

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Greg Springer (TODAY), Hazel Rempe Malekin (WED)

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**TODAY** right after the worship service - The results from Pastor Deb's formal evaluation show strong affirmation of her work at FMC. The congregation will take a vote to extend a new 5-year call and recommend her for ordination in Mennonite Church USA.

**This Saturday, July 29, 9:30am at 203 N Lynn St, Apt. 37 in Champaign – Seth & Claire Morgan need help loading their moving van.** Coffee + doughnuts will be served!

**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.**

**Monday, August 7, 5-8 pm – Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Ice Cream Social at the Arthur Community Building (120 E. Progress St, Arthur, near Tourist Information Center).** BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, cake and homemade ice cream will be served.

**Donations are needed to help purchase hogs (\$100/whole, \$50/half) for the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale pork sandwiches.** Give checks (payable to Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale) to Cynthia and Emerson Nafziger.

**August 19 & 20 - Fellowship Dinners in homes.** Sign-up information will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

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

**Mennonite College Scholarship Funds Needed –** \$169 is needed to meet our scholarship fund obligations for FMC students attending Mennonite colleges this year, beginning in August. Please note "college scholarship fund" in the memo line. Checks are payable to FMC.

**A new spiritual direction small group will be starting in September, and you are invited!** Let Pastor Deb know if you are interested. For more info, talk to Pastor Deb or check out the August Vine.

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## Celebration *of* Worship

July 23, 2017

*MYF/Convention*  
*Theme: Love is a Verb*

### GATHERING

**Centering chimes**

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

**Prelude**

**Congregational singing**

**Welcome & prayer**

**Call to worship**

**Passing the peace**

### PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

**Congregational singing**

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

**Sing purple songbook #47 as children gather and disperse**

**Scripture: John 13:34-35** (*page 984*)

**Reader's theatre: Psalm 139** (*written by Heidi Miller & Rachel Gerber*)

**Reflections**

### RESPONDING

**Congregational singing**

**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)

\*Sending song

\*Benediction

\*Stand if you are able



Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

Today’s service was planned by MYF & sponsors: MYF - Emily Gibson, Anna Lubienski, Anja Schrag  
MYF sponsors - Mary Biddle, Michelle & Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Convention delegates – Pastor Michael, Kajsa Herrstrom, Earl Kellogg

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Visuals – Kajsa Herrstrom

Greeters – Tom Anderson, Chuck & Rhonda Gibson

Sound system – Randy Nelson

Worship nursery – Abby Crosby & Karla Woodson

Stewards – Clark Breeze & Cynthia Nafziger

Refreshments – John & Mary Hines

Next Sunday at First Mennonite:  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday schedule  
Worship begins at 10:45 am

Worship leader – Pastor Deb

Song leader – Andrea Welty Peachey

Pianist – Phyllis Croisant

Children’s story – Phil Martens

Scripture reader – Laurence Koehn

Sermon – Cindy Breeze

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Visuals – Kajsa Herrstrom

Greeters – Tom Anderson, Chuck & TBD

Sound system – Phil Martens

Worship nursery – Rhonda Gibson & Rachel Horst Lehman

Stewards – Clark Breeze & Chuck Gibson

Refreshments – Chris & Sarah Lubienski

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

SUN 9:15 AM Worship (MYF/Convention)  
10:45 AM Refreshments & fellowship  
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages

THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study

UPCOMING

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 30:  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Schedule

8:30-10:30 am – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

TUE 5:30 PM Christian Education Committee  
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THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study  
3 5:00 PM Property & Finance Committee  
5:30 PM Service & Outreach Committee  
SUN 4:00 PM Interfaith Picnic at Crystal Lake  
6 Park (large pavilion)  
MON 5:00 PM Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Ice  
7 Cream Social (Arthur Community Building)