

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ryan Anderson & Rosalee Otto (SAT)

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TODAY after Sunday school – Easter egg hunt for adults. Children will hide eggs during Sunday school for adults to find as they exit adult Sunday school classes. Thanks to the elementary school-aged children for this inspired idea of fun and care for FMC adults!

TODAY, April 14 from 12:30-1:30 pm and Saturday, April 20 from 11 am – Noon: Easter choir chimes rehearsal ahead of the Easter Sunday service.

This Thursday, 6:15 pm at FMC – Join us for a Maundy Thursday meal & service. Child care provided.

This Friday, 12:15 pm at FMC – Join us for a 30-minute Good Friday service.

Next Sunday, April 21 (Easter):

- Easter brunch at 9 am
- Pick-up Hallelujah Chorus rehearsal at 9:45 am
- Easter worship at 10:15 am (no Sunday school)

Interested in singing the Hallelujah Chorus as part of a pick-up choir next Sunday? We will practice at 9:45 am next Sunday before the Easter service. Music is available on the front pew if you need it. All are welcome to sing.

Our Maundy Thursday meal and Easter Brunch are shared meals. Please check the sign-up sheet downstairs today for needed contributions of food or time. You can also e-mail Marcia at sunboat@soltec.net with contributions. Please bring food for Maundy Thursday any time before 5:30 pm this Thursday prior to the meal and service.

Next Sunday, April 21, 1:30-5 pm at FMC – Lesley Deem is hosting a Easter dinner potluck. All are welcome as are friends and family but please contact Lesley (lesleyrose7@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

Sunday, April 28 at Noon – High school youth and families will host a “Mystery Lunch” and silent auction to raise funds to attend the MC USA Youth Convention in Kansas City, Missouri this summer. We are asking people to make lunch reservations in order to better plan for the quantity of food needed. Sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/y2jw85fw>. Contact Chuck Gibson if you have something to contribute to the silent auction (crgibson@fastmail.net).

Saturday, May 4, 10:30 am – A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of Paul Sieber, long-time member of FMC and father of Marlin Sieber and Nancy Seaman. A luncheon will follow. If possible, please park in the UI lot at the corner of Gregory & Springfield to allow people with mobility issues to park in the FMC lot.

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HOSANNA
in the highest!

God's steadfast love endures forever
Psalm 118:1



Celebration of Worship

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

God's steadfast love endures forever

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Call to worship

Palm processional

***Black binder #39** “Sanna, Sannanina”

Welcome & prayer

***Hymnal #238** “Hosanna, loud hosanna”

***Song** (insert) “Shallow former shallows”

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

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

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40; 22:35-38, 47-53 (page #959)

Sermon “Case of the missing palms”

Black binder #20 “Stay with me, the night has come” (verse 1)

Confession and reconciliation *(with excerpts from Psalm 118)*

Leader: “You are my God—I will give thanks to you! You are my God—I will lift you up high! Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.” Who will follow the path of God's love today? Are all invited to follow the path of God's love today.

All: Life-giving God, give us the courage to follow the path of Jesus, the embodiment of your love.

Leader: When earthly powers claim supremacy *(pause)*, we will look to the path of Jesus.

All: When our souls hunger for reality and truth (pause), we will look to the love of our God.

Leader: No matter our circumstances, God's love provides a path forward.

Blessed Hunger sharing

Courtney Malcolm

Black binder #20

“Stay with me, the night has come” (verse 1)

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Sharing and prayer (sharing during Lent will be from written prayer cards)

Prayer of blessing for Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

***Hymnal #235**

“My song is love unknown”

***Benediction**

**Stand if you are able*



We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God's love and grace. You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status, political affiliation, physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

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

Music – Worship Band

Children's story – Lynne Sancken

Scripture – Sam Cox

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Clark Breeze & Marcia Nelson

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Stewards – Kate Falk & Chuck Gibson

Worship nursery – Courtney Malcolm & Karla Woodson

Refreshments – Emily King & Matt Yoder

April 21 (EASTER) Next Sunday at FMC:

Worship leader – Pastor Deb

Song leader – Matt Yoder

Piano – Andrea Welty Peachey

Children's story – Pastor Michael

Scripture – Rosalee Otto

Easter Drama & readings – various people

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Clark Breeze & Marcia Nelson

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Stewards – Kate Falk & Chuck Gibson

Worship nursery – Amber Anderson & Rhonda Gibson