

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Randy Nelson (TODAY), Kajsa Herrstrom & Rudy Litwiller (MON), Joyce Wyse (WED)

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**Tonight at 6:30 pm – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual FMC Chrismon Service.** Come decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life while singing hymns and carols and listening to scripture. A special offering will be taken for Anne Garber Kompaore's work in Africa. *The service is for all ages and friends are welcome.*

**During Advent - There will be an Advent mini-retreat basket in the library each week with prompts, prayers, and activities to help prepare for the upcoming Sunday.** You may come for any amount of time at your convenience during the week. The church is open Tuesday - Friday from 9 am - 2 pm and you can speak with the office about coming in at other times. You may also download the resources to use at home. **A family Advent activity resource** from the Anabaptist Faith Formation is also available on the table in the foyer.

**Now through December 12 - Daily Bread Soup Kitchen is collecting filled backpacks to give to their guests.** For many, this is their only present. *You can bring filled backpacks to FMC on December 12 or you can take them directly to Daily Bread before December 15.* Copies of the list of suggested items for the backpacks are available in the brochure rack at FMC. **All backpacks should be labeled with the gender and size of recipient (e.g. men - L).** Most guests request large or extra-large sizes.

**This Wednesday, December 6 – Community Meal & Taizé Service at Uni Place (403 S. Wright, C).** The meal begins at 6 pm, followed by a Taizé service at 7 pm. Join us!

**Thursday, December 14, 8 am at the I Hotel - Annual Faith in Place Breakfast**  
Learn what Faith in Place has been doing this year and hear about the organization's future plans. RSVP to Cindy Shepherd (217-493-5046 or [cindy@faithinplace.org](mailto:cindy@faithinplace.org)) or contact Earl or Jan Kellogg. If you're new to Faith in Place this is a good time to get acquainted. A continental breakfast will be served.

**December 24 & 31 – Join us for fellowship and refreshments at 9 am. Sunday morning worship will start at 10 a.m.** No Sunday school will be held.

**December 24 at 6:30 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service for all ages.**

**This holiday season as you pick out gifts for loved ones, why not add a few supplies for MCC kits to your list?** As families around the world face disaster and crisis, MCC kits and comforters remind them that their needs are not forgotten. MCC Great Lakes has put together a list of most needed items on Amazon.com. Purchase the pre-selected items on the wish list and the items will ship directly to the material resource center in Goshen. Simply search "MCC Great Lakes" in Amazon Wish Lists. Thank you for joining MCC in sharing God's love and compassion in this tangible way this Christmas.

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## Celebration *of* Worship

ADVENT 1: *Let it Be*

December 3, 2017

**Centering chimes**

**Prelude**

“Advent Overture” *by Ivette Herryman Rodriguez*

**Lighting of solidarity lamp –** *Symbolic of our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.*

**Welcome & prayer**

**\*Hymnal #184**

“Hark! The glad sound!”

**Dramatic reading**

**\*Congregational response**

Leader: We know that the world is not in harmony with God's will.

**ALL: But there is hope.**

Leader: Hope for improvement, hope for restoration.

**ALL: Every new beginning is birthed out of darkness.**

Leader: And the invitation to carry light comes from the God who shakes foundations.

**\*Purple songbook #1**

“Praise the One who breaks the darkness”

**\*Purple songbook #3**

“Come, Light of the world” (verses 1-3)

**Lighting the Advent candles**

**Children's story and offering** (*please pass the welcome pads*)

Congregation sings as children come forward (purple songbook #47)

**Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9** (*page 681*) & **Mark 13:24-37** (*page 927*)

**Special music**

“Sleepers, Wake!”

**Sermon**

*Etsi deus non daretur*

**\*Green songbook #27**

“God of the Bible”

**Offering** (*prayer cards collected*)

**Offertory**

“Advent Song” *by Ivette Herryman Rodriguez*

**Sharing and prayers of the people**

**Introduction of guests**

**Work of the church** (*please come to the front if you have an announcement*)

**\*Hymnal #182**

“Oh, how shall I receive thee”

**\*Benediction**

*\*Stand if you are able*



## Advent Song

- by Ivette Herryman Rodriguez

(English translation)

Upon awakening the world has a Savior  
 And even though He is still a baby  
 God's majesty inhabits Him  
 That little boy is greater than Elijah,  
 He is a king.

