

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 Marion Beyeler, Pastor Nan's father, who underwent triple bypass surgery recently as well as an additional surgery the next day. Pray for healing and comfort as he recovers.
- 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

Advent at Friendship

We celebrate Advent for the four Sundays before Christmas. "Advent" is a version of a Latin word that means "coming." We set aside this time to prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of Jesus to the world. For many people Advent (like Lent) is a time of spiritual renewal and refocusing. It can also be a time of repenting, as John the Baptist called people to do to "prepare the way of the Lord."



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

Advent Week 2

December 6, 2015

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Advent Candle Lighting
Songs of Praise
Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:3-11
Sermon: *"That Love May Abound"* Kevin Kanagy
Responding Song
Communion
Congregational Prayer
Offering, *Hannah Kanagy, Piano*
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

- **Christmas Breakfast** Join us for a time of fun and fellowship at 9:30 on Sunday, December 20. Sign up to bring a finger food (no dishes that require utensils to clean, please!) to share – there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- **2015 Christmas program:** This year's children's Christmas program is 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!
- **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.
- **Advent worship arts:** This Christmas season, Advent worship arts in the front of the sanctuary are a representation of the Advent theme, "Freedom Bound." In the center of the sanctuary is a painting that was made by many congregants during a recent Service and Learning Hour. This image, first made by an anonymous artist and then recreated at FMC, reminds us of vulnerability, both of the holy family and in this world in general. Surrounding the image are "bursts of light," which come in many forms, most notably in the form of candles, a star, and a lantern, all symbols from the Christmas story. As you contemplate these images, our prayer is that you would be moved to remember those who are vulnerable in the world and in our midst, and also to notice the "bursts of light" that Jesus brings to shine forward even in the darkest of times.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$12.00; Penny Power: \$16.90.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Nan Kanagy

Piano: Nan Kanagy

Sunday School Nursery: Steve Mather

Worship Nursery: Maria Witmer-Rich

Sunday Building Trustee: Miller

Song Leader: Nan Kanagy

Usher: Chris Savage

Greeter: Ryan Claassen

A/V Team: Ben Yoder

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Amy Gingerich

Usher: Rudy Coblentz

SS Nursery: Ryan Claassen

A/V Team: Nate Arn

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Greeter: Elizabeth Jones

Worship Nursery: Mary Wright

Sunday Building Trustee: Rudy Coblentz

Looking Ahead

Friday, December 18

Sunday, December 20

Thursday, December 24

Children's Program Practice 4:30 pm

Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$674.25

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

Friendship Mennonite Church

21881 Libby Road

Bedford Heights, Oh 441416

(216)662-6788

Co-Pastors: Kevin Kanagy (kevin@friendmc.org) Cell: (440)591-4072

Nan Kanagy (nan@friendmc.org)

Secretary: Cara Speros (secretary@friendmc.org)

www.friendmc.org





December 31 Day Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1-Isaiah 7:14-17
 Day 2-Isaiah 9:6-7
 Day 3-Isaiah 11:1-5
 Day 4-Isaiah 11:6-10
 Day 5-Isaiah 40:1-5
 Day 6-Isaiah 52:7-10
 Day 7-Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Day 8-Psalm 72:1-7
 Day 9-Psalm 72:8-14
 Day 10-Psalm 72:15-20

Day 11-Psalm 95:1-7
 Day 12-Malachi 3:1-3
 Day 13-Matthew 1:18-20
 Day 14-Matthew 1:21-25
 Day 15-Matthew 2:1-6
 Day 16-Matthew 2:7-12
 Day 17-Luke 1:26-29
 Day 18-Luke 1:30-34
 Day 19-Luke 1:35-38
 Day 20-Luke 1:46-50

Day 21-Luke 1:51-56
 Day 22-Luke 2:4-7
 Day 23-Luke 2:8-12
 Day 24-Luke 2:13-16
 Day 25-Luke 2:17-20
 Day 26-Galatians 4:4-7
 Day 27-Philippians 2:5-8
 Day 28-Philippians 2:9-11
 Day 29-James 1:16-18
 Day 30-Titus 3:3-7
 Day 31-Choose your own verse



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
 Psalm 119:18

©www.swtblessings.com



December 31 Day Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1-Isaiah 7:14-17
 Day 2-Isaiah 9:6-7
 Day 3-Isaiah 11:1-5
 Day 4-Isaiah 11:6-10
 Day 5-Isaiah 40:1-5
 Day 6-Isaiah 52:7-10
 Day 7-Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Day 8-Psalm 72:1-7
 Day 9-Psalm 72:8-14
 Day 10-Psalm 72:15-20

Day 11-Psalm 95:1-7
 Day 12-Malachi 3:1-3
 Day 13-Matthew 1:18-20
 Day 14-Matthew 1:21-25
 Day 15-Matthew 2:1-6
 Day 16-Matthew 2:7-12
 Day 17-Luke 1:26-29
 Day 18-Luke 1:30-34
 Day 19-Luke 1:35-38
 Day 20-Luke 1:46-50

Day 21-Luke 1:51-56
 Day 22-Luke 2:4-7
 Day 23-Luke 2:8-12
 Day 24-Luke 2:13-16
 Day 25-Luke 2:17-20
 Day 26-Galatians 4:4-7
 Day 27-Philippians 2:5-8
 Day 28-Philippians 2:9-11
 Day 29-James 1:16-18
 Day 30-Titus 3:3-7
 Day 31-Choose your own verse



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
 Psalm 119:18

©www.swtblessings.com