

### ***Announcements Continued***

- **Adult Christian Education Coordinator** Worship Committee is seeking to delegate responsibility for coordinating the Adult Sunday School class. If you would feel led to serve in this way, please talk with Brother Dan or a member of the Worship Committee (Anita Hooley Yoder, Maria Witmer-Rich, Nate Stehouwer, Steve Mather).
- **Lights Out for Hunger** On December 21, 2016, join the cities of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Walton Hills and Oakwood Village and turn off your holiday lights. You are then encouraged to donate your electricity savings or more to the "Lights Out for Hunger" campaign. Proceeds will benefit the Southeast Clergy Hunger Center and Messiah International Ministries Food Bank. Checks can be made out to The Southeast Clergy Council and sent to: First Baptist Church of Bedford, 445 Turney Rd., Bedford, OH 44146. Please include "Lights Out for Hunger" in the memo section of the check. See the flier on the bulletin board for more information.

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### ***For Your Information...***

- The Annual Reports of several Mennonite organizations are available in the library in the church lobby.
- Mennonite Central Committee Holiday Giving Guides are also available in the church library.
- Thank you to everyone who gave during Missions Month! Together, we collected \$3045.60 for the various missions organizations and groups that we support here at FMC!



**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**

**December 4, 2016**

Welcome  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship  
Advent Candlelighting  
Songs of Praise  
Children's Moment  
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10  
Sermon: "God's Harmony is at Hand" Brother Dan Hooley  
Responding Song  
Communion  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Sending Song

**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

- **Communion** This morning, we will be celebrating communion together. We welcome all to the table to remember the life and death of Jesus. Grapes and a blessing will be available for the children as a special time for them to share.
- **Advent worship arts:** The banner displayed in the front of the church was inspired by a banner displayed at Mennonite World Conference and was begun at the FMC women's retreat last May. A big thank you to Mary Lowery who appliqued the stars onto the banner and finished it this summer!
- **Advent candles:** Advent candles are used to represent the Sundays of the advent season. This year our church is representing the Sundays of advent with blue candles. The deep blue of Advent is meant to inspire in us the hope of faith, and to encourage us to keep watch for the promised light of Christ to break over the horizon, changing night into day, darkness into light, and filling our lives and our world with a holy and righteous splendor. The pink candle, representing joy, will be lit on the third Sunday of advent, and the white Christ candle will be lit on Christmas Day.
- **Christmas Breakfast** On Dec 18 we will have a continental breakfast at 9 AM before Sunday School. We know this will be a busy morning, so don't feel obligated to bring food. But if you would like to share something, please talk with Shirley Coblentz.
- **2016 Christmas program:** This year's children's Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday, December 18, during morning worship. Practices for the program began today during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30) and will continue next week. We will hold a final dress rehearsal on Friday, December 16 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 Maria with questions.
- **Holiday Schedule** Make plans to join us for Worship on Christmas Day and New Year's Day! We will not have Sunday school, but will have Worship at 10am each of these special days.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Missions: \$60.00; Penny Power Offering: \$29.50.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Amy Gingerich      *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich  
*Piano:* Rhonda Savage      *Usher:* Jonathan Hartzler  
*Sunday School Nursery:* Nate Stehouwer      *Greeter:* Ryan Claassen  
*Worship Nursery:* Sue Schmucker Coblentz      *A/V Team:* Eric Miller  
*Sunday Building Trustee:* Hartzler Family

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## Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* Anita Hooley Yoder      *Song Leader:* Rachel Miller  
*Usher:* Chris Savage      *Greeter:* Mary Wright  
*SS Nursery:* Todd Miller      *Worship Nursery:* Amy Gingerich  
*A/V Team:* Nate Arn      *Sunday Building Trustee:* Yoder Family

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## Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 4 & 11      Children's program practice 9:30 am  
Sunday, December 18      Christmas Breakfast 9:00 am  
   Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am  
Sunday, December 25      Christmas Worship **10:00 am**  
Sunday, January 1      New Year's Day Worship **10:00 am**

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## Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:  
\$773.25

Weekly Budget:  
\$1371.00

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