

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Julie Birky (WED), Kate Falk, Seth Birky and Soren Schrag (FRI)

This Wednesday, 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). Thanks!

Next Sunday, January 5 after Sunday school – FMC Christmas un-decorating party. Your help is appreciated. Also, please feel free to take one or more poinsettias after the service next Sunday.

January 19 at Noon - Baked potato bar & dessert fundraiser lunch for CU at Home's One Winter Night. Rebecca Bare and Rea Koehn will be our FMC box dwellers this year and we would like to raise \$2,000 in support of their efforts. In addition to the baked potato bar fundraiser, you can give online to their team at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/account/915437/>. Please note that the online goal lists \$1,000, but that is the goal for each team member (in our case, 2 members).

January 19 at 1 pm - Our annual FMC Congregational meeting at 1 pm. Child care will be provided.

February 1, 6 pm at Logic in Champaign – Our annual Menno Night dinner and talent show.

We give thanks for the newly-affirmed 2020 FMC Council leadership by congregational vote.

We give thanks for the ministry calling of Laura Brenneman-Fullwood, shared by Laura at the congregational meeting on December 15th and affirmed through the recent congregational vote recommending her as a candidate for ordination in Illinois Mennonite Conference and Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

2019 FMC budget update – Thank you for your continued contributions and generosity. We have met and slightly exceeded the projected amount of income needed to support committee work, church expenses, and our planned missions giving in 2019! Contributions made today through Tuesday continue to count towards our 2019 income.



Dear FMC family – We are humbled and sincerely grateful for the generous gifts we received this Christmas. We appreciate the love and support you've given us during the past year. It is a privilege to serve you.

– Pastor Michael, Pastor Deb, and Rhonda Gibson

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Celebration *of* Worship

December 29, 2019 (Christmas Sunday)



Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Hymnal #212 “O come, all ye faithful”

Lighting of Advent candles

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship (from Psalm 148)**

Leader: Praise God from the heavens, the sun, moon and stars!

People: God is with us!

Leader: Praise God from the earth, the mountains, the oceans, all the creatures above and below, and all that grows on the land!

People: God is with us!

Leader: Praise God all people, young and old, all men and all women!

ALL: God is always faithful! Praise God!

***Purple songbook #22** “There were angels hov’ring round”

***Hymnal #206** “Infant holy, infant lowly”

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

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

Special music *Gloria in excelsis Deo* by G.F. Handel

Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9 (page 679) & Matthew 2:13-23 (page 880)

Sermon

*Hymnal #215 & Purple songbook #26

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Congregational sharing

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

*Hymnal #201

*Benediction

Immanuel – God fully present

“What child is this/Helpless and hungry”

Nativity Carol by John Rutter

“Hark! the herald angels sing”

*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 – George Ordal
Song Leader – Bev Birkey Potts
Pianist – Andrea Welty Peachey
Advent candle lighters – Sancken family
Special music – Sarah Sutter Kaufmann (soprano), Diana Schmück (piano), Bonnie Campbell (clarinet)
Children's story – Bruce Miller
Scripture – Bev Hertle
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Greeters – Peter Dyck & Marlin Sieber
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

Next Sunday, January 5 (Epiphany; communion)

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12

Worship leader – Bob King
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze
Pianist – Pam Peña -Martin
Advent candle lighters – Kaye Massanari & Kristy Rice
Special music – John Trimmer
Children's story – Zach Pflederer
Scripture – Greg Sancken
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Rebecca Bare & Sheree Flannigan
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Bruce Miller & Cynthia Nafziger
Worship nursery – Janet Liechty & David Horst Lehman
Refreshments – Amanda Heinsman & Matt Klopfenstein

Next Sunday 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 9:00 AM Fellowship (see announcements)
10:00 AM Worship (Christmas Sunday)
No Sunday school
Pastor Michael on vacation Dec. 26 – Jan. 4

WED  Happy New Year!
FMC office closed

THU Annual Committee reports due to FMC office

UPCOMING

SUN 9:15 AM Worship (Epiphany)
5 10:15 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:15 AM Sunday school
12:00 PM Church un-decorating party

TUE 3:00 PM FMC Works for Racial Justice mtg
7 5:30 PM Worship Committee

WED 6:00 PM 2019/2020 FMC Joint Council mtg
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THU 7:00 AM Early Bible study
9 Pastor Peer mtg (Normal, IL - all AM)
5:00 PM Property & Finance Committee



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

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