

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ken Nisly-Nagele (SUN), Oleta Miller (THU), Pastor Deb (FRI)

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Next Sunday – FMC Care Groups. The Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) introduces the new FMC Care Groups during worship and the groups meet together at FMC after the fellowship hour.

Sunday, September 8 during worship – Special offering for Michelle and Rudy Moyer-Litwiller, who are starting their second year as Service Adventure leaders in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Service Adventure program, a ministry of Mennonite Mission Network (MMN), operates on support from home congregations, even for leaders. Their support needs are at least \$3,000 for the year and the congregation is invited to contribute towards their support fund. You are invited to contribute to the special offering on September 8; you may also contribute online. Specific instructions on donating online are coming in this week's prayer/announcement email. There are also copies of the instructions on the table in the FMC foyer.

SPANISH LANGUAGE READERS, WRITERS, SPEAKERS WANTED. The Colombia Sister-Church committee invites folks who are fluent in Spanish to join our Spanish language communications team. We want to enhance our lines of communication with our sister church, El Divino Redentor, in Bucaramanga, Colombia. We are creating a list of go-to people for help with translating emails, notes, cards, etc. We may need occasional help with some conversational translation as well. Contact committee facilitator, Jan Sabey (jsabey2011@hotmail.com), if you want to be on our Spanish language team or if you have questions.

Salt & Light Ministries receives support from FMC through our annual Missions Giving. The organization [recently announced a significant financial shortfall](#), and is looking for ways to engage the community. There are three ways provide support: *SHOP – Buying groceries for your family at Salt & Light or shopping in our thrift both help to fund our programming, including the store credit our participants earn through their volunteer labor. DONATE – Donating financially and donating your stuff for us to sell in our thrift store are both ways to help us cover the costs associated with our unique programming. VOLUNTEER – Regularly volunteering your time helps us to operate our stores, and you the opportunity to live out your faith in an environment that cultivates meaningful relationships.*

Thank you for your generosity in giving \$1,710.61 toward helping Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) provide kits to immigration detainees to help rebuild their dignity as they transition into life outside the detention center.

All FMC Women – Save the date for “Bridging Barriers: Following the Spirit” Women’s Retreat at Camp Friedenswald September 20-22. Our FMC camp/retreat fund can help with costs; speak with Pastor Michael for more information. [Retreat details and registration are online.](#)

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Celebration *of* Worship

Summer worship theme:

Called to
COMMUNITY

August 25, 2019

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

*Green songbook #27

“God of the Bible”

Welcome & prayer

*Call to worship (excerpts from Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12)

Leader: In Christ, we though many, form one body

Response: One body with many members

Leader: Many members but not all with the same function.

Response: We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

Leader: Whether prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading or sharing mercy

Response: We offer our gifts generously and with a cheerful spirit.

Leader: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

Response: There are different kinds of service but the same Lord.

ALL: We are the body of Christ. Set our hearts on the highest way-the way of love.

*Green songbook #97

“The Lord is my light”

*Hymnal #89

“For the beauty of the earth”

*Passing the peace

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

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

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 (*page 328*)

Reflections on spiritual mentors

*Purple songbook #40

“Som’landela (We will follow)”

Offering (prayer cards collected)
Offertory & prayer
Sharing and prayer
Blessing of a wandering Mennonite
Introduction of guests
Work of the church
***Purple songbook #54** "What does the Lord require of you?"
***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 – Bob King
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze
Pianist – Jan Kellogg
Children's story – Cindy Breeze
Scripture – Greg Sancken
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Reflection on spiritual mentor – Rebecca Bare, Janet Guthrie & Sharon Monday
Greeters – Mary Biddle & Cynthia Nafziger
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Reba King & Kaye Massanari
Worship nursery – Abby Crosby & Caden Green
Refreshments – Keith & Kathy Springer

September 1
Next Sunday at FMC:
Scripture - 1 Peter 1:22- 2:10

Worship leader – George Ordal
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze
Pianist – Pam Peña Martin
Children's story – Rhonda Gibson
Scripture – Judy Nafziger
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Laurence Koehn & Karla Woodson
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Sue Biddle & Kaye Massanari
Worship nursery – Sheryl Dyck & Tom Sutter
Refreshments – Thom & Martha Moore

Join us after worship 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.

No Sunday school in August.
 Fall classes begin September 8.

NEXT SUNDAY:

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Our children's offering for the spring and summer benefits DREAM House, a local non-profit serving families of boys and young men, ages 5-24, through academic programs, mentorship, sports and other learning and community-building activities. Learn more at www.dream.org.

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Fellowship and refreshments
	11:15 AM	Christian Ed classroom clean-up
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AUGUST		
TUE	3:00 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice group
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Summer Fellowship at Pekara on Springfield & Prospect

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Introduce Care Groups)
1	10:45 AM	Fellowship and refreshments
	11:15 AM	New Care Groups meets at FMC
WED	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
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5	9:30 AM	Summer Fellowship at Pekara on Springfield & Prospect