

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Sophie Green (TODAY), Phil Martens (MON), Emily Gibson (WED), Sarah Lake-Rayburn (THURS), George Hardebeck (FRI), Nancy Seaman (SAT)

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**TODAY during the service – “Work of the Church” form.** Each year we hand out “Work of the Church” forms and ask you to prayerfully consider the ways you may want to volunteer at First Mennonite during the upcoming year. Completing the form does not commit you to serve in any or all of the volunteer opportunities you select. The information provides a starting point for FMC leadership to discern various roles for the upcoming year (2018). It also provides committees with information on people that may have an interest in helping out with various events and projects. A form is in your bulletin and will be collected at the end of the service. If you need more time, please return your form in the FMC office by next Sunday, October 1. An online form can also be completed by October 1 instead. Look for the link in Tuesday’s prayer list/email announcements.

**TODAY at Noon – Help needed assembling MCC school supply kits in the fellowship hall.**

**TODAY, 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 this event.

**We have a new website! It has a new look, but the same address:** [www.fmc-cu.org](http://www.fmc-cu.org). Explore the site and give us feedback. Thanks to Beth Otto, Matt Yoder, and Bharat Patel for their help.

**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 TODAY 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.

**Dear FMC Family - Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement.** It had some of my favorite colors and was so lovely. I appreciate your honoring John in this way.

- Love, Rosalee Otto & family

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## Celebration of Worship

September 24, 2017

*Season of Creation: River*

### GATHERING

**Centering chimes**

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

**Prelude**

**\*Hymnal #25**

“Jesus, stand among us”

**Welcome & prayer**

**\*Call to worship** (insert)

**\*Passing the peace**

### PROCLAIMING

**\*Hymnal #606**

“Oh, have you not heard”

**\*Hymnal #372**

“O healing river”

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

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

**Scripture**

Genesis 2:10-14 (*page 2*)

Revelation 21:1-2; 22:1-5 (*page 1134*)

**Sermon**

*Merging rivers*

### RESPONDING

**\*Hymnal #446**

“Wade in the water”

**Offering** (*prayer cards collected*)

**Offertory**

**Sharing and prayers of the people**

**\*Hymnal #347**

“Through our fragmentary prayers”

SENDING

Introduction of guests

Work of the church (please come to the front if you have an announcement)

Work of the church forms collected

\*Hymnal #511 “God, who touches earth”

\*Benediction

\*Stand if you are able

Thanks to our worship and  
welcome teams

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 & Martha Moore

Next Sunday at FMC  
October 1  
(World Communion Sunday)

Worship leader – Greg Springer  
Music – Worship band  
Children’s story – Tammie Bouseman  
Scripture reader – Sue Biddle  
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael  
Greeters – Bev Hertle, Karla Woodson & TBD  
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger  
Stewards – Chuck Gibson & Dan Schreiber  
Visuals – Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF)  
Worship nursery – Janet Liechty & Sheryl Nisly-Nagele  
Refreshments – Jan & Earl Kellogg

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](http://www.fmc-cu.org).

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship
	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
WED	6:30 PM	FMC library reserved for a meeting
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
SAT	5:00 PM	High school retreat at Moyers’ home In Monticello (until Sunday 1:30 pm). Meet at FMC on Saturday (5 pm) to carpool.

UPCOMING

SUN 1	9:15 AM	Worship (World Communion)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
THU 5	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