

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Chad Potts (MON)

**TODAY from 12-12:30 pm – Discernment Circles.** Small group discussions will be held immediately following Sunday school to discern FMC Council leadership for 2019. Active participants ages high school and older are invited to gather in the sanctuary at Noon. A light snack will be served and child care will be available in the nursery.

**TODAY from 12:30 – 2 pm – Youth, parents, and sponsors meeting at FMC. Pizza will be provided.**

**TODAY at 6:30 pm – All are invited to attend and share in the topic night discussion, “Creating space for understanding differences”.** Child care will be provided.

**This Saturday, November 2, 8 am - Noon – All Church Fall Workday. Help spruce up FMC building and grounds.**

**This Saturday, November 2, 6:30 pm at FMC – Post-wedding shower for Leah and Sawyer Landes Biddle.** If you'd like to donate to a group gift, you can give money to Sheree Flannigan or Kathy Anderson.

**Next Sunday, November 3, 12:15 at FMC - Information meeting for everyone interested in participating in the all-church production of the musical, Fiddler on the Roof, next summer.** Needed: actors, stage crew, dancers, costume and publicity persons, and instrumentalists. A light meal will be provided so please rsvp to Shawn or Deb.

**Now through November 10 - Paul Rivera is collecting winter gear for classmates who are recent immigrants.** Many of them haven't experienced the winter and did not bring clothes for cold weather. They need the following items, which can be new or used in good condition: gloves, hats, scarves, boots (any adult size is welcome), coats (adult small and medium, especially for males). Please put donated items in the labeled box downstairs near the crib room. Paula will take the donations to Central after the collection has ended on November 10.

**A reminder that all are invited to give to the children's offering on any given Sunday.** If you want to contribute, simply give your donation to a child as he or she comes forward for the children's story and the child will place it in the donation basket.

**November 7 - 10 - CU Interfaith Exploration: Cultivating Hope in Anxious Times.** You are invited to participate in any or all of the events. View the schedule and register at: <https://go.illinois.edu/cultivatinghope>. Detailed flyers of the Interfaith Exploration and the new Ted & Company production are on the table in the foyer.

**SAVE THE DATE: Feb 8, 2020 CDC Central Regional Gathering at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana, 10am - 3pm.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, September 4 - Sunday, September 6, 2020: FMC All-Church retreat at Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center (Tiskilwa, IL). More information will be given in 2020.**

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## Celebration of Worship

October 27, 2019

**Centering chimes**

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

**Prelude** *Mountain of God*

**\*Purple songbook #48** “Come unto me”

**Welcome & prayer**

**\*Call to worship (unison)**

**We gather here in anticipation,  
seeking an encounter with our Holy God,  
who comes among us when we least expect it,  
who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,  
who richly blesses us,  
and calls us each by name.**

**Let's worship God together!**

**\*Black binder #28** “For everyone born”

**\*Hymnal #307** “Will you let me be your servant”

**\*Passing the peace**

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

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

**Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31** (*page 29*)

**Sermon**

**\*Black binder #34** “In the stillness, God of mercy”

**Offering** (prayer cards collected)

**Offertory & prayer** *Somewhere over the rainbow*

**Membership welcome of Natalya and Shawn Rodriguez**

*Congregational response (unison):*

As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ and disciples with you at First Mennonite Church, we welcome you, Natalya and Shawn. We promise to encourage you in faith, to call out the gifts the Holy Spirit is creating in you, to rejoice with you in joy, and to support you in times of suffering. We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel and to offer and accept forgiveness. We joyfully partner with you in the care of our church family and in our mission in the world.

**Hymnal #521** “Come, thou fount”

Sharing & prayer  
 Introduction of guests  
 Mission moment: CU at Home  
 Work of the church  
 \*Black binder #25  
 \*Benediction

“If Jesus is come”

\*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** – Chuck Gibson  
**Music** – Worship Band  
**Children's story** – Tammie Bouseman  
**Scripture reader** – Ken Nafziger  
**Sermons, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – Denny & Nancy Seaman  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals** – Cheryl Koranda  
**Stewards** – Earl Kellogg & Sue Biddle  
**Worship nursery** – Doug Malcolm & Karla Woodson  
**Refreshments** – Reba King & Emily King

Next Sunday: Nov 3  
 Service of Remembrance & communion  
 Scripture: Mark 4:1-20

**Worship leader** – Peter Dyck  
**Song leader** – Cindy Breeze  
**Pianist** – Cheryl Koranda  
**Children's story** – Doug Malcolm  
**Scripture reader** – Rosalee Otto  
**Sermons, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Deb  
**Greeters** – Randy Nelson & Norma Nelson  
**Sound system** – Tammie Bouseman  
**Visuals** – Cheryl Koranda  
**Stewards** – Clark Breeze & Bob King  
**Worship nursery** – Tina Huang & Ken Nafziger  
**Refreshments** – Rebecca Bare & Laurence Koehn

### Today after worship...

#### 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 (Sep - Nov)

Library – Words Come Alive  
 Sanctuary – Immigration & the Bible in C-U and Beyond

#### Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups (year-round)

Coffee & Conversation – Room 5 (downstairs)  
 Young Adults – Room 13 (downstairs)  
 Knit and Nurture – Nursery (downstairs)

#### Children & Youth Classes (downstairs)

2-4 yrs. – Room 6  
 Grade K-5 – Room 10/11  
 Grades 6-12 – Room 7

(Nursery care provided for children birth to age 2)



Our Fall/Winter children's offering benefits Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. CWS partners with Mennonite Central Committee in various capacities to do this important work.

## THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at [www.fmc-cu.org](http://www.fmc-cu.org).

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship; followed by fellowship and Sunday school
	12:00 PM	Discernment Circles
	12:30 PM	Meeting of youth, parents, and sponsors/teachers
	6:30 PM	Topic night: Creating space for understanding differences
<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible study
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 AM	FMC Fall Work Day
	6:30 PM	Post wedding shower for Sawyer & Leah Landes Biddle

**Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, Nov 3. Please set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday.**

## UPCOMING

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship; followed by fellowship and Sunday school
<b>3</b>	12:30 PM	Fiddler on the Roof meeting
<b>TUE</b>	3:00 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice grp.
<b>5</b>	5:30 PM	Worship Committee
<b>WED</b>	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
<b>6</b>		
<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
<b>7</b>	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible study

**CU Interfaith Exploration Thurs – Sun; various locations on campus.**