

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.

Winter Sunday School Quarter - The winter quarter of classes will begin December 6. Class locations will remain the same for children and youth, but there will be new units of study, and in some cases, new teachers. Adult classes will be as follows: *Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving*; The Apocrypha; Coffee and Conversation; Knit and Nurture; and Young Adult. Details about each class will be in next week's bulletin.

Offering Concern

Congregational giving has been less than normal in 2009. At the end of October, the total offering was about \$27,300, or 12%, less than budgeted. We are normally only about 8% behind in our budgeted giving after 10 months, **so this gap is larger than normal.**

If you are interested in receiving *The Mennonite*, it is the time of year to renew the subscriptions. Please submit the amount of \$35 (if paying by check please make payable to First Mennonite and put in the memo "The Mennonite") and give it to either Cynthia or Emerson Nafziger no later than **November 29th**.

Sonia Springer has a new email:
springersonia@rocketmail.com

Happy Birthday!

Today, November 22nd – Kristy Rice
Wednesday, November 25th – Earl Kellogg
Thursday, November 26th – Carmen Goering

November 29th AT FIRST MENNONITE: 9:15 AM Preaching Text: Jeremiah 33: 1-16

Sermon – Janet Elaine Rasmussen
Worship Leader – Rebecca McNulty
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze
Keyboard – Dan Matthews
Children's Story – Rosalee Otto
Scripture – Greg Sancken

Prayer & Sharing – Janet Elaine Rasmussen
Greeters – Chris Lubienski, Kate Falk, Bob Hudson
Worship Nursery – Barb Shenk, Petey Biddle
Refreshments – Randy & Marcia Nelson
SS Nursery – Knit & Nurture
\$tewards – Scott Bidner, Janet Fros



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NOVEMBER 22, 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

#48 (hymnal)

“All creatures of our God and King”

#90 (hymnal)

“For the fruit of all creation”

WELCOME

PRAYER

WORK OF THE CHURCH

WORDS OF PRAISE

Leader: Come, thankful people,
come and give thanks for all that gives life its savor:

East Side: for work done well and rest that renews;

West Side: for good food and the strength we draw from it;

East Side: for familiar things and the new;

West Side: for the vigor of youth, and the wisdom of age.

Leader: Come, thankful people,
come and give thanks for all that gives life its savor:

East Side: for the touch of loved ones and the kindness of strangers;

West Side: for times to gather in worship and song;

East Side: for the prayers we carry in our hearts and out to the world;

West Side: for the word of God, the peace of Christ, and the nudges of the Spirit.

Leader: God of every goodness...

ALL: hear our thanks!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #96 (hymnal)

"We plow the fields and scatter"

CHILDREN'S STORY

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

**OFFERTORY
PRAYER**

CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE

"What are you thankful for?" – Angela Clemens

SCRIPTURE (page 1009)

Acts 15:1-29

SERMON

"It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and us"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #289 (hymnal)

"Filled with the Spirit's power"

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

SHARING

Sung Prayer #3 (purple)

"Come, light of the world"

*SENDING HYMN #424 (hymnal)

"God, be merciful and gracious"

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

The Call to Worship is adapted from Doris Rudy's Worship and Daily Life.

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 – Brent Racobs
SS Nursery – Knit & Nurture
\$tewards – Clark Breeze, Chuck Gibson

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

Parents should **PICK UP COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES today in the hall.** Thanks to the congregation for providing these bags.

MYF LEAF-RAKING

1:00PM ADVENT CHOIR REHEARSAL - Rehearsals for a choir presentation during worship on December 13 and will be held today, November 29, & December 6. All rehearsals will begin at 12:30 (except today 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 Croisart is the accompanist.

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 today.** 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.

This Week



- **Monday, November 23rd**- The church office will be open and Melissa will be working. It will be closed on Friday, November 27th. Pastor Janet will be out of the office all week, and Cindy will be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- **Thursday and Friday, November 26th - 27th**- Church office closed.
- **Saturday, November 28th** at 5pm - Church Decorating for Advent. All are welcome to come and help. After the decorating, we will have a meal, with Marlin Sieber providing the meat. All others are asked to bring a side dish or salad to share. Contact Dannie Otto or Steve Rayburn if you have any questions.

Upcoming

- **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 Shenk 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.