

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Greg Sancken (TUE), Merianne O'Grady (WED)

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TODAY during fellowship hour – Small group discussions will be held to discern FMC council leadership for 2018, for those who missed the discussions last week. The positions of chair-elect, elder and one council member need to be filled

Are you interested in joining a FMC small group? Do you wish to explore the option of attending a different small group? Please take a few moments to fill out the "Small Group Questionnaire" by tomorrow, November 13 so that the Spiritual Leadership Team can help you find a group that fits. Paper copies are downstairs on the fellowship table or use the link sent in the prayer email on Tues.

***The Mennonite* monthly magazine - Discounted group rates are available to those wishing to subscribe to *The Mennonite*.** The rate for renewing a subscription is \$37/year. There is a special discounted rate of \$30/year for new subscribers. If you wish to renew or subscribe, please contact the church office (office@fmc-cu.org) by this Wednesday, November 15. Pay the church (checks payable to FMC with "The Mennonite" renewal in the memo line). FMC pays one large check when placing the renewal order, so we like to have individual payments on hand before sending the check.

Next Sunday, November 19 – Join us during worship for Pastor Deb's ordination. Stay after church for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck (at Noon).

Music Opportunities for Advent - The Advent Planning Committee invites you to participate in special music during Advent. 1) We need instrumentalists to play in an all-church orchestra on December 10. 2) All musicians are invited to share special vocal and/or instrumental solos and ensembles during the eight services of the Advent/Christmas season. More information is in your church mailbox. **Anyone interested in Handbell Choir (Dec 17) contact Pastor Deb right away.**

Sunday, November 19, 3 pm at I Hotel, 1900S. First St, Champaign - 2nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration. This year's theme is "Tapestry of Faith and Community: our lives are woven together." People of all ages are invited to celebrate our relationships with one another and the world in which we live. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods to donate to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank and strips of fabric, string, or other weavable material to be used in our woven community art project.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Celebration of Worship

November 12, 2017

GATHERING

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship** (*adapted from Psalm 68:26-35*)

Leader: Praise God in the great congregation!

People: Praise the Lord in the assembly!

Leader: Sing to God, you people of the Earth.

People: Sing praises to the Lord, who rides the ancient skies above. To the Lord, whose voice is mighty thunder.

Leader: God's majesty is above the nations. God's power soars to the heavens.

People: To the Lord's people, God gives power and strength.

ALL: Praise be to God!

***Green songbook #4**

"You've got a place"

***Passing the peace**

PROCLAIMING

***Purple songbook #34**

"You are holy"

***Hymnal #99**

"We praise thee, O God" (vss. 1, 2, 4, 5)

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

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

Scripture

Amos 5:18-24 (*page 839*)

Matthew 25:1-13 (*page 905*)

Sermon

True confessions of the foolish five

RESPONDING

*Purple songbook #118
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 #401
*Benediction

*Stand if you are able

Thanksgiving Invitation



If you are not celebrating Thanksgiving with your extended family this year,
you are invited to join Tom & Deb Sutter for a Thanksgiving meal and fellowship.
See Deb for details and let them know if you plan to come.

Thanks to our worship and
welcome teams

Worship leader – Sam Cox
Music – Worship band
Children’s story – Tina Huang
Scripture reader – Bruce Miller
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Bob King, Jan Sabey, Greg Sancken
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
Stewards – Phil Martens & Ken Moyer
Visuals – Junior High Fellowship (JYF)
Worship nursery – Megan Cox & Mary Hines
Refreshments – Earl & Jan Kellogg

Next Sunday at FMC:
November 19
Ordination celebration for Pastor Deb

Worship leader – Pastor Michael
Song leader – Matt Yoder
Piano – Jan Kellogg
Children’s story – Janet Liechty
Scripture reader – Lynne Sancken
Sermon – Jane Roeschley
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Bob King, Jan Sabey, Greg Sancken
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
Stewards – Phil Martens & Ken Moyer
Visuals – Junior High Fellowship (JYF)
Worship nursery – TBD
Refreshments – Ken & Sheryl Nisly-Nagele

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 at FMC
 10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
 10:45 AM 2nd Discernment Circles (library)
 11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
 12:00 PM Young adult lunch & corn maze
 12:00 PM Hospitality & Fellowship Comte.
 3:30 PM FMC reserved for recital

TUE 6:30 PM Taizé service of prayer & song
THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study
 7:00 PM Ten Thousand Villages Board mtg

Our Thanksgiving offering on November
will help feed the hungry through
Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.



UPCOMING

SUN 9:15 AM Worship at FMC (Pastor Deb’s
19 ordination service &
 Thanksgiving offering)
 10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
 11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
 12:00 PM Thanksgiving potluck &
 ordination celebration

TUE Pastor Michael away Tues-Sun
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THU Thanksgiving Day
23 (FMC office closed)

Fri FMC office closed
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Sat 10:00 AM Christmas decorating at FMC
2 (all are welcome to help)

Sun First Sunday of Advent
3 6:30 PM Annual Chrismon service
 (offering will benefit the work of
 Anne Garber Kompaore in Africa)