

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Laurel Matthews (TODAY), Rebecca Moyer & Bharat Philip (SAT)

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TODAY – We welcome the O'Bannon family to First Mennonite for worship and fellowship.

TODAY, 2:30-4:30pm at the Channing Murray Foundation on campus -- Pastor Michael and Rev. Cindy Shepherd (of Faith in Place) will present reflections on Christian faith and the environment. Their talk is part of an interfaith series called "Spirituality and the Environment," with speakers from other faith traditions featured throughout Sundays in February and March. See <http://www.channingmurray.org/calendar> for the schedule.

Tomorrow, February 20, 6 pm - Women's Night Out. All women are invited out for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship at Kohinoor Restaurant (Indian food), 6 E Columbia Ave, Champaign. Meal entrees are moderately priced (\$8-12). Sign up downstairs. Questions? Contact Marcia, 359-0034.

This Friday, February 24 and next Friday, March 3, 6:30-8:30 pm, Friends Meeting house - Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting welcomes the public to a showing of the film, 13th, in two parts. 13th refers to the 13th Amendment which abolishes slavery in the U.S. except in cases of punishment for a crime. The film examines how this exception has played out over the past 152 years. Discussion will follow each screening. On February 24 the discussion will be led by James Kilgore, author of *Understanding Mass Incarceration*. On March 3 the discussion will be led by Rebecca Ginsburg, director of the Education Justice Project. Childcare and refreshments are provided. For more information, contact Charlotte (charlotteg588@gmail.com).

Wednesday, March 1, 7 am – 6 pm, FMC sanctuary – Ash Wednesday prayer stations. The sanctuary will be open with prayer stations. Come anytime during the day and enter a quiet space for self-guided worship. Sit in silence or journey through prayer activities and meditations. The pastors will be on hand to offer the imposition of ashes as you depart.

Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 pm, FMC sanctuary – Ash Wednesday service.

The new quarterly FMC service list is in your church mailbox. Check to see if you are helping out.

Want to get a "welcome your neighbor sign" like the one in our FMC yard? Purchase a sign in the church office for \$10. The signs are available to anyone in the community.

Saturday, March 4, 9:45 am - 3 pm at FMC - CDC Regional gathering "Abounding in Love...Abiding in Grace". The gathering is a time for worship, fellowship, and a taste of the CDC annual meeting in June. Our regional gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to develop face-to-face relationships with others in the CDC community. We hope that many will be able to attend! We ask that those eating lunch bring a donation to help cover the cost of providing the meal. Please let the FMC office know TODAY if you plan to attend.

MC USA Convention in Orlando, July 4-8, 2017 – We would like to get a sense of those at FMC who are considering attending the bi-annual convention. If you plan to attend or want more information, please contact the office. It might be helpful to coordinate lodging and travel plans. We have scholarship funds for young adults who attend.

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Celebration of Worship

February 19, 2017

GATHERING

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

Call to worship*

Leader: We are called to follow in the way of God.

People: The Holy One is generous, so we are to be generous.

Leader: The Almighty is kind and just, so we are to be kind and just.

People: The Source of Life cares for creation, so we must care for creation.

Leader: The Lord loves all, so are we to love all.

ALL: Let us offer praise to our Holy God.

***Green songbook #18**

"Over my head"

***Passing the peace**

PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

***Hymnal #555**

"I need thee every hour"

***Song (insert)**

"Revelation song"

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

Scripture

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (*page 105*)

Matthew 5:38-48 (*page 883*)

Prayer of confession

Words of assurance

Sermon

Why holiness matters:

Connecting the dots between God, people, & place

RESPONDING

*Purple songbook #34
Offering (prayer cards collected)
Offertory
Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build
Blessing for the O’Bannon & Blackwell-Parker families
Sharing and prayers of the people

SENDING

Introduction of guests
Work of the church (please come to the front if you have an announcement)
*Hymnal 401

“You are holy”
“This little light of mine”

*Stand if you are able

*Adapted from a call to worship by Amy Loving, Worship Closet.com

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

Worship leader – Rhonda Gibson
Music – Worship Band
Children’s story – Perry Biddle
Scripture reader – Beth Rempe
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Visuals – Art in Worship Sunday school class

Greeters – Emily Gibson, Mary Krick, Laurence Koehn
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Refreshments – Bharat Philip & Joyce Wyse
Worship nursery – Sheryl Nisly-Nagele & Karla Woodson
Stewards – Tom Anderson & Randy Nelson

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite

Worship leader – Wilmer Otto
Song leader – Matt Yoder
Piano – Pam Peña Martin
Children’s story – Janet Liechty
Scripture reader – Chris Lubienski
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Visuals – Art in Worship Sunday school class

Greeters – Emily Gibson, Mary Krick, Laurence Koehn
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Refreshments – Thom & Martha Moore
Worship nursery – Rhonda Gibson & Liesl Schrag
Stewards – Tom Anderson & Randy Nelson

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? The pastors apply FMC discretionary funds to assist non-FMC people in the community who contact them with emergency needs. People can receive up to \$50 toward their need.

THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at www.fmc-cu.org.

Pastor Michael out of the office Monday-Friday.

SUN 9:05 AM Early morning singing
9:15 AM Worship
10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
MON 6:00 PM Women’s Night Out at Kohinoor Rest.
THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study
SAT 9:00 AM FMC Council Retreat at Sutters

UPCOMING

SUN 9:05 AM Early morning singing
26 9:15 AM Worship
10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:00 PM JYF activity at FMC until 2 pm
12:00 PM Hospitality & Fellowship Committee
WED Ash Wednesday prayer stations (7 am – 6 pm)
1 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday service at FMC
7:15 PM Spiritual Leadership Team
THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
2 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study
5:00 PM Property & Finance Committee
6:00 PM Service & Outreach Committee
FRI 8:30 AM Coffee at Harvest Market on S. Neil
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SAT 9:45 AM CDC Regional Gathering at FMC (all day)
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