

Prayer Requests

- Pray for J, the daughter of M & P. J is in treatment for leukemia.
- Pray for G, the adult daughter of Ss' friend, who is ill with mesothelioma.
- Pray for M, Pastor Nan's father, who underwent triple bypass surgery this week as well as an additional surgery the next day. Pray for healing and comfort.
- 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.
- Pray for Pastor Nan and Girl Talk members as they learn about life skills of communication and conflict resolution.
- Pray for Ohio Mennonite Conference

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 22, 2015

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Songs of Praise
Missions Moment and Offering
Scripture Reading
Sermon: 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

- **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. There are also copies of a children and family devotional booklet in the office.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$10.00; MAMA Project: \$90.00; Missions: \$678.25.

Serving Our Church Today

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

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich *Song Leader:* Rhonda Savage
Usher: Chris Coblentz *Greeter:* Todd Miller
SS Nursery: Todd Miller *Worship Nursery:* Angela Thornton
A/V Team: Eric Miller *Sunday Building Trustee:* Hartzler

Looking Ahead

TODAY	Service and Learning 9:30 am Annual Thanksgiving Dinner noon
Sunday, November 29	Advent Begins
Saturday, December 5	Ladies Night Out 5:00 pm
Friday, December 18	Children's Program Practice 4:30 pm
Sunday, December 20	Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:
\$1117.00

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.