

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Dannie Otto & Beth Rempe (TODAY), Hannah Lake-Rayburn (THU)

TODAY 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.

Wednesday, January 15 at 1 pm – Retiree Game Day at the home of Rosalee Otto (1806C Lakeside Dr. in Champaign). Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a snack and game to share and let Tammie Bouseman know if you plan to attend.

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. Please plan to attend.

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

Save the date: February 8, 2020 - CDC Central Regional Gathering at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana, 10am - 3pm.

Energy efficiency saving opportunities for your home - Beginning Jan 2, Ameren is scheduling home energy audits for people meeting income-eligibility requirements. To read the eligibility requirements and to apply, please visit the energy audit webpage: <https://amerenillinoisavings.com/for-my-home/explore-incentivesor> call 866-838-6918. The schedule fills quickly, so it's best to make appointments as soon as possible. **All customers can purchase deeply discounted LED light bulbs, advanced power strips, and energy efficient thermostats (regular and smart types). Some of the products are currently free (pricing and items change).** If you are interested in exploring current specials, please visit the residential marketplace: <https://www.energyfederation.org/amerenillinoisresidential>. - *The FMC Green Team*

Political tensions are rising, argumentation has replaced conversation, and divisions widen. How should pastors and congregational leaders engage? Watch the **three-part webinar** series, entitled "Putting Jesus on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics with Scott Peterson," at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/the-gathering-place/>.

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Celebration *of* Worship

January 5, 2020



Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Hymnal #199 "The first Noel, the angel did say"

Lighting of Advent candles

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship** (*from Isaiah 60:1-6*)

Leader: Lift your eyes and look around.

People: Arise! Shine! For our light has come.

Leader: The darkness shall no longer cover the earth.

People: Arise! Shine! For our light has come.

Leader: Gather your children and bring gifts to the Lord.

ALL: Arise! Shine! And be transformed!

***Purple songbook #32** "Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem"

***Black songbook #18** "Jesus, the Light of the World"

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

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

Special music

Go tell it on the mountain

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 (*page 676*) & **Ephesians 3:1-12** (*page 1067*)

Sermon

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

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.

Hymnal #167

"For God so loved us"

Congregational sharing & prayer (*sharing today will be from notecards*)

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

***Purple #30**

“Arise, your light is come!”

***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 – 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, January 12 Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9 & Matt. 3:13-17

Worship leader – Ken Nafziger
Song Leader – Rafael Luquis
Pianist – Kathy Springer
Children's story – Tammie Bouseman
Scripture – Rosalee Otto
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Greeters – Rebecca Bare & Marlin Sieber
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Bruce Miller & Cynthia Nafziger
Worship nursery – Lesley Deem & Ally Welty Peachey
Refreshments – Shawn & Natalya Rodriguez

Join us 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 – Upstairs with adults today.

(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 (MCC) 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 (Epiphany)
	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
WED	6:00 PM	2019/2020 FMC Joint Council mtg
THU	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
		Pastor Peer mtg (Normal, IL - all AM)
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
FRI	1:00 PM	Worship Committee

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship
12	10:15 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school
		<i>Annual reports/Proposed 2020 Spending Plan in FMC mailbox</i>
WED	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at Rosalee Otto's home
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THU	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
16	10:30 AM	Sister Church Committee
SUN	9:15 AM	Worship
19	10:15 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school
	12:00 PM	Baked potato bar fundraiser for One Winter Night
	1:00 PM	Annual Congregational meeting