

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mary Biddle & Naima Shungu (THURS)

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Tomorrow, September 18, 1-5 pm – Retiree Game Day at the home of Phyllis Croisant (1506 Waverly Dr., C). Bring games and finger food to share. Please let Tammie Bouseman know if you are coming. The next game day will be held in November (date TBD).

Next Sunday, September 24 at Noon – Help needed assembling MCC school supply kits in the fellowship hall. Supplies and sewn bags can be brought to FMC this week.

Next Sunday, September 24, 7-8 pm - Community Taizé Service at St. Andrews Lutheran Church (903 S. Wright St., C). All are welcome to this contemplative service of prayer, music, and meditation centered around the theme of peace and reconciliation. The service provides a safe space where one can find spiritual centering and renewal. Following the service, there will be refreshments and snacks. First Mennonite is co-sponsoring of this event.

**SAVE
the DATE!**

Our annual Menno Night dinner and talent show will be held Saturday evening, February 17, at Faith United Methodist Church in Champaign.

We have a new website! It has a new look, but the same address: www.fmc-cu.org. Explore the site and give us feedback. Thanks to Beth Otto, Matt Yoder, and Bharat Patel for your help with this project.

All higher education students can receive a six-month subscription (six issues) to The Mennonite (November – May) through FMC at a special price of \$24.00. Please contact the FMC office by September 24 if you would like to subscribe. Checks should be made payable to First Mennonite Church with “The Mennonite student subscription” in the memo line.

Saturday, October 21 at Menno Haven Camp (in Eagle Wing Activity Center) - Menno Haven's 1st Annual Volley at Camp (4-on-4 Volleyball Tournament). Gather friends and join in a fun day of volleyball! See the flyer on the bulletin board for details and cost. Registration deadline: October 11. Contact Emily King if you are interested in participating.

MCC invites you to partner with them in responding to weather-related urgent needs around the world. MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. MCC is working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected. MCC is helping people in Cuba and Haiti to rebuild after Hurricane Irma destroyed homes, crops, and livestock in both countries. Donations can be made at: <https://mcc.org/learn/what/relief/disasters>.

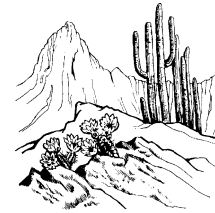
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First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

Celebration *of* Worship

September 17, 2017

Season of Creation: Wilderness



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 invite the wilderness to worship with us:

People: thickets and rugged terrain, deep gorges and mountain ranges.

Leader: We invite the hot sands to celebrate life:

People: to lift their voices to our God at the sound of rain on the dust.

Leader: We invite the flora to sing in the sun:

People: cactus and tumbleweed, brush and bristle.

Leader: We join with the fauna of the wilderness in praising God:

People: lizards and gila monsters, rattlesnakes and hovering hawks.

Leader: We invite the spirits of the wilderness to join us in praise:

**People: songs of ancient custodians deep in the rock,
spirits of life deep in the sand and the hills.**

Leader: We celebrate the song of the wilderness!

People: Sing, wilds, sing!

***Passing the peace**

PROCLAIMING

***Hymnal #506**

“I sought the Lord”

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

Congregation sings as children come forward (purple songbook #47)

Lamentation for Earth

Joel 1:8-12
“When from the darkness” v1 (green songbook #102)
Joel 1:13-16
“When from the darkness” v2
Joel 1:17-20
“When from the darkness” v3

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-13

Sermon Going with the flow (even when the flow becomes a torrent)

RESPONDING

*Hymnal #123 “Oh Holy Spirit, Root of life”

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

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 #560 “In lonely mountain ways”

*Benediction

*Stand if you are able

Thanks to our worship and
welcome teams

Next Sunday at FMC
Sept. 24:

Worship leader – Sue Biddle
Song leader – Matt Yoder
Piano – Cheryl Koranda
Children’s story – Martha Moore
Scripture reader – Bev Hertle
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Cindy Breeze, Earl Kellogg, Randy Nelson
Sound system – Phil Martens
Stewards – Jan Sabey & Greg Sancken
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Worship nursery – Tina Huang & Perry Biddle
Refreshments – Tom Anderson & George Ordal

Worship leader – Jan Sabey
Song leader – Andrea Welty Peachey
Piano – Ruth Stoltzfus
Children’s story – Bruce Miller
Scripture reader – Wilmer Otto
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Greeters – Cindy Breeze, Earl Kellogg, Marcia Nelson
Sound system – Phil Martens
Stewards – Jan Sabey & Greg Sancken
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Worship nursery – Rhonda Gibson & Karla Woodson
Refreshments – Thom and Martha Moore

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 Fall children’s offering will go to Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to help with hurricane relief efforts. All are welcome to give to the offering during the coming months.

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 Sept - Nov)

Shalom & the Active Struggle for Social Justice – sanctuary

Meditating on Scripture – 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/K – Room 6

Grades 5-8 – Room 3

Grades 1-6 – Room 10/11

Grades 9-12 - Room 7

(Nursery care provided for children birth through preschool)

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

MON 1:00 PM Retiree Game Day (at Phyllis Croisant’s home)

THU International Day of Prayer for Peace
6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study
7:00 PM Ten Thousand Villages Board

FRI Michael is out of the office

UPCOMING

SUN 9:15 AM Worship
24 10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:00 PM MCC school kit assembly
12:00 PM Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte.
7:00 PM Community Taizé service at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church 909 S. Wright, C)

TUE 7:00 PM Worship Committee
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THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible Study
28 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study
6:00 PM Spiritual Leadership Team

New
Classes