

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Carrie Nelson & Sharon Monday (TODAY), Emerson Nafziger (THU), Andrea Koehn (SAT)

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**Monday October 16, 7-8 pm - Informal Hymn Sing at Sutters (306 E Sherwin Circle, Urbana).** All are welcome. Please let Pastor Deb know if you plan to attend. She will provide hymnals.

**October 13-15 - Men’s retreat at Camp Friedenswald (in MI).** The theme is Making Peace with Conflict, with speaker Steve Thomas (U.S. coordinator for Mennonite Men). The retreat is designed to engage boys and men ages 10+ in fun, interactive exercises while learning how to transform interpersonal conflicts. For more information, visit [friedenswald.org/retreats](http://friedenswald.org/retreats) or contact Phil Martens.

**Saturday October 28, 9:30-11:30 am - Parenting retreat at FMC.** Come share your parenting joys and concerns! All parents are welcome; we may share in smaller groups according to the ages of children. Sign up downstairs or email Pastor Deb by October 22. Please let her know how many are attending, how many children will need childcare, and if you or they have any food allergies. Pastor Deb and Janet Liechty will lead the retreat.

**Sunday, November 5 – Service of Remembrance. We will recognize loved ones who have died since our Service of Remembrance last October.** If you would like to participate, email [office@fmc-cu.org](mailto:office@fmc-cu.org) by Monday, October 23. Please email the person’s full name, relationship to you, and date of birth and death. To include a picture of the person in our remembrance insert, please also submit a picture (ideally via email).

**Please make the following changes in your new 2017 FMC Directory (find one in your church mailbox):**  
The home phone number for the Huang/Schrag family is correct in the white directory, but is incorrect on the yellow "quick reference" directory. The correct phone number: 217.203.2023.

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Phone: 330-853-4837; Email: [courtneyraymondmalcolm@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyraymondmalcolm@gmail.com)

**November 2, 7 pm at FMC - From Standing Rock to Standing with the Sapara.** Artist Maria Dorsey (daughter of Sharon Monday) will share her stories of Standing Rock and the work of the Sapara people in the Amazon fighting to protect the sacred. More information is on the bulletin board. Register online at Eventbrite (search the site using “Maria Dorsey”).

**Note: Announcements regarding non-FMC sponsored community events are published weekly in the Tuesday prayer/announcement email. To subscribe to the email or to submit announcements (before Tuesday), contact the church office ([office@fmc-cu.org](mailto:office@fmc-cu.org)).**

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First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

Celebration *of* Worship

October 8, 2017

*The book of Esther*

GATHERING

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

\*Call to worship

Leader: We have come to worship you, O God;

**People: gather us in.**

Leader: Some of us come full of happiness;

**People: gather us in.**

Leader: Some of us come a little sore from what life brings;

**People: gather us in.**

Leader: Some of us come indifferent or confused;

**People: gather us in.**

Leader: We honor you— who forms us and calls us each by name. You are our God,  
known yet unknown, present here yet everywhere now and forever.  
You have made us distinctly unique and yet part of your people world-wide.

**ALL: Gather us in to your fierce love, your tender care, your abundant grace.**

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

\*Green songbook #3

“Jesus calls us here to meet him” (vss. 1-3)

\*Passing the peace

PROCLAIMING

\*Purple songbook #1

“Praise the One who breaks the darkness”

\*Purple songbook #115

“Beauty for brokenness”

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

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

Scripture: Esther 3 (*dramatized*)

Call to lament (*insert*)

Sermon

*Trusting God in the chasm of despair*

RESPONDING

\*Hymnal #580  
Offering (prayer cards collected)  
Offertory  
Sharing and prayers of the people

“My life flows on”

SENDING

Introduction of guests  
Work of the church (please come to the front if you have an announcement)  
\*Green songbook #54  
\*Benediction

“Longing for light”

\*Stand if you are able

Next Sunday, October 15

A live video feed will join our worship service to the congregation of El Divino Redentor, our sister church in Bucaramanga, Colombia!

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

Next Sunday at FMC  
October 15:  
Joint service with El Divino Redentor

Worship leader – Bob King  
Song leader – Pastor Deb  
Piano – Tina Huang  
Children’s story – Marcia Nelson  
Scripture readers – Tammie Bouseman, Jan Sabey, Lynne Sancken  
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael  
Greeters – Tom Anderson, Bev Hertle, Jan Sabey  
Sound system – Randy Nelson  
Stewards – Tom Anderson & Dan Schreiber  
Visuals – Junior High Fellowship (JYF)  
Worship nursery – Rebecca Bare & Reba King  
Refreshments – Bharat Patel & Joyce Wyse

Worship leader – Randy Nelson  
Song leaders – Cindy Breeze & Rafael Luquis  
Piano – Bev Birkey Potts & Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez  
Children’s story – Lynne Sancken  
Scripture reader – Greg Sancken  
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael  
Translator – Greg Sancken  
Greeters –Bev Hertle, George Ordal, Jan Sabey  
Sound system – Randy Nelson  
Stewards – Tom Anderson & Dan Schreiber  
Visuals – Junior High Fellowship (JYF)  
Worship nursery – Marcia Nelson & Ally Welty-Peachey  
Refreshments – Mary Krick & Norma Nelson

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
TUE	6:30	PM	Taizé Service of song & prayer
WED	6:00	PM	FMC Council
THU	Pastor Peer meeting in Normal (all morning)		
	6:45	AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30	AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:30	PM	Christian Education Committee
FRI	6:00	PM	Young adult progressive dinner (meet at FMC)
SAT	8:00	AM	FMC reserved for IMC clergy training (all day)

UPCOMING

SUN 15	9:15	AM	Worship (joint service with El Divino Redentor)
	10:45	AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15	AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00	PM	JYF activity
	12:00	PM	Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte.
MON 16	7:00	PM	Hymn sing at Pastor Deb’s house (see announcement)
WED 18	Pastor Michael on a spiritual retreat through Saturday		
THU 19	6:45	AM	Early morning Bible Study
	9:30	AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	7:00	PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board
SAT 21	Pastor Deb is at a one-day workshop		