

Announcements Continued

- **Bible Study** A group is being formed for Bible study and fellowship during the day at the home of Marge Meuti. If you would be interested in joining, please talk with Joe or Brother Dan and we will work on a time for the meetings.
- **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.
- **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. 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."



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 18, 2016

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Advent Candlelighting
Songs of Praise
Children's Christmas Program
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!

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- **2016 Christmas program:** Thank you to Maria Witmer-Rich for organizing and directing this morning's Children's Christmas program! Also thank you to Eric Miller for writing the play. And a big THANK YOU to all of the youth and children for participating and sharing the joy of Christ with us today!
- **Adult Christian Education** Starting in January, the Adult Education class will be reading Dr. Drew Hart's *Trouble I've Seen*, a book challenging the way we view race in the church and in our society. He will also be speaking at Columbus Mennonite Church on Saturday January 21st from 9:30am- 1:30pm. Registration is free, but CMC is asking for a donation towards lunch costs. If you would like to attend this event, or if you are interested in carpooling please contact April Mather. For more information see: <https://drewghart.com/upcoming-events/>
- **Christmas Dinner** Shirley and Rudy Coblentz wish to invite anyone who is available to join them at their house for Christmas dinner. Dinner will be about 1 PM. A houseful would be great! RSVP to Rudy or Shirley. We would love to have you. Thank You!
- **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.
- **Ohio Mennonite Conference** ended November with an operating balance of negative \$27,000. If you are considering making some year-end donations, please include the Conference in your thoughts. And thank you again for the generous Missions Offering during November. From it we are able to send \$762 each to Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Central Committee, and Ohio Mennonite Conference; and \$190 each to Eastern European Missions (Gizella Tapolyai), Eastern Mennonite Missions (Smoker family), Victory Community Church, and persons in need in Peru.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Sunday School: \$17.00; Peru Mission: \$10.00; Meals on Wheels: \$10.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Yoder *Song Leader:* Christina Stehouwer
Piano: Rhonda Savage *Usher:* Elizabeth Jones
Sunday School Nursery: *Greeter:* Rudy Coblentz
Worship Nursery: April Mather *A/V Team:* Ben Speros
Sunday Building Trustee: Rudy Coblentz

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: TBA *Song Leader:* Rhonda Savae
Usher: Todd Miller *Greeter:* Chris Coblentz
SS Nursery: None *Worship Nursery:* Diana Hartzler
A/V Team: Ben Speros *Sunday Building Trustee:* Chris Coblentz

Looking Ahead

TODAY	Christmas Breakfast 9:00 am
	Children's Christmas Program 10:45 am
Wednesday, December 21	Youth/Mentor Caroling Event 6:45
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Worship 10:00 am
Sunday, January 1	New Year's Day Worship 10:00 am

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:	Weekly Budget:
\$1207.00	\$1371.00

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