

# ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Cindy Breeze (TODAY), Natalie & Nathaniel Bidner (MON), Ellen Walkington (THU), Henry Lee Thomas (FRI)

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**TODAY – Detailed information about new FMC priorities and questions in your FMC mailbox.**

**This 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 in the foyer. Can't come on Saturday? Sign-up to do a job at your convenience.

**Next 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.** Tammie Bouseman and Ken Moyer will serve as auctioneers. Sign-up in the foyer 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 Kuttub, a Palestinian Mennonite and leading international human rights lawyer.** See insert for details.

**Sunday, May 21 – We will celebrate our graduates (8<sup>th</sup> grade and beyond) during worship and fellowship hour.**

**New addresses to note in your FMC directory:**

The Shungu family 2100 O'Donnell Dr Champaign, IL 61821	The Welty Peachey family 2110 Galen Dr. Champaign, IL 61821
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Thanks to all who have prayed for me, sent cards and visited me while I have had surgery and been rehabilitating following my heart attack and open heart surgery here in Tucson. All of these heart problems was a shock to me and the comfort of God's presence, my wife and family's support and the caring I felt from FMC brothers and sisters was an enormous gift. The card Marcia and Randy brought that contained signatures and comments from many at FMC was especially meaningful. We have been gone too long from FMC and we plan to return in late May or early June following my cardiac rehabilitation sessions here in Tucson. I thank God for all of you and for the love you have shown to me and Jan. – *Earl Kellogg*

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## Celebration *of* Worship

April 30, 2017

### GATHERING

**Centering chimes**

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

**Prelude**

**\*Purple songbook #93** "Alleluia! Give the glory"

**Welcome & prayer**

**Call to worship: Choose Life**

Leader: Blessed are the faithful ones who seek the path of integrity.

**Left: The faithful are like fountains that spray and dance in sunlight.**

*Right: The faithful shower joy and delight upon their communities.*

Leader: The evil ones in the world are not so.

**Left: Their thoughtless actions destroy a wholesome environment.**

*Right: Their misuse of power leads only to death and destruction.*

**All: God of righteousness, help us choose life and not death.**

Leader: Because every secret thought shapes how we live  
and every concrete action sculpts who we are, our choices matter.

**All: While we have the gift of breath, we want to choose life.**

**God of righteousness, grant us wisdom to walk in your ways.**

**\*Passing the peace**

### PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

**\*Hymnal #530** "What wondrous love is this"

**\*Green songbook #103** "Why should I feel discouraged"

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

**Trio** "By the waters of Babylon"

*Jamaican trad.*

**Scripture**

**Psalms 137: 1-6** (*page 565*)

Sermon  
Psalm 137: 7-9

Happy shall they be

RESPONDING

Time of silent reflection  
Offering *(prayer cards collected)*  
Offertory  
Sharing how we serve  
Sharing and prayers of the people

Keith & Kathy Springer

SENDING

Introduction of guests  
Work of the church *(please come to the front if you have an announcement)*  
\*Hymnal #425 “Come, come ye saints”

*\*Stand if you are able*

Thanks to our worship and  
welcome teams

Worship leader – Bob King  
Song leader – Cindy Breeze  
Piano – Phyllis Croisant  
Children’s story – Marcia Nelson  
Trio – Cindy Breeze, Rachel Rasmussen, Matt Yoder  
Scripture reader & signer – Janet Fros  
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael  
Visuals – Matt Yoder  
Greeters – Tammie Bouseman, Kate Falk, George Ordal  
Sound system – Laurence Koehn  
Worship nursery – Rachel Horst-Lehman and Anthony Screiber  
Stewards – Peter Dyck & Matt Yoder

Next Sunday at First Mennonite:  
May 7

Worship leader – Wilmer Otto  
Song leader – Jill Schreiber  
Piano – Kathy Springer  
Children’s story – Cindy Breeze  
Scripture reader – George Ordal  
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael  
Visuals – Matt Yoder  
Greeters – Sam Cox, Sheree Flannigan, Randy Nelson  
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger  
Worship nursery – Megan Cox & Karla Woodson  
Stewards – Kate Falk & Laurence Koehn

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 *(February - May)*

Every Creature Singing – sanctuary  
Spirituality in the Third Third of Life – 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](http://www.fmc-cu.org).*

SUN	8:30 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday breakfast (B & G Club)
	9:30 AM	Food & fellowship at FMC
	10:45 AM	Worship (Dannie Otto preaching)
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
	5:30 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
FRI	8:30 AM	Coffee at Harvest Market, C.
SAT	8:00 AM	FMC work day (until Noon)
	2:00 PM	FMC reserved until 5 pm

UPCOMING

SUN 7	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Fellowship hour
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	MYF pasta lunch and auction (fundraiser for youth convention)
	5:30 PM	FMC reserved until 8:30 PM
MON 8	6:15 PM	FMC softball vs. Faith UMC Field #3 (Dodds Park)
TUE 9	6:30 PM	Taizé service of prayer and song Pastor Michael out of office all day
WED 10	4:00 PM	FMC basement reserved
	6:00 PM	FMC Council
THU 11	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study Pastor Peer mtg. in Bloomington
	2:30 PM	Pastoral Support Committee
FRI 12	5:00 PM	FMC reserved until 7:30 PM
SAT 13	5:30 PM	Jonathan Kuttab keynote address with light refreshments to follow at 7:30 pm.