

# 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:** Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;  
2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

**Focus statement:** We long to be comforted, we long for change. Moving from uncertainty and fear, we call upon God to make things ready—the mountains leveled, the paths made straight, our hearts prepared.

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 10, 2017**

Welcome  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship  
Advent Candlelighting  
Songs of Praise  
Children's Moment  
Scripture Reading: Galatians 2:20  
Sermon: "Dying For A New Beginning" Hardaye Ramjit  
Peace Advocate from Lee Heights Community Church  
Responding Song  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering  
Announcements  
Benediction  
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

- Thank you to Hardaye Ramjit for bringing us the message this morning! Hardaye began her Christian journey at the age of 12, when she accepted Jesus Christ as Savior in Trinidad. Her ministry in Cleveland started at the Cuyahoga Hills Correctional Facility with Bible study for the young men. After becoming a Licensed Minister, she and her friend Elosie East started "The Aroma Of Christ Ministries". They conducted Sunday morning worship services in various nursing homes facilities in the city of Cleveland. She was also a volunteer at the Cleveland Metro Hospital as a Pastoral caregiver. She was Ordained as an Associate Minister at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, and served that congregation for two years. The Lord led her to Lee Hts. Community Church in 2011, where she currently serves as an Elder, Bible Study Teacher, and Woman's Ministry Coordinator. She is currently pursuing a Master Degree in Church Leadership at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Her passion is sharing the Gospel message to all who are willing to listen.
- **Christmas Breakfast** Please join us for a time of fellowship and fun during the Sunday School hour on December 17. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby. See Nate Stehouwer for more information.
- **Advent Sunday School** Join us for the Sunday School hour during the Advent Season as we gather for an intergenerational time of sharing. We will meet each week in the sanctuary at 9:30. Also make plans to join us on December 17 as the children and youth share a Christmas program with us!
- **"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.

## Serving Our Church Today

*Worship Leader:* Anita Hooley Yoder

*Song Leader:* Steve Mather

*Piano:*

*Usher:* Eric Miller

*Sunday School Nursery:* Todd Miller

*Greeter:* Ryan Claassen

*Worship Nursery:* Maria Witmer-Rich

*A/V Team:* Nate Arn

*Sunday Building Trustee:* Joe Kotva

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## Serving Next Sunday

*Worship Leader:* Shirley Coblentz

*Song Leader:* Rachel Miller

*Usher:* Todd Miller

*Greeter:* Ryan Hurley

*SS Nursery:* None

*Worship Nursery:* Sue Schmucker Coblentz

*A/V Team:* Eric Miller

*Sunday Building Trustee:* Miller Family

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## Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 10

Advent Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday, December 17

Christmas Breakfast 9:30 am

Christmas Program 10:45 am

Thursday, December 21

Christmas Caroling 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Morning Worship 10:45 am

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## Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:

Weekly Budget:

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\$1463.00

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