

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Israel Martinez & Hannah Wright (THU), Ellis Hoag & Jan Sabey (FRI)

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Needed: Volunteers to provide lunch for 35 during the Habitat Interfaith Build on March 24. Sign-up downstairs after worship. Questions? Talk to Clark Breeze.

This 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. There will also be an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm.

This Friday, March 3, 9:30-11 am at St. Patrick Catholic Church (708 W. Main St., U) – Church Women **United of CU presents “World Day of Prayer 2017.”** A detailed flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

This Friday, March 3, 6:30-8:30 pm, Friends Meeting house - Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting welcomes the public to a showing of part two 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. Rebecca Ginsburg, director of the Education Justice Project, will lead a discussion afterward. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

Next Sunday, March 5 and the following Sunday, March 12 – Pictures taken for the FMC bulletin board. Mark Evans will be available in the library during fellowship hour to take your picture (or update your picture) for the FMC bulletin board.

Next Sunday, March 5, 4-5:30 pm – Join us for a sing-along with our 5th Sunday friends at Salem Baptist Church, 500 E Park St, C. Each participating church will share some of their favorite songs. If possible, bring a snack to share.

Monday, March 6, 1 – 5 pm at the home of Sue Biddle (1503 Broadmoor Dr, Unit A, Champ.) – Retiree Game Day. Bring your favorite games and some kind of finger food snack to share! Let Tammie Bouseman know if you plan to attend.

Saturday, March 25 - The Welty Peachey's will be moving from their house on Clayton Blvd to 2110 Galen Dr. (both are Champaign addresses). They will rent a truck for the day and welcome any help. Breakfast provided! Please let them know if you can help.

There are still some "welcome your neighbor sign" available for sale (\$10/sign) in the church office. The signs are available to anyone in the community.

Tuesday, March 7 at 5:30 pm - Faithful Citizen Workshop (location TBA)
Discover how ideas become legislation and legislation become law in the State of Illinois. Learn the when, where and how of making a difference in this process. Faith in Place will give you the resources you need! This two-hour workshop will identify ways people of faith can engage in the advocacy process consistent with the tenets of their faith. Register at: www.faithinplace.org/events/ci-faithful-citizen-workshop

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Celebration of Worship

February 26, 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: The face we have known now shines like the sun.

People: **A voice says, “My Beloved; I am pleased with my own.”**

ALL: With faces unveiled, we see God’s glory shine.

Leader: Jesus calls, “Get up and do not be afraid.”

People: **In the Spirit, we, too, are beloved, transformed.**

ALL: From glory to glory, we are beloved – we shine.

*Hymnal #567

“How firm a foundation”

*Passing the peace

PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

*Hymnal #232

“Christ upon the mountain peak”

*Hymnal #483

“O God, who gives us life”

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

Scripture

Exodus 24:12-18 (*page 69*)

Matthew 17:1-9 (*page 896*)

Sermon

Fear not?

RESPONDING

*Green songbook #105
Offering (prayer cards collected)
Offertory
Blessing for Keith and Kathy Springer
Sharing and prayers of the people

“Don’t be afraid”

There’s a light upon the mountains

SENDING

Introduction of guests
Work of the church (please come to the front if you have an announcement)
*Hymnal #560
Benediction

“In lonely mountain ways”

*Stand if you are able

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

Worship leader – Wilmer Otto
Song leader – Matt Yoder
Piano – Pam Peña Martin
Children’s story – Janet Liechty
Scripture reader – Chuck Gibson
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

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite: Lent 1 (communion served)

Worship leader – Matt Yoder
Song leader – Andrea Welty Peachey
Piano – Liz Mallot
Children’s story – Phil Martens
Scripture readers – Cindy Breeze & Bob King
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Visuals – Matt Yoder

Greeters – Rebecca Bare, Greg Sancken, Karla Woodson
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Refreshments – Seth & Claire Morgan
Worship nursery – Pam Peña-Martin & Perry Biddle
Stewards – Chuck Gibson & George Ordal

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 FMC library committee has been working to place the adult catalog online? Stay tuned for the launch date.

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN 9:05 AM Early morning singing
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 Wed. prayer stations in sanctuary (7 am-6pm)
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday service
7:15 PM Spiritual Leadership Team

THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
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

SAT 9:45 AM CDC Regional Gathering at FMC (all day)

UPCOMING

SUN 9:05 AM Early morning singing
5 9:15 AM Worship & communion (Lent 1)
10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
4:00 PM sing-along at Salem Baptist Church

MON 1-5 PM Retiree Game Day at Sue Biddle’s home
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THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
9 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study
5:00 PM Christian Ed. Committee (library)
FMC basement reserved 5 – 9 PM

SAT 9:30 AM Green Team (in library)
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