



FRIENDSHIP MENNONITE CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

December 30, 2007



**“I have not kept the good news of your justice hidden in my heart
I have talked about your faithfulness and saving power
I have told everyone in the great assembly
of your unfailing love and faithfulness.” --Psalm 40:10 NLT**

Connecting with Others

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Announcements
- Sharing
- Prayer
- Offering

Living by Faith

- HWB #208 *Love came down at Christmas*
- Advent Visitor – Stargazer

Hearing the Word

- Scripture Reading
- Sermon
- HWB #192 *On this day earth shall ring*

Sending to Serve

- Benediction
- HWB #199 *The first Noel, the angel did say*

Guest Speaker: Joe Jr.

Worship Leader: Dean
Song Leader: Rachel Miller
Greeters: Melvin & Parsilla

Advent Visitor: Jonathan

Pianist: Rhonda
Usher: Tim

Worship Nursery: Chris

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Wed. Jan. 2 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- Sat. Jan. 5 Elders' Meeting 7:30am
- Sun. Jan. 6 Agape Group 4:30pm
- Thr. Jan. 10 Southgate Group at Isaac & Jean's 11:00am

Giving for December 23, 2007

Church Offering:	Sunday School:
\$365.00	\$12.00

Announcements:

- We thank **Joe, Jr.** for bringing us the message this morning. Vern will be speaking next week.
- If you have an **announcement for the bulletin**, please leave a message on the church voicemail or contact Julie via phone or e-mail (bulletin@friendmc.org) by Thursday morning.



Advent meditation:

Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us,
Why is it that I think I must get somewhere, assume some position, be gathered together, or separated apart in a quiet place to pray?
Why is it that I feel that I have to go somewhere or do some particular act to find you, reach you, and talk with you?
Your presence is here
In the city—on the busy bus, in a favorite restaurant, in the factory; in the hospital—in the patients' rooms, in the waiting room; in the home—at dinner, in the family room, at the workbench; in the car—in the parking lot, at the stoplight.
Lord, reveal your presence to me everywhere, and help me become aware of your presence each moment of the day.
May your presence fill the non-answers, empty glances, and lonely times of my life.
Even so...come, Lord Jesus. Amen.



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Bill, or Maria.

Church Ministry

30. Pray for Irene Bornman as she adjusts back to life in Senegal.

Presently Irene and Margaret DeJong are the only Wolof Partnership team members in their city of ministry.

31. Tonya Starner in Mongolia requests prayer for spiritual protection in the interpersonal relationships among believers so there will be unity.

1. Cliff and Natasha Dueck request prayer that church members in Meech, Ukraine, will practice holy living so that this becomes the foundation for church ministry and the force that drives them forward.

2. Please pray for the Macau Mennonite Church pastors as they equip new leaders to lead weekly home small groups and young adults to lead in worship.

3. The North America Mission Fellowship planning committee meets in Los Angeles today and tomorrow. Pray for John Powell, who is chairing this session, and other committee members as they plan for the ongoing development of NAMF.

4. Pray for Jim and Paula Hanes and children, Amanda and Aaron, as they transition from ministry in Senegal back to the U.S. for a time. Ask that they will see God's hand and lean upon God's constancy.

5. Please pray for Robin Miller, Mission Network urban ministry director and pastor of Lee Heights Community Church, as he provides vision and leadership for urban ministry in the Cleveland metro area.

Prayer Request for week of December 30

Mennonite Media is sending out public service radio spots about mental illness. Pray that program managers will air them often on their radio stations.

“Moments with children”



What is it?

- A new program for children ages 4-7 that will be replacing Children's church.

What does it involve?

As little or as much time as someone wants to invest in it. A person can pick **one** of the following to do from a Character Curriculum:

- **Read a Character Story:** Stories take about 5 minutes to read. There are questions printed at the end of the story that can be asked.
- **Play a Character DVD:** DVD's are 20-30 minutes in length.

OR

- **Plan something yourself**

When would “Moments with Children” start & How often would it take place?

- The program would start in January. Hopefully it would happen once or twice a month. If no one signs up, then the program won't take place.

Where do I sign up?

- On the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the lobby or by contacting Rebecca.