

Announcements Continued

- **Mother-Daughter Retreat** Save the date! January 22-23, 2016 will be the Mother-Daughter Retreat at Camp Luz. All ages of mothers and daughters are invited to this retreat. See Pastor Nan or Cara Speros if you are interested in attending.
- **Mennonite Central Committee** alternative Christmas giving catalogues are available in the foyer. What a great gift to give to someone in need, instead of purchasing things we "want" in our culture of consumerism. Please consider giving in the name of Christ this season.
- **Ladies Night Out** We will hold a fun ladies night out on Saturday, December 5 at 5:00 pm at the Panera Bread in Solon to celebrate the birth of Margaret and Steve's new baby! See Maria Witmer-Rich to contribute to a group gift.

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. 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

Missions Month

November 15, 2015

Welcome

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Children's Moment

Missions Moment and Offering

Scripture Readings:

Matthew 13:31-32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Isaiah 52:6-7

Sermon: "God's Great Project" Mattie Marie Mast

Mennonite Mission Network

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!

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- **Thank you to Mattie Marie Mast** for bringing us the message this morning! Mattie Marie is enjoying this time in her life as she finds ways to connect with persons as a spiritual director and mentor. She loves biking as a spiritual practice and seeing the world through the eyes of her 9 grandchildren. Since her retirement as pastor, she has been attending the LifeBridge Community Church in Dover and Strasburg. She and her husband served as Mennonite mission workers for 25 years in Argentina when they were first married. She has had the privilege serving on the Board of Mennonite Mission Network for the last several years.
- **Pastors Kevin and Nan** are away this weekend for a Pastor/Spouse retreat. They will be relaxing, and Nan is helping to organize for the weekend. Keep them in your prayers.
- **Advent Devotionals** Advent begins on November 29. **Anita Hooley Yoder** has written a devotional through Brethren Press with reflections on scripture passages for each day of Advent. Titled *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. You can pick up a copy of Anita's devotional in the church office.
- **Service and Learning** Join us next Sunday during the Christian Education hour as we participate in 3 activities to learn about Missions and bless others. As part of our service, we will collect items to send packages to our college students. Gum, dried fruit, snacks, gift certificates, or other items are welcome. Contact Nan or April with questions, and see the bulletin board for more info.
- **2015 Christmas program:** This year's children's Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday, December 20, during morning worship. Practices for the program will take place during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30) on December 6 and 13, with a final dress rehearsal on Friday, December 18 after school. This year's play is written by our own Eric Miller. All FMC kids are invited to take part in this fun annual tradition! See Anita or Maria with questions.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$12.25; Meals on Wheels: \$5.00; Missions: \$155.74.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Nate Stehouwer
Piano: Rhonda Savage
Sunday School Nursery: Todd Miller
Worship Nursery: Robin Arn
Sunday Building Trustee: Hartzler

Song Leader: Rachel Miller
Usher: Jonathan Hartzler
Greeter: Rudy Coblentz
A/V Team: Ben Yoder

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Yoder *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich
Usher: Bill Speight *Greeter:* Bill Speight
SS Nursery: Rudy Coblentz *Worship Nursery:* Diana Hartzler
A/V Team: Eric Miller *Sunday Building Trustee:* Joe Kotva

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 22 Service and Learning 9:30 am
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, November 29 Advent Begins
Saturday, December 5 Ladies Night Out 5:00 pm

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:
\$1159.48

Weekly Budget:
\$1371.00

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November is

Missions Month

Each year at FMC, we focus on different ways God is working in our congregation and around the world. We are called to support God's work in many ways. One way is in a special offering during Missions month. Some of the groups we support with this offering are:

Mennonite Mission Network, which is part of Mennonite Church USA, helps Mennonites extend their witness around the world and in local neighborhoods. When we give to MMN, we support not just the mission workers, but also Third Way Media, US church planting, the Peace and Justice Support Network, and US staff. Interested in MMN? Visit their website for more information on how you can support MMN, through service, giving, and prayer.

Mennonite Central Committee We know MCC's mission work primarily through our Penny Power Offering, which is the last Sunday of every month. MCC uses our Penny Power offering to help people dig wells, solve political conflicts surrounding water, and implement good irrigation practices to ensure the poor and politically marginalized have access to safe, clean water. Villages where MCC have helped report fewer cases of diarrhea and child deaths once the water projects have been completed.

MCC's mission can be summed up on their web page, "Relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ." MCC does so much more than water projects; aiding people around the world with building peace, food and water access (including meat canning!), helping youth get an education, health and HIV initiatives, and emergency disaster relief abroad and in the US. You can learn more through the Hello magazines available for the children in our congregation and in the library. Find out additional ways to help by ordering a gift through the MCC Gift Catalog (available in the library) as well as on their website: www.mcc.org, or follow them on Facebook or Twitter.

Ohio Conference The purpose of the Ohio Conference is to connect congregations like ours to other churches in Ohio and to the Mennonite Church in general. The conference accomplishes this through a number of means, including providing worship resources and publications, such as the *Ohio Mennonite Evangel*, which we receive in our mailboxes every other month.

In addition to print resources, however, they also provide tangible services which get reflected back to our congregation-- including a regional pastor, Ralph Reinford, who provides prayer and direct support to our pastors as well as peer/prayer groups for the same.

Ohio Conference mainly works to support Ohio congregations and their leaders in worship and witness of Jesus.

When we give to Ohio Conference, we support worship and print resources that we rely upon to help guide our spiritual practices, as well as direct spiritual and practical support for our pastorate.

Interested in knowing more about Ohio Conference? To keep up with them, in addition to reading the *Ohio Mennonite Evangel*, you can friend them on Facebook or read more about them at <http://ohiomennoniteconference.org>

Local Mission Connections...a few highlights:

The People of Peru – Sheri Banks has committed her life to serving the people of Peru. Part of the year she and her husband **Gary Banks** live in Peru, travelling, serving, translating and making connections for people of faith. She is active with the Mennonite Brethren Church in Lima. Pray for Sheri and Gary as they just flew to Peru in October.

Ted and Julie Smoker and Family Ted and Julie are former members of FMC who are now serving as missionaries in Guatemala.

SpringHaven Counseling Center provides private compassionate mental health counseling and psychiatric care to individuals and families. The dedicated Christian staff cares deeply about the emotional and mental health needs of the community and respects individuals from all faiths.