

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Kate Falk (WED), Soren Schrag (THU), Dannie Otto & Beth Rempe (SAT)

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**2018 FMC budget update** – Thank you for your continued contributions and generosity. We have met the amount of income needed to support committee work, church expenses, and our planned missions giving in 2018! Contributions made today and tomorrow continue to count towards 2018 income.

**Next Sunday, January 6 at Noon – Lunch followed by the FMC Colombia Delegation presentation.** Lunch will be provided, but we need a count of those attending so that we can plan accordingly. Sign up on our website homepage ([www.fmc-cu.org](http://www.fmc-cu.org)) no later than Friday, January 4.

**January 9 from 1-4 pm at the home of Sue Biddle (1503 Broadmoor, Unit A, C) - FMC Retiree Game Day.** Please let Tammie Bouseman know if you plan to attend. Please also bring finger foods to share as well as favorite games to play!

**Sunday, January 13, during fellowship hour –One Winter Night bake sale to raise funds for Mark Jaeger, who will represent FMC this year as a box dweller during the February 1 event.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Jan 27 – Potluck & Annual Congregational Meeting.**

Dear FMC,  
We and the rest of the Service Adventure Unit would like to thank you for your generous donations, which help to support unit life. We are very grateful for FMC's contributions. We miss you all lots.  
- Love Michelle, Rudy, and the Service Adventure Unit of Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Students - Apply now for a scholarship with higher awards in 2019.** Everence wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are Everence members and you will be enrolled as an undergraduate or in a trade school next fall, apply now for an Everence College Scholarship of \$1,000 to \$3,000. The deadline is Feb. 28. Visit [everence.com/college-scholarships](http://everence.com/college-scholarships) for information.



**Dear FMC family – We are sincerely grateful for the generous gifts we received this Christmas.** We appreciate your love and support during the past year. It is a privilege to serve you.

-- Pastor Michael, Pastor Deb, and Rhonda Gibson

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## Celebration *of* Worship

December 30, 2018

Christmas Sunday

### SIGNS OF HOPE



Centering chimes

Prelude

\*Hymnal #197

“Angels we have heard on high”

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 #212

“O come, all ye faithful”

\*Black binder #18

“Jesus, the Light of the world”

\*Passing the peace

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

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

**Scripture: Psalm 148** (*page 571*) & **Luke 2:22-40** (*page 935*)

Sermon	Bucket list:	
	1) Hold Messiah	
	2) See God's salvation for myself	
*Hymn (insert)	"My master, see, the time has come"	
Offering (prayer cards collected)		
Offertory	Rejoice greatly	by G. F. Handel
Sharing and prayer		
Introduction of guests		
Work of the church		
*Hymnal #210	"Good Christian friends, rejoice"	
*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 – Randy Nelson  
Song leader – Cindy Breeze  
Solo – Sarah Sutter  
Advent lighter – TBD  
Children's story – Tammie Bouseman  
Scripture – Bob King  
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael  
Greeters – Laurence Koehn & Bev Hertle  
Sound system – Phil Martens  
Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman  
Stewards – Sheryl Dyck & Scott Bidner  
Worship nursery – Amber Anderson & Mary Hines

Sunday, January 6  
Epiphany: Hope Trusts  
Communion will be served

Worship leader – Phil Martens  
Song leader – Matt Yoder  
Piano – Kathy Springer  
Orchestra – directed by Pastor Deb  
Advent lighter –TBD  
Children's story – Doug Malcolm  
Scripture – Mary Biddle & Pete Shungu  
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Debl  
Greeters – Bob King & Rosalee Otto  
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger  
Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman  
Stewards – Tom Anderson & Cynthia Nafziger  
Worship nursery – Sheryl Dyck & Doug Malcolm  
Refreshments – Kaye Massanari & Kristy Rice

### Next Sunday

**WORSHIP – 9:15 am**

**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](http://www.fmc-cu.org).

SUN	10:00 AM	Worship (Christmas Sunday) No Sunday school
TUE & WED		Happy New Year; office closed
THU	11:00 AM	Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte.
FRI	Signup deadline for Sunday's lunch (followed by Colombia delegation presentation)	
SAT	4:00 PM	FMC 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

**Office hours during the week of December 30:**  
Tuesday & Wednesday, January 1-2: office closed.  
  
Thurs. & Fri, Jan 3 – 4: office open 9 am - 2 pm.  
Pastor Deb will be in the office January 3 & 4.  
Please contact her with pastoral care needs at any time; her cell number is 217.369.6142.

UPCOMING		
SUN 6	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:15 AM 12:00 PM	Worship & communion Fellowship & refreshments Sunday school for all ages Lunch & Colombia Delegation presentation (rsvp for lunch)
TUE 8	6:30 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice
WED 9	1:00 PM 6:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at S. Biddle's Joint 2018/2019 Council mtg. <i>Year-end Cmte. reports due</i>
THU 10	7:00 AM 5:00 PM	Early morning Bible study Property & Finance Cmte
FRI 11	Pastor Deb at worship leader retreat (Fri – Sun) JYF retreat at Menno Haven (Fri eve – Sun)	