

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Lynne Sancken (TODAY), Randy Genau (MON), Megan Cox (TUE)

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**TODAY –** Continue the conversation with Jonathan Kuttub in the sanctuary during Sunday school.

**This Friday, May 19, from 5-8 pm –** You are invited to attend an open house for high school senior Emily Gibson at her home (410 Park Lane Dr, Champaign).

**Next Sunday, May 21 –** Celebration of our graduates during worship and fellowship hour.

**Next Sunday, May 21, Noon - 2 PM -** Come discuss “The Christians, “the play recently shown at the Station Theatre. We will meet in the fellowship hall. Pizza and salad provided. RSVP to Marcia Nelson ([sunboat@soltec.net](mailto:sunboat@soltec.net), 359-0034) to insure food. Please park your car in the UI lot (corner of Springfield & Gregory) to make space available for people arriving at 2 pm for a piano recital (non-FMC). All are welcome!

**Thursday, June 1, 6:30-8:30 pm in the fellowship hall –** Movie Night hosted by the Service & Outreach Committee. Come watch the Michael Moore movie, “What Country to Invade Next?”

**Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4 -** Help needed for hosting a group from AMBS on a 9-day pilgrimage tracing the route of the 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people by U.S. military from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, KS. The route passes to the south of Champaign-Urbana. The group of ~15 will sleep at the church June 3rd and join us in worship June 4th. We need help organizing hospitality, including a potluck dinner Saturday evening (anyone bringing food is invited to eat with the group and hear about their journey). If you can help, please contact the church office or Pastor Michael.

**Sunday, June 11 from 3 – 4:30 pm -** Habitat dedications at both Lakendra’s home and Nicole’s home. More details to follow as we get closer to the dedication.

**Sunday, June 25 at Noon – Fathers Day Picnic (a week late) Picnic at Hessel Park.** Bring a dish to share, your table service, lawn chairs, and games. As is our policy, please bring only nut-free foods.

RAWtools will be holding an event at the CDC Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at Bluffton University. **Do you know someone willing to donate a gun for the blacksmith demonstration which will transform weapons into garden tools? Please contact [RAWtoolEvent@gmail.com](mailto:RAWtoolEvent@gmail.com).**

**Looking for help on two fronts: 1) being on the planning committee for our Fall Block Party and 2) taking a turn as K-5 grade teacher or helper this summer.** Sign-up sheets for both opportunities are on the table in the foyer.

**From the MYF -** A heartfelt thanks for the generous donations and auction bids. We raised nearly \$5,000 to help us attend the youth convention in Orlando this summer. Any extra funds will help seed our service trip in the summer of 2018.

**Thanks to Perry Biddle for installing the new water fountains.**

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## Celebration *of* Worship

May 14, 2017

### GATHERING

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

\*Hymnal #6

“Here in this place”

Welcome & prayer

Call to worship

Leader: We come before you, our God, knowing that all we are and have comes from You.

**People: We are created from Dust, and to Dust we will return.**

Leader: But could you give us just one little hint of our special value in this world?

**People: We are desperate to believe that OUR specific lineage of Dust is more valuable than anyone elses.**

Leader: Haven’t you promised us that WE would be your favored people?

**People: Doesn’t our devotion deserve your preference?**

Leader: Won’t you give use some boundaries, oh God?

**People: Accepting the world as our “neighbor” is too big, too frightening, too demanding, and too costly.**

Leader: Embolden us today, our Creator, that we may plunge into this vast sea of Dust that you call your Children.

**People: Show us a way forward without borders, without walls, without fear, without raids, without scapegoats.**

\*Passing the peace

### PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

\*Hymnal #332

“Blessed assurance”

\*Song (*insert*)

They’ll know we are Christians”

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

**Scripture: Micah 6:8** (*page 851*) & **Isaiah 11:1-10** (*page 627*)

**John 4:1-42** (*page 971*) & **Matthew 5:9** (*page 882*)

Sermon

*Seeking peace in Israel & Palestine*

RESPONDING

\*Green songbook #61  
Offering (prayer cards collected)  
Offertory  
Sharing and prayers of the people

“How can we be silent”

SENDING

Introduction of guests  
Work of the church (please come to the front if you have an announcement)  
\*Hymnal #427  
\*Benediction

\*Stand if you are able

A special thanks to Jonathan Kuttab for bringing us today’s message. Jonathan is a well-known international human rights attorney and speaker. He is a co-founder of the human rights group, Al-Haq, and the Mandela and Nonviolence International. He is also on the board of the Bethlehem Bible College, Holy Land Trust, and Sabeel. He is a member of the Bar Association in New York, Israel, and Palestine. Jonathan has served as a lawyer for both MCC and CPT in Palestine.

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

Worship leader – Phil Martens  
Music – Worship Band  
Children’s story – Jill Schreiber  
Scripture reader – Tina Huang  
Sermon – Jonathan Kuttab  
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael  
Visuals – Matt Yoder  
Greeters – Sam Cox, Sheree Flannigan, Randy Nelson  
Sound system – Laurence Koehn  
Worship nursery – Tammie Bouseman & Chuck Gibson  
Stewards – Kate Falk & Laurence Koehn  
Refreshments – Jon & Andrea Welty Peachey

Next Sunday at First Mennonite: May 21 (Celebration of Graduates)

Worship leader – Cindy Breeze  
Song leader – Matt Yoder  
Piano – Pam Peña-Martin  
Children’s story – Bruce Miller  
Scripture reader – Matt Klopfenstein  
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb  
Visuals – Matt Yoder  
Greeters – Sam Cox, Sheree Flannigan, Randy Nelson  
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger  
Worship nursery – Claire Morgan & Barb Shenk  
Stewards – Kate Falk & Laurence Koehn  
Refreshments – Clark Breeze & Angela Williams

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 Sola Gratia Farm, a local community-based farm in Urbana.

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 peace garden began in 2010 as an act of our friendship with CIMIC. Since 2016, the garden’s design has told the story of our mutual commitment to building peace: with God, others, earth, and self.

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	Refreshments & fellowship
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
		Articles for June Vine due to: fmcvine@gmail.com
MON	6:15 PM	FMC softball vs. FCC Moutray Field #2 (Dodds Park)
WED	5:00 PM	Christian Education Committee
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study (final spring meeting)
	7:00 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board
FRI		Rhonda out of office
	5:00 PM	FMC reserved until 7:30 pm

UPCOMING

SUN 21	9:15 AM	Worship (Celebration of graduates)
	10:45 AM	Refreshments & fellowship
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	Discussion of play “The Christians”
	1:30 PM	FMC reserved until 4:30 pm
MON 22	7:00 PM	FMC softball vs. FCC Miller Field #3 (Dodds Park)
TUE 23	7:00 PM	Worship Committee
WED 24	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU 25	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
		Pastor Michael out of office
FRI 26	3:00 PM	FMC reserved until 6 pm
		Pastor Michael out of office
SAT 27	2:00 PM	FMC reserved for a non-FMC wedding (until 7 pm)