

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Courtney Malcolm (TODAY), Wilmer Otto & Paula Rivera (WED), Peggy Sieber (THU)

**TODAY after worship - Congregational vote on two items:** (1) Affirmation ballot for the proposed slate of new Council members for 2020: Marcia Nelson (chair-elect), Ken Nafziger (elder), Courtney Malcolm & Megan Cox (council members). (2) A resolution for First Mennonite Church to recommend Laura Brenneman-Fullwood as a candidate for ordination to the Central District Conference and Illinois Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA. Print ballots will be distributed and collected immediately following the worship service.

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

**All remaining hygees from this Advent season (through Christmas Eve) are on the table in the foyer for each household to pick up.**

**Tomorrow, 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.

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

**Next Sunday, 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 Sutter Kaufmann (no Sunday school)

**January 1 at 3 pm, FMC - Furniture Assembly Party.** Are you a master of the Allen wrench? Do you love decoding the assembly illustrations for Swedish flat-pack furniture? If so, start off the new year by helping us assemble three sofas and three chairs for the youth Sunday school room: January 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the church basement. No experience required. Dinner will be provided afterward. RSVP to Matt Yoder ([yomatters@gmail.com](mailto:yomatters@gmail.com)). Thanks!

**January 5 after Sunday school – FMC Christmas un-decorating party.** Your help is appreciated.

**January 19 at Noon – Baked potato bar fundraiser lunch for CU at Home's One Winter Night, followed by our annual FMC Congregational meeting at 1 pm.** Child care will be provided.

**2019 FMC budget update** - General offerings in 2019 to date have totaled \$251,211, an average of \$5,024 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 \$14,152 or \$7,076 per week, is still needed in offerings by the end of December.

**We still have have a few "God's love is for everyone" FMC t-shirts available.** Contact Mary Krick or Peter Dyck for details

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## Celebration of Worship

December 22, 2019 (Advent 4)



**Centering chimes**

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

**Prelude**

**Purple #16** "Peace before us" (verses: hope-vs1, peace-vs2, joy-vs3, love-vs4)

**Lighting of Advent candles**

**Welcome & prayer**

**\*Call to worship** (from Romans 1:1-7)

Leader: God promised this good news about God's son ahead of time through the prophets in the holy scriptures.

**People: Because we are loved by God.**

Leader: This son, who was publicly identified as God's Son with power through his resurrection from the dead, is Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Because we are loved by God.**

Leader: Through Jesus we have received God's grace and appointment to be apostles!

**ALL: Because we are all dearly loved by God and called to be God's people!**

**\*Hymnal #208** "Love came down at Christmas"

**\*Purple songbook #28** "Holy Child within the manger"

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

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

**Special music**

**Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25** (page 879)

**Sermon**

**\*Purple songbook #7**

**Offering** (prayer cards collected)

**Offertory & prayer**

**Congregational sharing**

**Introduction of guests**

**Work of the church**

**\*Purple #27**

**\*Benediction**

*Dreaming of Love*

“Come, come Emmanuel”

“Sing a different song”

*\*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  
**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 & Rhonda Gibson  
**Refreshments** – Kaye Massanari & Kristy Rice

**Next Sunday, December 29**  
(Christmas Sunday; Worship at 10 am)  
**Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9 & Matt.2:13-23**

**Worship leader** – George Ordal  
**Song Leader** – Bev Birkey Potts  
**Pianist** – Andrea Welty Peachey  
**Advent candle lighters** – Sancken family  
**Special music** – Sarah Sutter Kaufmann  
**Children's story** – Bruce Miller  
**Scripture** – Bev Hertle  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Deb  
**Greeters** – Peter Dyck & Sheree Flannigan  
**Sound system** – Randy Nelson  
**Visuals** – Lynne Sancken  
**Stewards** – Tammie Bouseman & Scott Bidner  
**Worship nursery** – Mary Krick & Rachel Horst Lehman  
**Refreshments (9 am)** – Whoever arrives first makes coffee & hot water; no other refreshments are needed

**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).

**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

**WED** Merry Christmas;  
FMC office closed



**THU** Pastor Michael on vacation Dec. 26 – Jan. 4

**UPCOMING**

**SUN** 9:00 AM Fellowship (see announcements)  
**29** 10:00 AM Worship (Christmas Sunday)  
No Sunday school

**WED** Happy New Year!  
**1** FMC office closed



**THU** Annual Committee reports due to FMC office  
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**SUN** 9:15 AM Worship (Epiphany)  
**5** 10:15 AM Fellowship & refreshments  
11:15 AM Sunday school  
12:00 PM Church un-decorating party



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.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday January 19, 2020**

At Noon - Baked potato bar fundraiser lunch for CU at Home's One Winter Night, followed by our annual FMC Congregational meeting at 1 pm. Please plan to attend if you can.