

# Announcements

**MENNONIGHT DINNER AND TALENT SHOW - Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**  
Please come to a Tuscan Feast at Scott Hall on the U of I campus, where good food, fun and laughter will be on the menu for the reasonable price of \$18.00 per person\*. You are encouraged to share your talents, real or imaginary, for our enjoyment. Sign up downstairs for the meal, and check in with Dannie Otto about your talent.  
\*\$1.00 less than last year! Pay as you are able.

**New attendees...long time attendees...** anyone interested in exploring affiliation with the First Mennonite Church Family – please be in touch with Pastor Janet. We anticipate the reception of new members in February.

**Applications for the MMA College Scholarships are due February 28, 2010.** There are 36 scholarships being given away. You can find an application on MMA's website at: **MMA-online.org**. Any questions, contact Trish Combs.

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

**KATE FALK:** kfalk57@gmail.com

**BEV BIRKEY POTTS:** birkeypotts@aol.com

### **NEW EMAIL FOR CINDY BREEZE:**

After JAN 30<sup>th</sup> Cindy Breeze's email at cindyb-fmc@sbcglobal.net will no longer be valid. Please note her new email address beginning on FEB 1<sup>st</sup> will be **cindybreeze@gmail.com**

*Happy  
Birthday!*

### **Today, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Jill Schreiber, Noah Springer

### **Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Laurence Koehn

### **Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Kathy Bartel

### **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Pam Pena Martin

### **Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Rex Liechty Martens

### **Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Bev Hertle, Joel Kreihbel, Steve Rayburn

**January 24<sup>th</sup> AT FIRST MENNONITE: 9:15 AM** *Preaching Text:* Philippians 1: 3-11

**Sermon** – Cindy Breeze  
**Worship Leader** – Randy Nelson  
**Music** – Worship Band  
**Children's Story** – Phil Martens  
**Scripture** – Cindy Breeze

**Prayer & Sharing** – Cindy Breeze  
**Greeters** – Phil & Rex Martens, Rebecca McNulty  
**Worship Nursery** – Barb Shenk, Sawyer Biddle  
**Refreshments** – Peter & Sheryl Dyck  
**SS Nursery** – Knit & Nurture  
**\$tewards** – Clark Breeze, Randy Nelson



# Welcome!

To First Mennonite Church

**Pastor / Janet Elaine Rasmussen**

Email: janetr-fmc@sbcglobal.net

**Associate Pastor / Cindy Breeze**

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## JANUARY 17, 2010 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 HYMN #570** (*hymnal*)

"Lift every voice and sing"

### WELCOME PRAYER

### WORK OF THE CHURCH

**Words of Praise** (from Romans 8:31-39 and the hymn, "The love of God")

Leader: If God is for us, who is against us?

**People: The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell.**

Leader: With God's love we conquer hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril and sword.

**People: To write about the love of God would drain the ocean dry!**

Leader: Death, life, angels, rulers, things present, things to come, powers, height, depth, nor nothing in all creation will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**People: O love of God, how rich and pure; how measureless and strong!**

**\*HYMN #44** (*green*)

"The love of God"

### CHILDREN'S STORY

**Church Office Hours**

9:30-12:00 and 12:30-3:00 (Tuesday – Friday)

**Phone:** (217) 367-5353 | **Website:** www.fmc-cu.org

**Administrative Assistant / Melissa Larson**

Email: fmc-cu@sbcglobal.net

**DEDICATION OF JAKE AND CADE COX, CHILDREN OF ARIN AND NEIL COX  
SONG**

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Every color, every race, all are covered by His grace.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Unison: Arin and Neil: you have offered Jake and Cade  
to the strong and tender providence of God.  
We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your children.  
We promise, with humility and seriousness, to share in your  
children's nurture and well-being.  
We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to  
provide a loving and caring home,  
where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen.  
Our prayers will be with you and for you.  
May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful.  
**HYMN #90** (green) "Lord, we bring to you our children"

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

**SCRIPTURE** (page 678) Isaiah 61:1-3  
\***HYMN #185** (hymnal) "Hail to the Lord's anointed"  
**SCRIPTURE** (page 938) Luke 4:14-22  
**SERMON** "Today in your hearing"  
\***RESPONSE HYMN #114** (purple) "God has chosen me"

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**  
**SHARING**  
**PRAYER**  
**LORD'S PRAYER**

\***SENDING HYMN #420** (hymnal) "Heart with loving heart united"

**BENEDICTION**

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\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

**Sermon** – Janet Elaine Rasmussen  
**Worship Leader** – Dannie Otto  
**Pianist** – Pam Martin  
**Song Leader** – Beverly Birkey Potts  
**Children's Storyteller** – Rebecca Bare  
**Scripture Readers** – Peter and Sheryl Dyck

**Prayer & Sharing** – Janet Elaine Rasmussen  
**Greeters** – Phil & Rex Martens, Rebecca McNulty  
**Worship Nursery** – Reba King, Grace Sancken  
**Refreshments** – Ken & Rebecca Moyer  
**SS Nursery** – Knit & Nurture  
**\$tewards** – Laurence Koehn, Bruce Miller

*Our Sunday Morning  
Schedule*

**10:45-11:15**  
Fellowship Time downstairs for all  
**11:00-11:15**  
Children's Singing, Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
**11:15-12:00**  
Sunday School

*Sunday School Classes*

**Children/Youth Classes** (downstairs)  
**Pre-School** – Room #6  
**Middle School** – Room #3  
**Multi-age** – Room #11  
**High School** - Room #7  
  
**Christian Education Classes for Adults**  
**Biblical Study: The Apocrypha** - Sanctuary  
**Book & Topical Study: The Treasure Principle**  
Room #6 (downstairs)  
**Coffee and Conversation** – Library  
**Knit and Nurture** – Nursery  
**Young Adult Fellowship** –Room #13 (downstairs)

**PASTOR CINDY'S RETIREMENT EVENTS**

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**  
Retirement dinner for Pastor Cindy  
**Please RSVP today**

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** - Worship service  
celebrating Cindy's ministry.

**TODAY**

**RSVP for Pastor Cindy's Retirement Dinner by emailing the church office.**

Our prayers are with **Joni Sancken** as she is ordained this afternoon at Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Atlanta, Georgia. Joni, daughter of Greg and Lynne Sancken, grew up in this congregation, attended Goshen College, Associated Mennonite Seminary, and received a PhD from Toronto School of Theology. Our congregation has sent a congratulatory bouquet to her, and former FMC pastor Larry Wilson will read a greeting from First Mennonite during the ordination service.

**THIS WEEK**

**TUE 19** Faith Coalition for Safe Haven [2:30pm]  
Worship Planning Committee [4:30pm]

**WED 20** Joint Council Meeting [5:30pm]

**THU 21** Thursday Morning Bible Study at the Breeze home [9:15am]  
Associate Pastor Search Committee [6:30pm]

**UPCOMING**

**Next Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> - Annual meeting**, open to all congregational participants. This will provide the opportunity to see where we have been and what is in store for 2010. This is also the occasion for us to approve our annual budget and conduct other business. We will begin the meeting immediately following a potluck lunch. **Please review the reports and information you will find in your mailboxes today and plan to bring food for the potluck.** Childcare will be provided.