

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Milton Otto & Matt Yoder (MON), Peter Dyck & Kathy Springer (TUE), Rueben Sancken (WED), Baggins (THU), Adela Peña Martin (FRI), David Horst Lehman (SAT)

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TONIGHT, 6:30 pm at FMC – Carousel Café. Join us as we review our three 2017 priorities (listed below) and brainstorm together to develop some concrete goals. Council will supply dessert and child care is provided. The “café” format is designed to build group momentum as participants rotate through several tables and engage in conversation. *All are welcome!*

PRIORITIES

- Celebrate the gifts of diversity and difference within FMC. Grow our capacity to extend Jesus' radical welcome.
- Make visible our commitment to service, outreach, peace, and justice in the neighborhood and community.
- Envision ways to counter discriminatory rhetoric and prepare to act quickly in response to issues of discrimination that may arise during the year.

Tomorrow, July 17, 1-5 pm – Retiree Game Day at home of Sue Biddle (1503 Broadmoor Dr, Unit A). Please let Tammie Bouseman know if you plan to attend and bring finger-food to share.

The results from Pastor Deb's formal evaluation show strong affirmation of her work at FMC. More information is in the July Vine (in mailboxes). **Next Sunday, July 23, the congregation will take a vote** to extend a new 5-year call and recommend her for ordination in Mennonite Church USA.

We are developing a reminder email list for our monthly Taizé services. Please email the church office (office@fmc-cu.org) by TONIGHT if you want to be included on the list.

August 1 – Deadline for renewing/joining our group subscription to Rejoice, a quarterly Mennonite devotional magazine. The group subscription cost for 2018 will be \$28.30/year (4 issues). The devotionals come to FMC and are placed in church mailboxes. To renew or subscribe, contact the FMC office and make your check payable to First Mennonite with “Rejoice magazine” in the memo line.

August 2 is Betty Rayburn's 90th birthday. Her family is trying to get her showered with birthday cards. If you know her (or even if you don't!), please send her a card that first week of August. Her address is Betty Rayburn, 1905 S Prairie Winds Dr, Apt. 126, Urbana, IL 61802. Thanks!

August 6, 4:00 pm at the large pavilion in Crystal Lake Park (Urbana) – Interfaith Potluck Family Picnic. See insert.

August 19 & 20 - Fellowship Dinners in homes. Details and sign-up information in bulletin July 30.

August 25-26 – Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale at the Otto Center, Arthur, IL.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA
A congregation of
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Celebration of Worship

July 16, 2017

GATHERING

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

***Hymnal #37**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Welcome & prayer

Call to worship

All: Ancient Gardener,

your holy word is planted in our hearts,

as good seed in fertile soil.

So, nurture us

that we may bear fruit abundantly. Amen.

***Passing the peace**

PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

***Hymnal #46**

“I sing the mighty power of God”

***Hymnal #68**

“O come, loud anthems let us sing”

Children's story and offering: purple songbook #47 *(please pass the welcome pads)*

Scripture:

Isaiah 55:10-13 *(page 672)*

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *(page 891)*

Sermon

Soil conditions

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RESPONDING

*Hymnal #226
Offering (prayer cards collected)
Offertory
Menno Mugging for Paul Duncum and Claire & Seth Morgan
Sharing and prayers of the people

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

Thanks to our worship and
welcome teams

Worship leader – Laura Brenneman
Song leader – Beverly Birkey Potts
Pianist – Kathy Springer
Children’s story – Cindy Breeze
Scripture reader – Earl Kellogg
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Visuals – Kajsa Herrstrom
Greeters – Tom Anderson, Chuck & Emily Gibson
Sound system – Phil Martens
Worship nursery – Mary Krick & Perry Biddle
Stewards – Clark Breeze & Cynthia Nafziger
Refreshments – Randy Nelson & George Ordal

Next Sunday at First Mennonite:
July 23 (MYF/Convention service)

Service led by MYF
Greeters – Tom Anderson, Chuck & Rhonda Gibson
Sound system – Phil Martens
Worship nursery – Megan Cox & Karla Woodson
Stewards – Clark Breeze & Cynthia Nafziger
Refreshments – John & Mary Hines

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? The table in the foyer contains new magazines, newsletters, and other items of interest. The items are changed weekly. Help yourself to MCC/MMN newsletters (multiple copies for distribution).

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Randy Nelson preaching)
	10:45 AM	Refreshments & fellowship
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	6:30 PM	Carousel Café (see announcement)
MON	1:00 PM	Retiree game day at Sue Biddle’s
	9:00 PM	FMC softball vs. Faith UMC Field #4 (Dodds)
WED	5:30 PM	Interfaith Picnic Committee
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	5:30 PM	Service and Outreach Committee
	7:00 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board

UPCOMING

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	10:45 AM	Refreshments & fellowship
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
THU 27	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study

SUNDAY, JULY 30:
5th Sunday Schedule

8:30-10:30 am – 5th Sunday breakfast & Sunday school at Boys & Girls Club (201 E Park St., C)

9:30-10:30 am – Potluck finger food & fellowship at First Mennonite for those not attending at Boys & Girls Club

10:45 am – Worship at First Mennonite Church (Cindy Breeze preaching). No Sunday school at First Mennonite.