

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Emma Quiroa (TODAY), Rafael Koehn & Angel Williams (MON), Randy Nelson (TUE), Rudy Moyer-Litwiller (WED), Joyce Wyse (FRI)

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.

TONIGHT, 6:30 pm at FMC – 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.

Beginning this Sunday through Christmas - HYGEE Advent resource. Each household at FMC is invited to take home a Scandinavian designed hygge, which can be folded into a simple tabletop tent to use throughout the week. Each week focuses on our theme this Advent (Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, Emmanuel) and includes: lighting one or more candles, a focus scripture verse, reflection questions on the theme, ideas for simple activities, and a short prayer. The hygge is adaptable to all ages. There is a hygge for each week of Advent and Christmas Eve. The hygge for Advent 1 (today) and Advent 2 (Dec 8) are on the table in the foyer; the remaining hygges will be available within the next two weeks.

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.

Sunday, December 15 at Noon - Congregational meeting to discuss with Laura Brenneman-Fullwood her call to ordination as a chaplain educator. A copy of the Pastor Support Committee's process for discerning her ordination and Laura's ministry journey are in your FMC mailbox.

Monday, December 23 - Deadline for submitting reimbursement forms for 2019 church purchases. Completed forms should be placed in the treasurer's mailbox in the church office.

Still needed – A greeter for our Christmas Eve service. Please contact the office if you can help.

2019 FMC budget update - General offerings in 2019 to date have totaled \$217,206, an average of \$4,621 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 \$48,157, or \$9,631 per week, is still needed in offerings by the end of December.

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Celebration of Worship

December 1, 2019 (Advent 1)



Centering chimes

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

Prelude

*Green songbook #54

“Longing for light”

Welcome & prayer

*Call to worship (from Romans 13: 11-14)

Leader: It's time to wake up! Our salvation is coming near!

People: We wait with Hope for the coming of the Lord!

Leader: We are living in the darkness of night which provides cover
for deceit and corruption.

People: We wait with Hope for the coming of the Lord!

Leader: Let us prepare to enter the light of day where truth and justice will reign.

Ready yourselves for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

ALL: We wait together in Hope for the coming of our Lord!

*Purple songbook #1

“Praise the One who breaks the darkness”

*Hymnal #178

“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

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

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

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5 (page 618)

Sermon

Come

Piano solo

Coventry Carol

arr. Lindberg

This arrangement is in remembrance of all the children living in violence this season

*Purple songbook #10

“Come! Walk in the light”

Communion (bring forward offering & prayer cards)

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. The bread is gluten-free. The juice is grape juice (water is also available). Those not yet baptized are encouraged to participate by eating the bread but passing on the juice. Come and partake as the Spirit leads.

Green songbook #86

“Taste and see”

Mission moment: Anne Garber Kompaore

Congregational sharing

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

***Hymnal #189**

“To us a Child of hope is born”

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

Next Sunday, December 8 (Advent 2: Peace) Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Worship leader – Martha Moore
Song Leader – Rafael Luquis
Pianist – Pam Peña-Martin
Special music – Flute Choir
Children's story – Courtney Malcolm
Scripture – Shawn Rodriguez
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Peter Dyck & Sheree Flannigan
Sound system – Phil Martens
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner
Worship nursery – Rhonda Gibson & Joyce Wyse
Refreshments – Sam & Megan Cox

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 Class (Dec-Feb)

Sanctuary – Gender, Sexuality & Society

New

Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups (year-round)

Coffee & Conversation – Room 5 (downstairs)

Young Adults - 11-11:15 am in Room 13 (downstairs), then join quarterly adult class

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 /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.

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 1: Hope), followed by fellowship & Sunday school for all ages
	6:30 PM	Chrismon service
TUE	3:00 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice
WED	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee <i>RSVP deadline for Progressive Dinner</i>
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	10:30 AM	Worship Committee

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 2: PEACE)
8	10:15 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:45 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	6:30 PM	Chrismon service
TUE	8:00 AM	FMC reserved until Noon
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WED	6:00 PM	FMC Council
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THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
12		Pastor Peer mtg all morning (Normal, IL)
SAT	6:00 PM	Progressive Dinner in homes (rsvp needed)
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