

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Earl Kellogg (MON), Carmen Goering (TUE)

All are invited to give to the children's offering on any given Sunday. To contribute, 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.

TODAY during worship – In addition to the general offering, you can contribute to a special Thanksgiving collection to benefit Salt & Light. "Special offering" envelopes are available at the end of the pews for cash donations; make checks payable to First Mennonite and include "Salt & Light" in memo line.

TODAY at Noon – All are invited to stay for our FMC Thanksgiving potluck. All are invited to bring a nut-free dish to share.

TODAY after the potluck - The Worship Committee would appreciate a little help decorating the church for Advent.

TODAY – Submission deadline for the December/January issue of the VINE. Email submissions to fmcvine@gmail.com.

This Thursday - Keith and Kathy Springer invite you to a Thanksgiving Day noon meal in their home. A meat dish will be furnished; you may bring a side dish of your choice. Please RSVP to Kathy TODAY at kekaspringer@gmail.com.

Next Sunday, December 1, 6:30 pm at FMC – Advent begins with our annual Chrismon service. Come decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life while singing hymns and carols and listening to scripture. The service is for all ages; invite friends. A freewill offering will be taken for Anne Garber Kompaore.

Saturday, December 14 at 6 pm – Progressive Dinner. For this FMC Christmas tradition, guests travel to separate homes for appetizer and main course, gathering together in one home for dessert. The meal is for adults and high school youth and requires reservations. Sign up to attend or host; we are hoping for a new dessert host this year. Sign-up downstairs or online (link is in Tuesday's email) by December 4. Assignments will be distributed December 8. Contact Marcia sunboat@soltec.net with questions.

Discounted group rates are available to those wishing to subscribe to The Mennonite (a monthly magazine of MC USA). The group rate for 2020 remains at \$37/year. If you wish to subscribe, please contact the church office by this Friday, November 29. Checks should be made payable to FMC with "The Mennonite" in memo line. FMC pays one large check when placing the order, so we appreciate having individual payments on hand before sending the check.

2019 FMC budget update - General offerings in 2019 to date have totaled \$213,918, an average of \$4,650 per week. To meet our budget plan, we need \$5,103 per week throughout the year. Therefore, to support committee work, church expenses, and our planned missions giving approximately \$51,445, or \$8,574 per week, is still needed in offerings by the end of December.

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Celebration of Worship

November 24, 2019



Centering chimes

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

Prelude

***Hymnal #36** "God of our strength"

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship: Purple songbook #197**

***Green songbook #28** "We worship God the Rock"

***Hymnal #89** "For the beauty of the earth"

***Passing the peace**

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

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

Scripture: Psalm 46 (*page 506*) & **Luke 23:33-43** (*page 965*)

Sermon *Let go*

***Green songbook #26** "God is our refuge and strength"

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Membership welcome of Sharon Monday

Congregational response (unison):

As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ and disciples with you at First Mennonite Church, we welcome you, Sharon. 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.

Green songbook #87 "Put peace into each other's hands"

Congregational sharing
Introduction of guests
Work of the church

***Hymnal #328**
***Benediction**

“O God, our help in ages past”

**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 – Keith Springer
Song leader – Matt Yoder
Pianist – Ruth Stoltzfus
Children's story – Mary Biddle
Scripture reader – Jan Sabey
Sermons, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Randy Nelson & Rosalee Otto
Sound system – Tammie Bouseman
Visuals – Cheryl Koranda
Stewards – Denny Seaman & George Ordal
Worship nursery – Judy Nafziger & Ally Welty Peachey
Refreshments – Jon & Andrea Welty Peachey

Next Sunday, December 1 (Advent 1)
Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Worship leader – Earl Kellogg
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze
Pianist – Jan Kellogg
Children's story – Pete Shungu
Scripture – Karen McKenzie
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Greeters – Peter Dyck & Sheree Flannigan
Sound system – Phil Martens
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner
Worship nursery – Amber Anderson & Karla Woodson
Refreshments – Cynthia & Emerson Nafziger

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)

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN 9:15 AM Worship (Thanksgiving Sunday), followed by fellowship & Sunday school for all ages
 12:00 PM FMC potluck; followed by Advent decorating

VINE submissions due: fmcvine@gmail.com

WED Pastor Michael and Rhonda out of the office; Deb is in the office

THU THANKSGIVING; FMC office closed

FRI FMC office closed

ADVENT I: Hope
 ADVENT II: Peace
 ADVENT III: Joy
 ADVENT IIII: Love
 Christmas Sunday: Christ
 Epiphany: Light



UPCOMING

SUN 9:15 AM Worship (Advent 1: HOPE), followed by fellowship & Sunday school for all ages
1 6:30 PM Chrismon service

TUE 3:00 PM FMC Works for Racial Justice
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WED 5:00 PM Property & Finance Committee
4

THU 7:00 AM Early morning Bible study
5 10:30 AM Worship Committee



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.