

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Anthony Schreiber (WED), Jill Burlingame (THU), Brent Racobs (FRI), Marlin Sieber (SAT)

TODAY at Noon - Congregational meeting to discuss with Laura Brenneman-Fullwood her call to ordination as a chaplain educator. A copy of the Pastoral Support Committee's process for discerning her ordination and Laura's ministry journey were in your FMC mailbox several weeks ago. A light lunch will be provided for attendees.

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

Help needed for Christmas Eve Service - If you plan to be here on Christmas eve, and could help out with a Christmas tableau, please let Pastor Deb know right away.

TODAY - an opportunity to pick up an FMC "God's Love is for Everyone" T-shirt. We have a few extra T-shirts (adult sizes) 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 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 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent. Our worship theme will be LOVE. There will be special music from the Shungu family.

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 \$243,059, an average of \$5,064 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 \$22,304 or \$7,435 per week, is still needed in offerings by the end of December.

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Celebration *of* Worship

December 15, 2019 (Advent 3)



Centering chimes

The Advent wreath on the communion table (left side) is lit in honor of our Sister Church, El Divino Redentor.

Prelude

Hymnal #198

“Let our gladness have no end”

Lighting of Advent candles

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship** (from Isaiah 35:1-10)

Leader: When the Lord comes all of creation will rejoice, so that there will be blossoms and green grasses in dry places where there were none!

People: We rejoice in the coming of the Lord!

Leader: Our fears will be calmed as the Lord brings wholeness and healing even where it would seem hopeless!

People: We rejoice in the coming of the Lord!

Leader: The Lord will bring the redeemed to Zion.

ALL: And all will be overwhelmed with happiness and joy!

***Hymnal #180**

“The angel Gabriel”

***Hymnal #211**

“Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming”

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

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

Men's ensemble

Ave Maria by Franza Bieble

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10 (Inclusive Bible translation) & **Luke 1:46-55** (Mary Schert's translation)

Sermon

***Hymnal #181**

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Congregational sharing

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

***Hymnal #318**

***Benediction**

Gaudete

“My soul proclaims with wonder”

Go tell it on the mountain (choir chimes)

“Joy to the world”

**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 – Sheryl Dyck
Song Leader – Matt Yoder
Pianist – Bev Birkey Potts
Advent candle lighters – Bob & Reba King
Special music – Choir chimes (Cindy Breeze, director) & Men's ensemble (Andrea Welty Peachey, director)
Children's story – Lynne Sancken
Scripture – Amber Anderson
Sermon – Laura Brenneman-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

Next Sunday, December 22
(Advent 4: Love)
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Worship leader – Chuck Gibson
Song Leader – Andrea Welty Peachey
Pianist – Kathy Springer
Advent candle lighters – Amber, Ryan, Dean & Nora Anderson
Special music – Shungu family
Children's story – Rebecca Bare
Scripture – Pete Shungu
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Peter Dyck & Sheree Flannigan
Sound system – Phil Martens
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner
Worship nursery – Mary Biddle & Lesley Deem
Refreshments – Kaye Massanari & Kristy Rice

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.

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 3: JOY)
	10:15 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	10:45 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	Congregational meeting
	5:00 PM	FMC reserved (5-8 pm)

WED	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
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THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	10:30 AM	Sister Church Committee
	5:00 PM	Service & Outreach Committee

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Advent 4: LOVE)
	10:15 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	10:45 AM	Sunday school for all ages

TUE	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight service
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WED	25	Merry Christmas; FMC office closed
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THU	26	Pastor Michael on vacation Dec. 26 – Jan. 4
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SUN	9:00 AM	Fellowship (see announcements)
	10:00 AM	Worship (Christmas Sunday) No Sunday school



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.