend who recently lost a son.
- Pray for R, who is very weak, and for S as she ministers to and cares for R.
- Pray for Ohio Conference's Leadership Team as they begin the search for a transitional conference leader.
- Pray for the students, teachers and staff who are beginning a new school year.

If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the bulletin, contact Cara Speros at [secretary@friendmc.org](mailto:secretary@friendmc.org).



**Happy Birthday!**



*Keep these people in your prayers as they celebrate another year of life!*

Amy Gingerich: September 6

Isabella Hartzler: September 16

Beatrice Mather: September 29

## Friendship Mennonite Church

**August 30, 2015**

Welcome  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship  
Songs of Praise  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24-29  
Sermon: *"Practicing Jesus"* Kevin Kanagy  
Responding Song  
Congregational Sharing & Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Benediction

**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

- **Friendship Retreat** Join us this afternoon for our next Potluck at Friendship Retreat! We will gather at our property in Geauga County at 4:00 for fun and fellowship, followed by a potluck dinner at 5. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck and your own place settings. Directions are in the foyer brochure rack.
- **Ohio Mennonite Women's Fall Retreat** All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend this fun event the weekend of September 18-20. The theme is "Where is the Pause Button?" and promises to be a fun time filled with fellowship, worship and sharing. The cost of the retreat is \$80 and FMC will contribute \$50 to anyone who is attending. Anyone interested can let Cara Speros know, and see Pastor Nan with questions.
- **Freezing temperatures** and snow are adding another layer of deprivation to Syrians and Iraqis who have been forced from their homes to escape violence from the Islamic State group and battling armies in Syria. Mennonite Central Committee is calling for financial donations as it provides heating fuel and blankets this winter and continues to address basic needs of food, shelter and education throughout the year. In addition, MCC welcomes contributions of blankets and comforters to replenish the more than 18,500 that were sent to Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria for the winter months. You can donate to the Syria and Iraq crisis response or learn how to contribute blankets at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org).
- **Looking to go deeper in spiritual life?** Want to hear from God? Maybe what you need is a companion to walk beside you and help you listen to the Divine. **Pastor Nan** is trained in spiritual direction and would be happy to meet with you for 1 to 3 sessions at your convenience. For more information about what spiritual direction is, please visit [www.sdiworld.org](http://www.sdiworld.org). Give her a call at 440-359-1976.
- **Additional Giving from last Sunday:** Mennonite World Conference: \$279.00; Meals on Wheels: \$5.00; Penny Power: \$28.61; City Fresh: \$15.50..

## Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich

Song Leader: Rhonda Savage

Piano: Elizabeth Jones

Usher: Todd Miller

Sunday School Nursery: Rudy Coblentz

Greeter: Rudy Coblentz

Worship Nursery: Cara Speros

A/V Team: Ben Speros

Sunday Building Trustee: Ben Speros

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## Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Nan Kanagy

Song Leader: Nan Kanagy

Usher: Chris Coblentz

Greeter: Chris Coblentz

SS Nursery: Ryan Claassen

Worship Nursery: Amy Gingerich

A/V Team: Nate Arn

Sunday Building Trustee: Chris Coblentz

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## Looking Ahead

TODAY

Fall Sunday School Begins 9:30 am

Potluck at Friendship Retreat 4:00 pm

Saturday, September 12

Leadership Team Meeting 9-noon

Sunday, September 13

Children Led Worship 10:45 am

Ice Cream Social Fundraiser noon

Tuesday, September 15

Administrative Team Meeting 6:30 pm

September 18-20

Women's Retreat at Camp Luz

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## Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:  
\$712.00

Weekly Budget:  
\$1371.00

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