Among men He will grow up  
 A common occupation He will have  
 However, He will change many lives  
 That little boy is greater than Elijah  
 Greater than Abraham.

Upon awakening my life has a Savior  
 And I feel small when I think of the  
 greatness of His love  
 It was for me  
 That in a manger He was born  
 He was crucified because of me  
 He was ashamed because of me  
 To give me eternal life He suffered

Today I have hope because of Him  
 I have abundant life because of Him  
 I have been rescued by His grace  
 And my name is in His book  
 I have an appointment with Him in eternity.

### Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

**Worship leader** – George Ordal  
**Song leader** – Bev Birkey Potts  
**Piano** – Ivette Herryman Rodriguez  
**Dramatic reading** – Tammie Bouseman & Anja Schrag  
**Advent candle lighter** – Anja Schrag  
**Children's story** – Keith Springer  
**Scripture readers** – Courtney & Doug Malcolm  
**Congregational response** by Amanda Heinsman  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – Denny & Nancy Seaman, Sam Cox  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Stewards** – Scott Bidner & Tammie Bouseman  
**Visuals** – Rachel Horst Lehman  
**Worship nursery** – Tom Sutter & Sheryl Nisly-Nagele  
**Refreshments** – Greg & Lynne Sancken

### Next Sunday at FMC: December 10 Advent 2 – Let it Be

**Worship leader** – Peter Dyck  
**Song leader** – Steve Rayburn  
**Piano** – Pam Peña-Martin  
**Children's story** – Keith Springer  
**Scripture readers** – Alex Bidner & Pete Shungu  
**Congregational response** by Amanda Heinsman  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Deb  
**Greeters** – Denny & Nancy Seaman, Sam Cox  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals** – Rachel Horst Lehman  
**Worship nursery** – Jill Schreiber & Perry Biddle  
**Refreshments** – Karla Woodson & Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez

## Welcome, Guests

It is a joy to welcome you into our midst! We pray that God meets you as we worship together this morning and that our church family helps you feel at home. Join us down-stairs for refreshments after the service so that we can get to know you.

**Hearing assisted devices are available from the greeters.** T-coil enabled and standard over-ear devices are available.

**Childcare for children birth through preschool is available downstairs during worship and the education hour.**

**Our current children's offering benefits Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to help with hurricane relief efforts.** All are welcome to give to the offering during next few months.

### Join us after the service for...

#### FELLOWSHIP HOUR – 10:45

You are welcome to stay for refreshments and conversation downstairs after the service. A snack is available for children.

#### CLASSES FOR ALL AGES – 11:15 AM

*All are welcome to attend any Sunday.*

#### Quarterly Adult Classes (December - February)

**Soul music & spiritual reflection** – sanctuary

**Biblical survey of faith in action (Bible study)** – library

#### Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups (year-round)

**Coffee and Conversation** – Room 5 (downstairs)

**Knit and Nurture** – Nursery (downstairs)

**Young Adults** – Room 13 (downstairs)

#### Children & Youth Classes (downstairs)

**Pre-K/K** – Room 6

**Grades 5-8** – Room 3

**Grades 1-6** – Room 10/11

**Grades 9-12** - Room 7

*(Nursery care provided for children birth through preschool)*

## THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at [www.fmc-cu.org](http://www.fmc-cu.org).

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship at FMC (Advent 1)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	6:30 PM	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chrismon service
<b>TUE</b>	8:00 AM	FMC reserved until Noon
<b>WED</b>	5:45 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
	6:00 PM	Community meal & Taizé service at Uni Place
<b>THU</b>	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
<b>SAT</b>	10:30 AM	Orchestra rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Progressive Dinner (by reservation)
	5:00 PM	FMC reserved (5-9 pm)

## UPCOMING

<b>SUN</b> <b>10</b>	8:45 AM	Orchestra rehearsal
	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 2)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
<b>WED</b> <b>13</b>	5:00 PM	FMC reserved (until 8pm)
	6:00 PM	FMC Council
<b>THU</b> <b>14</b>	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
		Pastor Peer (Normal, IL) all AM
<b>Sat</b> <b>16</b>	10:00 AM	Choir chime rehearsal
	12:30 PM	Ensemble rehearsal

NEW  
CLASSES