

# Prayer Requests

- Pray for J, the daughter of M & P. J is in treatment for leukemia.
- Pray for G, the adult daughter of S's friend, who is ill with mesothelioma.
- Pray for T & J and their family, as they minister to others in Guatemala during political unrest and upheaval in their neighborhood.
- Pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with stress that seems overwhelming at times, that God will comfort them.
- Pray for individuals and families who are being displaced as a result of war in Syria, and for those who are helping them figure out their next steps. See the bulletin announcement for info.
- Pray for Pastor Nan and Girl Talk members as they learn about life skills of communication and conflict resolution.
- Pray for Ohio Mennonite Conference

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## 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



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

**October 25, 2015**

Welcome  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship  
Songs of Praise  
Children's Moment  
Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:8-18  
Sermon: *"Encourage the Dishearted"* Kevin Kanagy  
Responding Song  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Benediction and Sending

## 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

- **Fellowship Committee.** We don't have a social committee this year, so we are looking for volunteers to organize the Thanksgiving Dinner which will be **November 22**. We would also like volunteers for the Christmas brunch. Forming a team of 2-3 people or a couple of families taking the lead would be a great way to organize each of the events. Consider giving of your time so we can carry on with these traditions! If you are interested in helping please contact either Rhonda Savage or Sue Coblentz.
- **MCC Hygiene Kits** The Syrian refugee crisis is the worst since WWII. Please donate today, sharing relief in the name of Christ. You can take ½ sheet of white paper with items on the back for an entire kit. They are on bulletin board in the lobby.
- **FMC YOUTH need you!** All youth and individuals interested in being mentors are invited **Sunday, November 8** to eat and play together after church. Contact Nan with questions.
- **Advent Devotionals** It's time to start thinking about Advent! This time of preparing ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus starts on November 29. Anita Hooley Yoder has written a devotional through Brethren Press with reflections on scripture passages for each day of Advent. The title is In the Fullness of Time. It focuses on God coming to earth at a specific time in the person of Jesus, and what that says about our earthly reality, including our physical bodies. You can purchase copies for \$2.75 each (\$5.95 for large print) from [www.brethrenpress.com](http://www.brethrenpress.com) or by calling 800-441-3712.
- **Girl Talk:** Contact Pastor Nan if you can purchase or bring snacks to Girl Talk on the first Monday of the month. All girls ages 9 to 13 are invited at 4 pm. About 8 to 10 girls have been coming. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. Thank you.
- **Ladies Night Out** We will hold a fun ladies night out in the coming months to celebrate the birth of M & S's new baby! See Maria Witmer-Rich to contribute to a group gift. Date is TBA.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Amy Gingerich      *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich  
*Piano:* Rhonda Savage      *Usher:* Chris Coblentz  
*Sunday School Nursery:* Rudy Coblentz      *Greeter:* Bill Speight  
*Worship Nursery:* Ryan Claassen      *A/V Team:* Ben Yoder  
*Sunday Building Trustee:* Rudy Coblentz

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### Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* Nate Stehouwer      *Song Leader:* Rhonda Savage  
*Usher:* Chris Savage      *Greeter:* Chris Coblentz  
*SS Nursery:* Ryan Claassen      *Worship Nursery:* April Mather  
*A/V Team:* TBA      *Sunday Building Trustee:* TBA

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### Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 1      Chili Cookoff 12 noon  
Sunday, November 8      Youth and Family Nacho Day! 12 noon  
Sunday, November 22      Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

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### Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:  
\$

Weekly Budget:  
\$1371.00

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It's time for our annual Chili Cook-Off!

# Sunday, November 1 @ Noon

Bring your best chili recipe to enter in the contest and come ready to do some tasting!

We will also be raising money for the MCC relief efforts for Syrian refugees, so don't forget your pocket-books!

If you don't want to make chili but are still interested in participating, talk to Christina Stehouwer or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for ideas of other items to bring.

I'm sure we're all eager to see whether reigning champion Chris Savage can hold his title!



**Let's play, build and connect with each other in the faith community!**

## **NACHO SUNDAY!**

**November 8, 2015  
After church**

All adults interested in sharing stories and life with middle school & high school students are invited. ALSO middle school and high school students and their families are invited. Please RSVP to Nan Kanagy ASAP.

**Come, build, create and connect!**

“What does it mean for an adult to give up their power so that the adult is both giving and receiving from squirmy jr. highers and snarky seniors?” -MH

“We need intergenerational discipleship in an authentic and sincere way. When we share in relationship with others who are older or younger than ourselves, we learn, grow and see God! Let us search for God together and follow Jesus unashamady to bless the world!” - NM

“God has made all of us unique. Sharing our personalities, griefs, joys and lives with each other is a way for healing and hope to be present in our lives as we journey on in Jesus' way!” - MK

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