

Announcements

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, January 10th - Noon fellowship lunch followed by final LGBT discernment meeting, for listening and speaking into the circle.

Sunday, January 24th - Noon potluck followed by annual congregational meeting.

Saturday, January 30th - Retirement dinner for Pastor Cindy.

Sunday, January 31st - Worship service celebrating Cindy's ministry.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE ITEMS are being collected during October and November. Please consider donating snack items, drink or other pick-me up items to help our away-from-home college students survive the final exams week. The collection box is located near the church mailboxes. We are collecting for 15 students and will be distributing these items to parents just before Thanksgiving.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: If you would like to share your gifts in an instrumental or vocal solo or ensemble during the holiday season, **please let Pastor Cindy know by next Sunday, November 22.** Times to choose from are: Sunday mornings - November 29, December 6, 20, 27, and January 3; Sunday evening Chrismon service - November 29; Christmas Eve service - December 24.

Thanks is barely enough to express my appreciation for the many, many ways you expressed your support and love to me during my treatment for breast cancer. Your prayers, thoughts, concern, cards, emails, notes, gifts, hats, time, meals, hugs, visits, and other offerings of support nourished and sustained me through that time. Your outpouring of love in these many ways played a large role in keeping my approach to the journey positive. I am so grateful for having this church family walking with me. Thank you very much! Love, Rebecca

Piggees New Emails:

Pat terryhill2@verizon.net

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Happy Birthday!

Today, November 15th – Merianne O'Grady

November 22nd AT FIRST MENNONITE: 9:15 AM *Preaching Text: Acts 15:1-29*

Sermon – Cindy Breeze
Worship Leader – Evelyn Good
Song Leader – Deb Sutter
Keyboard – Jan Kellogg
Children's Story – Bruce Miller
Scripture – Grace Sancken
Prayer & Sharing – Cindy Breeze

Greeters – Chris Lubienski, Bev Hertle, Bob Hudson
Worship Nursery – Peter Dyck, Sophie Otto-Shenk
Refreshments – Kate Warfel, Brent Racobs
SS Nursery – Knit & Nurture
\$tewards – Clark Breeze, Chuck Gibson



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NOVEMBER 15, 2009 WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE SOLIDARITY LAMP *The oil lamp at the front of the sanctuary symbolizes our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor Church in Bucaramanga, Colombia.*

*GATHERING HYMNS

#8 (green)

#52 (green)

"We are people on a journey"

"Jesus, help us live in peace"

WELCOME

PRAYER

WORK OF THE CHURCH

WORDS OF PRAISE FROM ISAIAH 6:3 AND REVELATION 15:3-4

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!

The whole earth is full of God's glory!

People: Great and amazing are the works of the Lord God Almighty!

Leader: Who will not fear and glorify the name of God?

ALL: For God alone is holy!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #34 (purple)

"You are holy"

CHILDREN'S STORY

OFFERING (*Children's offering will go to Mennonite World Conference's Global Church Sharing Fund*)

OFFERTORY

"Thank you, Lord" – Dennis Jernigan

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE (*page 1067*)

Ephesians 3:14-4:6

MUSIC

SERMON

"Grounded in Love, maintaining the unity of the Spirit."

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #145** (*hymnal*)

"There's a wideness in God's mercy"

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

SHARING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***SENDING HYMN** (*insert*)

"Spirit of gentleness"

***BENEDICTION**

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Sermon – Chuck Neufeld

Worship Leader – Mary Biddle

Music – Worship Band

Children's Storyteller – Marcia Nelson

Scripture Reader – Thom Moore

Prayer & Sharing – Janet Elaine Rasmussen

Greeters – Chris Lubienski, Bev Hertle, Bob Hudson

Worship Nursery – Reba King, Jasmine Schreiber

Refreshments – Bryan & Mary Miller

SS Nursery – Knit & Nurture

\$tewards – Bruce Miller, Jill Schreiber

OUR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

10:45-11:15 Fellowship Time downstairs for all

11:00-11:15 Children's Singing, pre-K to 5th grade **11:15-12:00** Sunday School

Christian Education Classes for Adults

Coffee and Conversation – Library

Biblical Pacifism – Room #6 (downstairs)

Knit and Nurture – Nursery

Eyes On Jesus: Discerning Our Welcome - Sanctuary

Young Adult Fellowship –Room #13 (downstairs)

Children/Youth Classes (downstairs)

Pre-School – Room #6

Middle School –Room #3

Multi-age – Room #11

High School - Room #7

Today

Pastor Janet's Sunday School class will do an overview of homosexuality and scripture and then discuss the following Old Testament texts: Genesis 19:1-11, Judges 19:16-26, and two passages from the Holiness Code (Leviticus 18 & 20). The biblical survey and text discussion will continue for the next two Sundays. Everyone (high school age and up) is invited to participate in this study series in the sanctuary.

12:20pm - Church Council meets with Chuck Neufeld

Advent Choir Rehearsals begin today from 12:30-2:00pm.

The exhibit, "When a Parent Is in Prison," is open from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at the Independent Media Center, 202 S Broadway in Urbana. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For times to visit the exhibit during the week, contact Conrad Wetzel.

6:00 - 7:30pm. Fourth LGBT discernment evening, with focus on group Bible study and discussion. All regular attendees high school age and older are encouraged to participate in this important group process. IMC Conference minister Chuck Neufeld will be with us.

This Week



- **Tuesday, November 17th**- Safe Haven, 2:30pm
- **Wednesday, November 18th**- Council Meeting, 5:30pm
- **Thursday, November 19th**- Final Bible Study, 9:15am
- **Thursday, November 19th- 25th** - Pastor Janet on vacation
- **Friday, November 20th** –**Venture Club** 6:00-8:30pm at the Matthews' home in White Heath. Sarah's fun-mobile will leave from the church parking lot at 6pm and will return at 8:30 pm
- **Friday, November 20th**- Arcadia Concert, 7:00pm

Upcoming

- **Sunday, November 22** - MYF leaf-raking 1:00 - 2:00
- **ADVENT CHOIR** - Rehearsals for a choir presentation during worship on December 13 begin today and will be held on Nov. 22, 29, & Dec 6. All rehearsals will begin at 12:30 (except Nov. 22 which will begin at 1:00) and last until 2:00. If you are able to make **at least** two out of the four rehearsals, please join us as we sing music of the season. If you have questions, contact Pastor Cindy, who is directing the choir. Phyllis Croisant is the accompanist.
- **Saturday, December 12th** is the FMC Progressive Dinner which will begin at 5 pm. At this annual event for high school age and older, we move from different homes for appetizers, salad/main dish and dessert. We are seeking hosts for small groups for the appetizer and main course parts of the meal. Dessert for everyone will be at the Otto Sherk home. Please sign up on the sheet downstairs. **The deadline in November 29th**. If you have any questions, you can contact Martha Moore, Bev Hertle or Kathy Anderson.