

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

FMC BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

**TODAY and December 15 and 22 after worship - Tom Sutter will be available to take family/individual pictures in front of the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.**

**TODAY - an opportunity to pick up an FMC "God's Love is for Everyone" T-shirt.** We have a few extra T-shirts (adult XL, L, M, S) available, so if you missed getting one before, here is your chance! The requested donation is \$20. Checks should be made payable to First Mennonite Church with "T-shirt" in the memo line. Look for the table downstairs during fellowship time, staffed by Peter Dyck or Mary Krick.

**During Advent - Each household at FMC will have the opportunity to pick up a Scandinavian designed hygge from the table in the foyer.** The hygge can be folded into a simple tabletop tent and used 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.

**This Wednesday, December 11 and next Wednesday, December 18 from 12-12:30 pm - All are invited to come to the FMC sanctuary for a time of centering prayer during this Advent season.**

**Next Sunday, December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent.** Our worship theme will be JOY. There will be special music from the Choir chimes and Men's ensemble.

**Next 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.

**Tuesday, December 24 at 6:30 pm – FMC Candlelight Christmas Eve service.**

**Christmas Sunday (December 29) schedule:**

**9 AM – Fellowship** (first to arrive makes some coffee & hot water; no other refreshments are needed)

**10 AM – Worship;** special music by Sarah & Aaron Kaufmann (no Sunday school)

**2019 FMC budget update** - General offerings in 2019 to date have totaled \$227,802, an average of \$4,446 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 \$37,561, or \$9,390 per week, is still needed in offerings by the end of December.

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## Celebration of Worship

December 8, 2019 (Advent 2)



**Centering chimes**

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

**Prelude**

*Carol of the bells*

*What Child is this?*

**Hymnal #176**

“Comfort, comfort, O my people”

**Lighting of Advent candles**

**Welcome & prayer**

**\*Call to worship** (*from Isaiah 11:1-10*)

Leader: The Lord comes in wisdom and knowledge bringing justice and peace to all relationships.

**People: We wait, longing for peace.**

Leader: The needy will be treated with fairness, while those who would oppress are displaced.

**People: We wait, longing for peace.**

Leader: There will be peace in all the land so that even the vulnerable animals and young children are safe.

**ALL: As we wait, we rejoice where there are places of peace and safety, while we continue to long for peace for all.**

**\*Hymnal #174**

“Bless'd be the God of Israel”

**\*Hymnal #346**

“Dona nobis pacem” (in unison once, then as a round twice)

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

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

**Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10** (*page 627*)

**Sermon**  
**Flute choir**  
**Offering** (*prayer cards collected*)  
**Offertory & prayer**  
**Congregational sharing**  
**Introduction of guests**  
**Work of the church**  
**\*Purple songbook #4**  
**\*Benediction**  
**Postlude**

**Does the lamb sleep with one eye open?**  
*O come, O come, Immanuel*

“Rejoice, rejoice, the Savior comes”

*Ding dong merrily on high*

*\*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** – Martha Moore  
**Song Leader** – Rafael Luquis  
**Pianist** – Pam Peña-Martin  
**Advent candle lighters** – Amanda Heinsman & Matt Klopfenstein  
**Flute Choir** – Jill Burlingame, Tina Huang, Rachel Lehman, Mary Krick  
**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

**Next Sunday, December 15**  
 (Advent 3: Joy)  
**Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:46-55**

**Worship leader** – Sheryl Dyck  
**Song Leader** – Matt Yoder  
**Pianist** – Bev Birkey Potts  
**Advent candle lighters** – Bob & Reba King  
**Special music** – Choir chimes & Men's ensemble  
**Children's story** – Lynne Sancken  
**Scripture** – Amber Anderson  
**Sermon** – Laura Brennehan-Fullwood  
**Sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – Peter Dyck & Sheree Flannigan  
**Sound system** – Phil Martens  
**Visuals** – Lynne Sancken  
**Stewards** – Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner  
**Worship nursery** – Tom Sutter & Karla Woodson  
**Refreshments** – Chuck & Rhonda Gibson

**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

**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)*

**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 (Advent 2: PEACE)
	10:15 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:45 AM	Sunday school for all ages
<b>TUE</b>	8:00 AM	FMC reserved until Noon
<b>WED</b>	6:00 PM	FMC Council
	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study <i>Pastor Peer mtg all morning (Normal, IL)</i>
<b>SAT</b>	6:00 PM	Progressive Dinner in homes (rsvp needed)

**UPCOMING**

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 3: JOY)
<b>15</b>	10:15 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:45 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	Congregational meeting
	5:00 PM	FMC reserved (5-8 pm)
<b>WED</b>	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
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<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
<b>19</b>	10:30 AM	Sister Church Committee
	5:00 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 3: JOY)
<b>22</b>	10:15 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:45 AM	Sunday school for all ages
<b>TUE</b>	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight service
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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 (MCC) in various capacities to do this important work.