

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Bev Hertle (TODAY)

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TODAY at Noon – Potluck & MYF dessert fundraiser. Join us for lunch before our annual meeting at 1 pm. Provide a main dish, salad, fruit, or bread to share. All food must be free of peanuts and tree nuts of any kind. **The high school youth (MYF) will provide dessert (donations are appreciated) to help raise funds to attend the upcoming MC USA Youth Convention in Orlando, FL this summer.**

TODAY at 1 pm – FMC Annual Congregational meeting. Join us to review the year, approve a new spending plan for 2017, and get a first look at some of our priorities for the coming year. *Child care will be provided.*

February 2, 9:30 am at FMC – Thursday morning Bible study resumes. All are invited for a time of study, fellowship, sharing, and prayer. We will study the book of Matthew this spring.

February 3 – One Winter Night, CU at Home's annual box-dweller fundraiser. On behalf of FMC, Phil Martens and Bonnie Schneider will spend the night in boxes in downtown Champaign. Donate to their cause at: <http://www.cuathome.us/one-winter-night-2017/participants-2/philip-martens-and-bonnie-baggins-schneider/>. Their goal is to raise \$1,000 each to help fight homelessness in our community.

Saturday, February 11, 6 pm at Hawthorne Suites in Champaign – Talent will abound as usual at our 43rd Annual Menno Night Dinner and Talent Show. The evening is for adults and High School youth. Sign up to attend downstairs or online at www.fmc-cu.org. Suggested contribution - \$22. Pay as you are able, as the dinner is for all. Samuel Flannigan will host the evening and is waiting for your call to round out the talent roster. Please contact emcee Samuel Flannigan at leonemusical@gmail.com to offer music, humor, drama, poetry, etc. for the talent show.

The Hospitality and Fellowship Committee coordinates meals of assistance for those needing a hand due to illness, new babies, etc. If you signed up for this on the work of the church form, the committee has your name, but if you did not and would like to be added, let Marcia know at sunboat@soltec.net.

Thanks to FMC's generosity, we collected \$4,865 for the Everence/Lilly Foundation pastoral student loan assistance program last fall, which allowed us to send the maximum (\$3,000) contribution for 2016, and to retain \$1865 for our 2017 contribution. Our contributions are matched by the Everence/Lilly program, and if we make the full \$3,000 contribution this spring, Pastor Michael's student loans will be paid in full! If you would like to contribute toward the final \$1,135 needed for 2017, please place your contributions in the offering plate or give to the FMC Office or Phyllis Croisant by March 1. If more than \$1,135 is collected, any extra will be placed in the FMC Mutual Aid fund. For those interested in more information about this student loan program, see <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/lilly-endowment-pastoral-financial-assistance/> or talk with Sarah Lubienksi.

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Celebration of Worship

January 22, 2017

GATHERING

Centering chimes

Lighting of solidarity lamp - *The lamp symbolizes our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.*

Prelude

Come, light of the world

Welcome & prayer

Call to worship

One: A prophet is put in prison.

Many: So that the One who fulfills the prophecy might come forth.

One: The hour of our greatest need, when we despair of losing our way,

Many: Is simply the canvas upon which our Lord's deliverance is painted.

One: The shadow of death, the end of hope,

Many: Is merely the stage being set for the coming dawn's dazzling brilliance.

One: Come, Oh Lord, teach us the Good News of your Kingdom.

Many: Come, Oh Christ, flood us with your radiance!

***Green songbook #3**

"Jesus calls us here to meet him"

***Passing the peace**

PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

***Hymnal #112**

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic"

Blessing of 2016 and 2017 congregational leadership

Hymnal #349

"Spirit of the living God"

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

Scripture:

Isaiah 9:1-7 (*page 624*)

Matthew 4:12-23 (*page 881*)

Sermon

Fishing with hope

*Green songbook #99

Offering *(prayer cards collected)*

Offertory

Sharing and prayers of the people

“You walk along our shoreline”

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

SENDING

Introductions of guests

Work of the church *(please come to the front if you have an announcement)*

*Hymnal #540

“Strong, righteous man of Galilee”

*Benediction

**Stand if you are able*

Thanks *to* our worship *and* welcome teams...

Worship leader – Phil Martens

Song leader – Jill Schreiber

Piano - Pam Peña Martin

Children’s story – Tina Huang

Scripture reader – Bob Hudson

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman

Greeters – Chris Lubienski, Cynthia Nafziger, Jan Sabey

Sound system – Emerson Nafziger

Refreshments – Chuck & Rhonda Gibson

Worship nursery – Rebecca Bare & Mary Krick

Stewards – Emerson Nafziger & Dannie Otto

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite

Worship leader – Randy Nelson

Song leader – Andrea Welty Peachey

Piano – Cheryl Koranda

Children’s story – Bruce Miller

Scripture reader – Sheree Flannigan

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman

Greeters – Chris Lubienski, Cynthia Nafziger, Jan Sabey

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Welcome, Guests

It is a joy to welcome you into our midst! We pray that God meets you as we worship together this morning and that our church family helps you feel at home. Join us down-stairs for refreshments after the service so that we can get to know you.

Hearing assisted devices are available from the greeters. T-coil enabled and standard over-ear devices are available.

Childcare for children birth through preschool is available downstairs during worship and the education hour.

Our current children’s offering benefits the Jubilee Partners community for refugees in Comer, GA.

Join us after the service for...

FELLOWSHIP HOUR – 10:45

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 Classes *(Dec - Feb)*

Church & Empire – sanctuary

Co-creators: Art in/as Worship – library

Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups *(year-round)*

Coffee and Conversation – Room 5 (downstairs)

Knit and Nurture – Nursery (downstairs)

Young Adults – Room 13 (downstairs)

Children & Youth Classes *(downstairs)*

Pre-K *(ages 2-6 yrs)* – Room 6 **Junior High** – Room 3

Grade K-5 – Room 10/11 **High School** - Room 7

(Nursery care provided for children birth through preschool)

Did you know? Alexandra Bidner is the new editor of our monthly newsletter, The Vine. The due date for articles has changed to the 2nd Sunday, giving more time to compile and print the newsletter for the following month.

THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at [8](#)

SUN 9:05 AM Pre-service singing
9:15 AM Worship
10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshment
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:00 PM FMC potluck & MYF dessert fundraiser
1:00 PM FMC annual congregational meeting

TUE 5:30 PM Worship Committee

WED 6:00 PM Spiritual Leadership Team

THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study

FRI MYF winter retreat at Menno Haven (Fri-Sun)

Next Sunday, January 29 Fifth Sunday

(modified morning schedule at FMC):

9:30-10:30 am Nut-free finger food potluck brunch
& fellowship (No Sunday school)
10:45 am-12:00 pm Worship

*Any interested persons are welcome to attend
5th Sunday Breakfast & Sunday school at Don Moyer
Boys & Girls Club (201 E. Park St, Champaign)
from 8:30 – 10:30 am.*

UPCOMING

WED 1 5:45 PM Property & Finance Committee

THU 2 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study resumes
5:30 PM Service & Outreach Committee

FRI 3 8:30 AM Coffee at Harvest Market (S. Neil, C)