

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Rachel Rasmussen

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**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 this Tuesday, 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 by this Tuesday, 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 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.

**This Saturday at FMC – Choir chime rehearsal at 10:00 am. Ensemble rehearsal at 12:30 pm.**

**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.**

**2017 FMC budget update - FMCers have been very generous with your offerings in 2017!** We are at 93% of needed income to support committee work, church expenses, and our planned missions giving. Approximately \$19,000 is still needed in offerings by the end of December.

**Thank you to all for the warm reception at my ordination.** I feel very blessed to be called by this congregation. Thank you for the lovely ministry gifts - the stole, prayer shawl, chalice and plate, and singing bowl. Thank you, too, for the wonderful meal-sized food that I have been enjoying these weeks! What a yummy gift! -  
*Pastor Deb*



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## Celebration *of* Worship

**ADVENT 2: *Let it Be***

December 10, 2017

**Centering chimes**

**Prelude**

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

**Welcome & prayer**

**\*Hymnal #178**

“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

**Dramatic reading**

**\*Congregational response**

Leader: O God of blazing heavens, you come to us

**All: speaking peace and comfort into our fear.**

Leader: May our ordinary lives intersect with your power

**All: so that all humanity may see your glory together.**

Leader: May your voice of comfort speak peace and promise.

**All: May grace spring up from troubled ground and righteousness shine down from the sky.**

**\*Hymnal #172**

“O come, O come, Immanuel” (verses 1-3)

**\*Hymnal #183**

“On Jordan’s banks the Baptist’s cry”

**Lighting the Advent candles**

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

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

**Quartet**

In the bleak midwinter *by Holst*

**Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11** (*page 653*) **& Mark 1:1-8** (*page 912*)

**Sermon**

*Prepare the way of the Lord*

**\*Hymnal #176**

“Comfort, comfort, O my people”

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

**Offertory**

*Come unto him by Handel*

**Sharing and prayers of the people**

**Introduction of guests**

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

**\*Hymnal #195**

“It came upon a midnight clear”

**\*Benediction**

*\*Stand if you are able*



in early 2018. . .

**January 12-14:** High school retreat at Menno Haven

**January 19-21:** Middle school retreat at Menno Haven

**January 21:** Potluck (12p) and Annual Congregational meeting (1p)

**January 28:** Afternoon workshops at FMC led by Joe Minarik, Education Specialist at UI who focuses on anti-oppression, intergroup dialogue and social justice education. More details in the coming weeks.

### Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

**Worship leader** – Peter Dyck  
**Song leaders** – Cindy Breeze & Steve Rayburn  
**Piano** – Pam Peña-Martin  
**Orchestra** – Rebecca Bare, Rachel & David Horst Lehman, Tina Huang, Mary Krick, Anna Lubinski, Berit Rasmussen, Pete Shungu, Kathy Springer  
**Quartet** – David Horst Lehman, Emerson Nafziger, Pete Shungu, Matt Yoder  
**Dramatic reading** – Tammie Bouseman & TJ Black  
**Advent candle lighter** – TJ Black  
**Children's story** – Keith Springer  
**Scripture readers** – Alexandra Bidner & Pete Shungu  
**Congregational response** by Amanda Heinsman  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Deb  
**Greeters** – Denny & Nancy Seaman, Sam Cox  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Stewards** – Scott Bidner & Tammie Bouseman  
**Visuals** – Rachel Horst Lehman  
**Worship nursery** – Jill Schreiber & Perry Biddle  
**Refreshments** – Sheryl Nisly-Nagele & Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez

### Next Sunday at FMC: December 17 Advent 3 – Let it Be

**Worship leader** – Donna Nelson Evans  
**Song leader** – Matt Yoder  
**Piano** – Phyllis Croisant  
**Dramatic reading** – Tammie Bouseman, Alex Black, & Sophie Green  
**Advent candle lighters** – Alex Black & Sophie Green  
**Children's story** – Keith Springer  
**Scripture readers** – Beth Rempe & Matt Yoder  
**Congregational response** by Amanda Heinsman  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – Denny & Nancy Seaman, Sam Cox  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals** – Rachel Horst Lehman  
**Worship nursery** – Rhonda Gibson & Reba King  
**Refreshments** – Karla Woodson & Emily King

## 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 age 2)*

## THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN	8:45 AM	Orchestra rehearsal
	9:15 AM	Worship at FMC (Advent 2)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	5:00 PM	FMC reserved (until 8 pm)
WED	6:00 PM	FMC Council
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	10:15 AM	Sister Church Committee
FRI	6:00 PM	Young adult meal & white elephant gift exchange at Sutters
SAT	10:00 AM	Choir chime rehearsal
	12:30 PM	Ensemble rehearsal

## UPCOMING

SUN 17	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 3)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF) Christmas party
WED 20	11:00 AM	FMC library reserved until 2 pm
	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU 21	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
SUN 24	9:00 AM	Fellowship Time
	10:00 AM	Worship (Advent 4) (No Sunday school)
	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service for all ages