

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Rafael Koehn (TODAY), Randy Nelson ((Mon), Kajsa Herrstrom & Rudy Litwiller (TUE), Joyce Wyse (THU)

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TONIGHT at 6:30 pm - FMC Chrismon Service. Come decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life while singing hymns and carols and listening to scripture. The service is for all ages; invite friends. Our Chrismon offering will benefit Anne Garber Kompaoré's Bible translation work in Burkina Faso.

Thursday, December 6, 6:30 - 8 pm at East Bend Mennonite Church (702 County Rd 3300 N in Fisher, IL) - Creative Ways to Make Charitable Contributions. The "Tax Reform and Jobs Act of 2017" can be confusing and may change the way we think about our generosity. Lyle Miller, from Everence, will provide information about gifts that can help now, in the future, or even in ways that provide you with a stream of income throughout retirement. The workshop will focus on changes resulting from tax reform, the Charitable IRA, and there will be a Q & A. No registration is required. FMC is a co-sponsor. Contact Clark Breeze for more information or to carpool.

December 16 - Advent Choir will sing during morning worship. Rehearsals will December 9 after Sunday school and December 15 at 10 am.

Sunday, December 16, 12:30 pm – Advent writer's workshop and retreat, guided by Mary Hays. Registration forms are on the table in the foyer.

2018 FMC budget update - General offerings in 2018 to date have totaled \$225,356. To support committee work, church expenses and planned missions giving, approximately \$33,053 is needed in offerings by the end of December.

Discounted group rates are available to those wishing to subscribe to The Mennonite (a monthly magazine of MC USA). The group rate for 2019 will be \$37/year. If you wish to subscribe, please contact the church office by Friday, December 7. Checks should be made payable to FMC with "The Mennonite" in memo line. FMC pays one large check when placing the order, so we appreciate having individual payments on hand before sending the check.

Please update Peter Dyck's new phone number in your directory: 217-766-8466

Card shower for Noah and Edna Helmuth, who attended FMC for 5 years while Edna was the manager of Ten Thousand Villages. The children of Noah and Edna invite us to celebrate their parents' 75 years of marriage and commitment. There will be a celebration party on December 15. Cards can be mailed to: Noah & Edna Helmuth
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Celebration *of* Worship

December 2, 2018

SIGNS OF HOPE:

Hope grows



Centering chimes

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

Prelude *Allegro, from Sonata in F Major by George F. Handel*

***Hymnal #343** "My hope is built on nothing less" (vss. 1,2,4,5)

Welcome & prayer

***Call to hope:**

One: Now is the time of waiting and watching.
We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.

**Many: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world,
longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?**

One: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us.
The *signs of hope* are all around us.

**Many: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be
as we come before you with open hearts.**

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Lighting of the Advent candles

Hymnal #178 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

***Hymnal #189** "To us a Child of hope is born"

***Passing the peace**

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

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

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (*page 724*) and **Luke 21:25-36** (*page 962*)

Witness to hope: Jeri Lake

Sermon *The power of hope: dreaming with God when
sleep is hard to come by*

***Hymnal #323** "I see a new world coming"

Offering (prayer cards collected)

OffertoryMorceau de Concoursby Gabriel Fauré

Sharing and prayer

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

*Hymnal #184“Hark! The glad sound!”

*Benediction

*Stand if you are able



It is a joy to welcome you today. Your presence enriches this gathering. 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 and standard over-ear devices are available.

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

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

Worship leader – Earl Kellogg
Song leader – Cindy Breeze
Piano – Ruth Stoltzfus
Flute – Jill Burlingame
Advent lighters – Sophie Green & Maryalice Klein
Children’s story – Mary Biddle
Scripture – Ken & Judy Nafziger
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Michael Crosby
Witness to hope – Jeri Lake
Greeters – Laurence Koehn & Judy Nafziger
Sound system – Phil Martens
Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman
Stewards – Scott Bidner & Sheryl Dyck
Worship nursery – Rebecca Bare & Karla Woodson
Refreshments – Amanda Heinsman & Matt Klopfenstein

Sunday, December 9
Advent 2: Hope Reveals

Worship leader – Bob King
Song leader – Steve Rayburn
Piano – Bev Birkey Potts
Advent lighter – David Black
Men’s quartet – Clark Breeze, Michael Crosby, Emerson Nafziger, Matt Yoder
Children’s story – Courtney Malcolm
Scripture – Tom Anderson
Scripture drama - TBD
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Laurence Koehn & Judy Nafziger
Sound system – Phil Martens
Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman
Stewards – Sheryl Dyck & Scott Bidner
Worship nursery – Megan Cox & Anja Schrag
Refreshments – Ken & Rebecca Moyer

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 (Dec - Feb)
Library - The Road Back to You
Sanctuary - Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery

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)
2-3 yrs – Room 6
4 yrs - Grade 5 – Room 3
Grades 6-8 – Room 10/11
Grades 9-12 - Room 7

(Nursery care provided for children birth to age 2)

Our current children’s offering benefits the Casa Mariposa Detention Visitation Program in Tucson, AZ which offers support, friendship, and encouragement to immigrants living in detention through weekly visits and letters. Outside of detention, the program supports immigrants as they return to life on the outside and help reunite folks with their loved ones.



THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at www.fmc-cu.org.

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 1)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	New Sunday school quarter
	6:30 PM	Chrismon service for all ages
TUE	6:30 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice grp.
WED	10:30 AM	Service & Outreach Committee
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
	6:30 PM	“Creative Ways to Make Charitable Contributions” workshop at East Bend Mennonite Church
SAT	4:00 PM	FMC reserved until 9 pm
	6:00 PM	Progressive Dinner in homes (by reservation)

UPCOMING

SUN 9	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 2)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
	12:00 PM	JYF lunch & party
TUE 11	5:30 PM	FMC reserved until 8:30 pm
	8:00 AM	FMC reserved until Noon
WED 12	6:00 PM	FMC Council
THU 13	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	6:30 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board
SAT 15	10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal