

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Perry Biddle (Yesterday), Amber Anderson & Bruce Miller (FRI)

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**Pastor Michael will away from June 29 - July 9 (on vacation and then attending MC USA Convention). Pastor Deb will also be out of the office July 4-8 to attend the MC USA Convention. Elders Janet Liechty and Sam Cox are available to help with pastoral care needs while our pastors are away.**

**This Tuesday, July 4 – In an effort to demonstrate local support for immigrants in our community, the C-U Immigration Forum is organizing a huge participation in the July 4th Freedom Parade.** Janet Liechty & Phil Martens are going and coordinating folks from FMC who want to participate. You may sign-up as an individual at: <https://tinyurl.com/JoinUsOnJuly4> to receive detailed information directly. Or, Janet and Phil have also registered FMC as a group (so registering individually is optional). Please let Janet know if you plan to march so that she can send information on where to meet. FMC folks will carry our MCUSA banner “God’s love has no boundaries” and the “We’re glad you are our neighbor” sign(s).

**This Saturday, July 8, 9:30 am at the Urbana-Free Library – Award-winning film: How to Die in Oregon.** The film concerns death with dignity and end of life options. Join us for the film and discussion. The event is sponsored by The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Champaign County.

**Sunday, July 16, 6:30 pm at FMC – Carousel Café. Join us as we review our three 2017 priorities and brainstorm together to develop some concrete goals.** Check your email later this week for more detailed information. Desserts will be provided.

**Mennonite College Scholarship Funds Needed – \$691 is needed to meet our scholarship fund obligations for FMC students attending Mennonite colleges this year, beginning in August.** Please note “college scholarship fund” in the memo line. Checks are payable to FMC.

**To encourage greater attendance, we are developing a reminder email list for our monthly Taizé services.** Please contact the church office ([office@fmc-cu.org](mailto:office@fmc-cu.org)) by July 16 if you want to be included on the list.

**Wanted: old digital cameras or old cell phones with good working cameras (plus chargers) for use in educational project in Guatemala this August and September.** Please contact Greg Springer regarding your donations: [pgregory.springer@gmail.com](mailto:pgregory.springer@gmail.com).

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## Celebration *of* Worship

July 2, 2017

### GATHERING

**Centering chimes**

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

**Prelude**

**\*Hymnal #648**

“Morning has broken”

**Welcome & prayer**

**Call to worship** (*from “A Wee Worship Book” by the Wild Goose Worship Group*)

Leader: From the rising of the sun ‘til its setting in the west,

**People: God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

**People: God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

**People: God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: In the banquet halls of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

**People: God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

**ALL: Amen. We praise the Lord!**

**\*Passing the peace**

### PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

**\*Hymnal #343**

“My hope is built on nothing less”

**\*Hymnal #100**

“Praise him, praise him!”

**Children’s story and offering: purple songbook #44** (*please pass the welcome pads*)

**Scripture:**

**Genesis 22:1-14** (*page 17*)

**Romans 6:12-23** (*page 1030*)

**Sermon**

*Living grace*

RESPONDING

\*Green songbook #68  
Offering (prayer cards collected)  
Offertory  
Sharing and prayers of the people

“O hear, my people”

SENDING

Introduction of guests  
Work of the church (please come to the front if you have an announcement)  
\*Green songbook #73  
\*Benediction

“The Lord lift you up”

\*Stand if you are able

Thanks to our worship and  
welcome teams

Worship leader – Wilmer Otto  
Song leader – Cindy Breeze  
Pianist – Cheryl Koranda  
Children’s story – Randy Nelson  
Scripture reader – Chuck Gibson  
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb  
Visuals – Kajsa Herrstrom  
Greeters – Chuck & Emily Gibson, Mary Krick  
Sound system – Phil Martens  
Worship nursery – Tammie Bouseman & Anthony Schreiber  
Stewards – Clark Breeze & Cynthia Nafziger  
Refreshments – Denny & Nancy Seaman

Next Sunday at First Mennonite:  
July 9

Worship leader – Sue Biddle  
Song leader – Matt Yoder  
Pianist – Ruth Stoltzfus  
Children’s story – TBD  
Scripture reader – Sheree Flannigan  
Sermon – Randy Nelson  
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb  
Visuals – Kajsa Herrstrom  
Greeters – Tom Anderson, Chuck & Emily Gibson  
Sound system – Phil Martens  
Worship nursery – Marcia Nelson & Sheryl Nisly-Nagele  
Stewards – Clark Breeze & Cynthia Nafziger  
Refreshments – Beth Rempe & Karla Woodson

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 (June & July)

Journeys in volunteering – sanctuary  
Mennonites 101 – 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? From time to time, the email prayer list may go into your junk folder. If this happens, select “not junk” from options in the junk folder and also make sure the church email is in your contacts.

THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at [www.fmc-cu.org](http://www.fmc-cu.org).

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Refreshments & fellowship
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages Pastor Michael at convention through July 9 <sup>th</sup> .
TUE		FMC office closed MYF and sponsors leave for convention. Pastor Deb at convention through July 8 <sup>th</sup> .
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	5:30 PM	Service & Outreach Committee

UPCOMING

SUN 9	9:15 AM	Worship (Randy Nelson preaching)
	10:45 AM	Refreshments & fellowship
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages Articles for August Vine due to: <a href="mailto:fmcvine@gmail.com">fmcvine@gmail.com</a>
MON 10	6:15 PM	FMC softball vs. Savoy UMC Field #4 (Dodds)
TUE 11	6:30 PM	Taizé service of prayer & song
WED 12	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU 13	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee