

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Anthony Schreiber (TUE), Gordon Oyer & Brent Racobs (THU), Marlin Sieber (FRI), Sabrina Askew & Courtney Malcolm (SAT)

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TODAY immediately following worship – Vote on 2019 FMC Leadership.

The FMC Council presents the following slate of candidates for congregational affirmation: Karen McKenzie (chair-elect), Rosalee Otto (elder), Keith Springer & Angela Williams (council reps). The candidates were identified from the discernment circles and leadership discernment process and will serve a two-year term if affirmed. They will join the ongoing 2019 Council members. Paper ballots will be distributed immediately following worship.

The Knit and Nurture group is taking a break for the winter quarter. Child care will continue to be provided in the nursery during Sunday school.

Do you know of an adult outside of FMC who could provide skilled child care in the nursery during worship on Sundays? FMC leadership made a decision to add a paid person to help lighten the burden of those on the nursery rotation and to have a consistent presence each week. The paid person would work in the nursery with 1-2 FMC volunteers. Please have potential candidates email Pastor Michael (michael.crosby@fmc-cu.org) to set up an interview.

Friday, December 21, 6 pm – Young adult get-together at Pastor Deb's house (306 E. Sherwin Circle, U). All young adults are invited to come for a simple supper and white elephant gift exchange.

Monday, December 24, 6:30 pm – FMC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. All ages are welcome!

Deb and Tom Sutter will be hosting a potluck Christmas meal for anyone who would like to celebrate together at 1 pm on Christmas Day. Please RSVP to Pastor Deb if you want to join us.

FMC Committee members – Please submit your 2018 receipts to the treasurer as soon as possible. The treasurer's mailbox slot (bottom slot) is located in the office on the wall near the copier.

2018 FMC budget update - We are at 95% of our goal! General offerings to date have totaled \$245,182. To support committee work, church expenses and planned missions giving, approximately \$13,277 is still needed in offerings by the end of December.

SAVE THESE JANUARY DATES: Jan 6 – Lunch & Colombian Task Force presentation
Jan 27 – Potluck & Annual Congregational Meeting.



A big thank you to Jeri Lake for making our new Advent candle holders.
They are beautiful - have a closer look!

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Celebration *of* Worship

December 16, 2018

SIGNS OF HOPE:



Centering chimes

Prelude

*Hymnal #189

"To us a Child of hope is born"

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 #172

"O come, O come, Immanuel"

*Hymnal #180

"The angel Gabriel"

*Passing the peace

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

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

Scripture drama: Luke 1:26-38 (*page 934*)

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (*page 862*)

Sermon Joy to you
*Purple songbook #20 “Hacia Belén se en caminan”
Offering (prayer cards collected)
Offertory My soul doth magnify the Lord
Sharing and prayer
Introduction of guests
Work of the church
*Sending (vocal solo) Rise up shepherds/Go tell it on the mountain
*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 – Keith Springer
Song leader – Rafael Luquis
Piano – Pam Peña Martin
Soloist – Cindy Breeze
Advent lighter – Soren Shrag
Choir director – Andrea Welty Peachey
Children’s story – Phil Martens
Scripture & drama – Sue Biddle & TBD
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Greeters – Laurence Koehn & Judy Nafziger
Sound system – Phil Martens
Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman
Stewards – Sheryl Dyck & Scott Bidner
Worship nursery – Joyce Wyse & Beth Rempe
Refreshments – Clark Breeze & Peter Dyck

Sunday, December 23
Advent 4: Hope rejoices

Worship leader – Martha Moore
Song leader – Andrea Welty Peachey
Piano – Ruth Stoltzfus
Advent lighter – TBD
Children’s story – Alex Bidner
Scripture – Hannah Lake-Rayburn
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 – Bob King & Marcia Nelson
Refreshments – Donna Nelson Evans & Mark Evans

Join us after the service for...

FELLOWSHIP HOUR – 10:45 am

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 – on break for winter quarter
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 3); Choir sings vote on 2019 FMC Leadership after service
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:30 PM	Advent writer’s workshop
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WED		Rhonda out of office
	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	6:30 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board
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FRI	6:00 PM	Young adult gathering at Pastor Deb’s home

UPCOMING

SUN 23	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 4); followed by fellowship & Sunday school
MON 24	6:30 PM	FMC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (for all ages)
TUE 25		Merry Christmas! FMC office closed
	1:00 PM	Christmas potluck at Deb’s house
SUN 30	10:00 AM	Worship (Christmas Sunday) No Sunday school
TUE 1		New Year's Day FMC office closed
SAT 6	4:00 PM	Orchestra rehearsal

Staff vacation during the holidays:

Pastor Michael is on vacation Dec 31 - Jan 4.
Rhonda Gibson is on vacation Dec 30 - Jan 6.
The office is closed on Tues, January 1.
Regular office hours Jan 2 - 4 (9 am - 2 pm).
Pastor Deb is in town & available for pastoral care.