

Yes! Let it Be!

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."

This year's Advent theme is, "Yes! Let it Be!" We are invited to express a sense of prayerful desire to participate in God's activity.

This week's Advent Scriptures: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Focus statement: Infused with God's vision, we proclaim with confidence, "Let it be with us according to your word!"

As you travel through the Advent season, look for the ways in which God is calling you to participate in God's activity. Listen for the times when you are called to do God's work.



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 24, 2017

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Advent Candlelighting
Children's Moment
Congregational Sharing & Prayer
Christmas Carols and Lessons



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 Lessons and Carols** Today's service is a worship service celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.
- **December Schedule** There will be a time of fellowship during the Sunday School hour on December 31, followed by worship at 10:45.
- **Church agencies** A variety of church agencies send us updates on a regular basis. These publications are available in your mailbox or in the magazine rack in the foyer. This month, see a new edition of "Toolbox" from Everence in your mailbox and "Behind the Hammer," from Mennonite Disaster Service, in the foyer.
- **"Confessing the peace of Jesus in a terroristic world"** is a statement and appeal from Eastern Mennonite Mission's Christian-Muslim Relations Team. In about a page, the statement includes history, current actions, and "transformative steps" as resources for our discussions about Islam. The statement is posted on the lobby bulletin board.
- **Dinner and a movie** On Saturday, January 20, MCC Great Lakes will be hosting "dinner and a movie" here at FMC. The movie will be "13th", a documentary about race and class and prison. All are invited to join us to watch the movie and then discuss it over dinner together beginning at 3pm.
- **Additional giving from last Sunday:** MAMA Project: \$140.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Cara Speros

Piano: Callie Speros

Sunday School Nursery: None

Worship Nursery: None

Sunday Building Trustee: Speros Family

Song Leader: Rhonda Savage

Usher: Elizabeth Jones

Greeter: Ian & Elliot Speros

A/V Team: Ben Speros

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Anita Hooley Yoder

Usher: Jonathan Hartzler

SS Nursery: Rudy Coblentz

A/V Team: Ben Yoder

Song Leader: Rachel Miller

Greeter: Chris Coblentz

Worship Nursery: Amy Gingerich

Sunday Building Trustee: Hooley Yoder Family

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 31

Fellowship Time 9:30 am

Sunday morning worship 10:45 am

Saturday, January 20

MCC Dinner & Movie 3-7 pm

Sunday, January 28

Church Life Meeting

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

\$1632.00

Weekly Budget:

\$1463.00

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