

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Kathy Anderson (MON), Sawyer Biddle (TUE), Sue Biddle, Daniel Nisly-Nagele, Keith Springer (SAT)

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Do you have an interest in attending the Central District Conference Annual meeting June 22-24? We need a few more delegates. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Michael TODAY.

TODAY after Sunday school - Pete and Melissa Shungu invite you to come help them unload their moving truck at their new home (2100 O'Donnell Dr, Champaign). Lunch will be provided.

This Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 pm at Everence Financial Advisors (108 S. Third St., Fisher) - Getting ready to retire? Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Make sense of your Medicare choices*. To reserve your spot, contact Jennifer Birkey at (217) 897-1417 or jennifer.birkey@everence.com

This Saturday, April 29, 8 am - Noon - HABITAT INTERFAITH LANDSCAPING KIDS DAY. Fun activities are planned with different stations for kids to rotate through, including: landscaping, planting a tree at each home, painting and planting flower pots for the porches, assembling picnic tables, and small craft projects. Stay as little or as long as your schedule allows, but we need to know that you are coming and what you may be able to bring to help with the supplies. Please sign children up on Sign-Up Genius so we are prepared with enough projects for the day. All we need is the child's name. We ask that adults come with their kids to help with the projects (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d45a9a92da6f49-interfaith>).

Next Sunday, April 30 - 5th Sunday schedule (Dannie Otto will be preaching):

- 8:30-10:30 am - 5th Sunday breakfast and Sunday school at Boys & Girls Club (201 Park St, C)
- 9:30-10:30 am - Food & fellowship at First Mennonite (for those not attending at Boys & Girls Club)
- 10:45 am - Worship at First Mennonite Church (no Sunday school at FMC)

Saturday, May 6 from 8 am - Noon - FMC Work Day. Join us in sprucing up our building and grounds. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Sign-up downstairs.

Sunday, May 7 at Noon, FMC fellowship hall - The high school youth will host a lunch and auction to raise money for their upcoming trip to the Mennonite USA Youth Convention this summer. Sign-up downstairs to donate auction items and services! See insert for details and ideas.

Monday, May 8 from 1-5 pm - Retiree Game Day at Keith and Kathy Springer's home, 40364 E 600 North Road, Saybrook. This will leave us plenty of time to attend the 6:15 FMC softball game by Parkland after our game afternoon! Please let Tammie Bouseman know if you are planning to attend. Bring a "finger-food" to share.

Saturday evening May 13 and Sunday morning May 14 - We will host Jonathan Kuttab, a Palestinian Mennonite and leading international human rights lawyer. Mr. Kuttab will be joined by the leader of the local Jewish Voices for Peace chapter, Steve Sherman. Mr. Kuttab's speaking tour is a part of Mennonite Church USA's effort to learn more about Israel-Palestine. You can read about it at: <https://themennonite.org/feature/jonathan-kuttab-peacemaking-way-life/>.

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Celebration *of* Worship

April 23, 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: Christ is risen!

People: Now what?

Leader: We cling to each other. Huddled, waiting.

People: Would we be taken too?

Leader: Jesus appeared.

People: What next?

Leader: Doubts and questions, assurances and instructions, a last word:

People: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

Leader: Christ is risen! Now what?

People: We come together to wait for God.

Leader: May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen,
yet believe and follow. This is our faith.

*Purple songbook #113

“I will stand in the congregation”

*Passing the peace

PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

*Hymnal #598

“A wonderful Savior is Jesus”

*Hymnal #338

“I know not why God’s wondrous grace”

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

Scripture

John 20:19-31 (*page 991*)

Sermon

Healing faith, embracing doubt

RESPONDING

*Song (insert)
Offering (prayer cards collected)
Offertory
Sharing how we serve
Sharing and prayers of the people

“Oceans”

Kate Falk & Ruth Stoltzfus

SENDING

Introduction of guests
Work of the church (please come to the front if you have an announcement)
*Hymnal 435 “May the Lord, mighty God”

*Stand if you are able

Call to worship adapted from *Now What?* by Rev.Martha Spong.
Posted on www.liturgylink.com.

Thanks to our worship and
welcome teams

Worship leader – Chuck Gibson
Music – Worship Band
Children’s story – Martha Moore
Scripture reader – Lesley Deem
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Visuals – Matt Yoder
Greeters – Tammie Bouseman, Bev Hertle,
George Ordal
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Worship nursery – Rebecca Bare & Sheryl Dyck
Stewards – Peter Dyck & Matt Yoder

Next Sunday at First Mennonite:
5th Sunday Schedule
Worship begins at 10:45 am

Worship leader – Bob King
Song leader – Cindy Breeze
Piano – Phyllis Croisant
Children’s story – Marcia Nelson
Scripture reader – Greg Sancken
Sermon – Dannie Otto
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Visuals – Matt Yoder
Greeters – Tammie Bouseman, Kate Falk, George Ordal
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Worship nursery – Rachel Horst Lehman &
Anthony Schreiber
Stewards – Peter Dyck & Matt Yoder

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 Tuesday prayer and announcement email contains new announcements that come into the office or don’t make it into the bulletin.

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	Hospitality & Fellowship
MON	6:30 PM	FMC library reserved
TUE	7:00 PM	Worship Committee
	1-9 PM	FMC basement reserved
WED	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study

UPCOMING

SUN 30	8:30 AM	5 th Sunday breakfast at B & G Club
	9:30 AM	Food & fellowship at FMC
	10:45 AM	Worship (Dannie Otto preaching)
THU 4	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
FRI 5	5:30 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
	8:30 AM	Coffee at Harvest Market, Champ.
SAT 6	8:00 AM	FMC work day (until Noon)
SUN 7	9:15 AM	Worship
	12:00 PM	MYF pasta lunch & auction (fundraiser for youth convention)
	5:30 PM	FMC reserved