

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 encouraged to donate your electricity savings or more to the “Lights Out for Hunger” campaign. Proceeds benefit the Southeast Clergy Hunger Center & 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.

For Your Information...

- The November issue of MARKETPLACE is available in the lobby – it’s a publication of Mennonite Economic Development Associates.
- See a program from the celebration service of Paul Miller, co-founder of FMC, on the bulletin board.
- In your mailbox: BEYOND from Mennonite Mission Network. This month, look “Toward Faith in Action.”
- 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 11, 2016

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Advent Candlelighting
Songs of Praise
Children’s Moment
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10
Sermon: “*God’s Healing is at Hand*” Brother Dan Hooley
Responding Song
Congregational Sharing & 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

- **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 applied 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** Next Sunday, 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. We will hold a final dress rehearsal on **Saturday, December 17 from 9:00-10:30**. Breakfast will be available starting at 8:30, and we will begin promptly at 9. 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.
- **Love Fund** FMC includes in our budget each year a fund designated to give support to those in our community who need assistance. This Love Fund is in need of replenishment. If you would like to contribute, please designate your offering accordingly.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$8.00; MCC Canner: \$40; Peru Mission: \$20 Meals on Wheels: \$20.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Yoder

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Piano: Rhonda Savage

Usher: Chris Savage

Sunday School Nursery: Todd Miller

Greeter: Mary Wright

Worship Nursery: Amy Gingerich

A/V Team: Nate Arn

Sunday Building Trustee: Yoder Family

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Yoder

Song Leader: Christina Stehouwer

Usher: Elizabeth Jones

Greeter: Rudy Coblentz

SS Nursery: TBA

Worship Nursery: April Mather

A/V Team: Ben Speros

Sunday Building Trustee: Rudy Coblentz

Looking Ahead

TODAY

Children's program practice 9:30 am

Saturday, December 17

Children's program practice 9:00 am

Sunday, December 18

Christmas Breakfast 9:00 am

Sunday, December 25

Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am

Sunday, January 1

Christmas Worship **10:00 am**

New Year's Day Worship **10:00 am**

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$4496.00

Weekly Budget:

\$1371.00

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