

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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TODAY

Worship begins at 10am
No Kids' Corner after worship
Youth white elephant exchange at FMC (12:30pm)

TUESDAY

Annual Committee Reports due to church office

WEDNESDAY

Spiritual Leadership Team
in FMC library (10:30am)

THURSDAY

Early Morning Bible Study – Zoom (7am)
Racial Justice Working Group mtg – Zoom (3pm)

SATURDAY

Green Team mtg – Zoom (4pm)

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (more announcements in the email sent each Tuesday)

TODAY, FMC at 12:30pm – Youth white elephant gift exchange.

Starting this week – FMC office hours will be 9:30am – 2:30pm Tuesday through Friday.

Pastor Michael is away officiating the wedding of Alexandra and Ed. He will be back in the office on Tuesday.

This Tuesday, January 4 – FMC 2021 Annual Committee reports due to the FMC office.

This Saturday, January 8, 4pm – FMC Green Team meeting via Zoom. The topic is “Eating Green” and Tom Sutter will discuss his adoption of a vegan diet. All are invited to attend. Contact Bob Hudson for the Zoom link.

Next Sunday, January 9 – Worship reverts back to its usual 9:15 am start time.

Sunday, January 23 after worship - FMC Annual Congregational Meeting. The meeting will briefly review the work of FMC in 2021 and look ahead to 2022. The 2022 proposed budget will be discussed and decided. The meeting can be attended in-person and over Zoom.

For now, worship will continue to be available to in-person, Zoom, and YouTube attendees. As the pandemic takes yet another turn, all are encouraged to consider what is best for you and your household at this time. If you feel sick, learn of possible exposure, or test positive with Covid, please make the decision to stay home. If you should test positive and have been at an FMC event, please let the pastors know so that others can be aware of possible exposure.

Pastor Michael, Pastor Deb and Rhonda are deeply humbled and sincerely grateful for the generous gifts given by the congregation this Christmas. We appreciate the love and support you have given us during this unusual and stressful year. It continues to be a privilege to serve you.



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

January 2, 2022

Epiphany

Dare to imagine God's Dance! (Light)

*Focus: God chooses and lavishes grace on us,
a dancer who is both intimate and inclusive,
living among us, revealing God's glory in the Word made flesh.*



Centering chimes

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

*Voices Together #250

“The First Noel, the Angel Did Say”

*Call to worship

Leader: Come and join in a holy dance—a dance God has been imagining since the beginning.

People: We come, weeping.

Leader: Join in God's comforting dance.

People: We come with nothing.

Leader: Join in God's dance of abundance.

People: We come, feeling disconnected.

Leader: Join in God's intimate dance.

People: We come, although we do not know how to dance.

Leader: Will we dare to learn the moves? Do we dare step onto the dance floor?

People: We will join in God's daring dance.

*Voices Together #277

“As with Gladness”

Children's story and offering for the United Front Against River Blindness

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

Lighting Advent candles

Leader: We light the Christ candle to honor Jesus and listen as all creation joins in praise.

People: Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Confession and Assurance

People: God of the heavens, expansive oceans, majestic mountains, and rolling prairies, forgive us for our need to conquer and control. Cause us to look up, reach out, and follow . . . for you, O God of infinite imagination, will lead us.

(silence)

Leader: From all the fullness of God, the world has received grace upon grace.

The young rejoice in the dance. The old shall be merry.

Surely, the true Light has come into the world. Amen.

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1:1-18

Sermon

*Voices Together #240 "Joy to the World"

Offering prayer *(offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the ushers come by to collect offerings)*

Meditation music

Congregational sharing and prayer

(use a mic or text email prayers and announcements to Pastor Deb)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church *(Please text or email announcements to Pastor Deb)*

*Voices Together #276 "Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets"

*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 and physical or mental abilities.

We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is not currently being provided.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP



Fellowship is welcome; please remain masked.

There is no Kids' Corner after worship today.

In-person Sunday school classes aren't currently being held.

We are considering resuming in-person classes for all ages in February 2022.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY: NEXT SUNDAY (JAN 9) AT FMC: Service returns to 9:15 am

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Jon Welty Peachey

Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Chuck Gibson

Candle Lighters: Horst Lehman Family

Song Leader: Danielle Beard

Pianist: Jan Kellogg

Meditation Music: Mary Krick & Rachel Horst Lehman

Children's Story: Mary Biddle

Sermon: Pastor Deb

Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb

Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens/Bharat Patel &

Laurence Koehn

Stewards: Rebecca Bare & Chuck Gibson

Theme: Acts of Love

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; Luke 3:15-22

Visuals: Worship Committee

Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Jon Welty Peachey

Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Sheryl Dyck

Song Leader: Matt Yoder

Pianist: Cheryl Koranda

Meditation Music: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Rebecca Bare

Sermon: Pastor Michael

Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastors Michael & Deb

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Chuck Gibson

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