

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Chloe Schreiber (TODAY), Soren Rasmussen (WED), Dean Anderson (FRI)

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TODAY – Fall Sunday school classes for all ages begin.

TODAY – Final day to update/add your FMC directory information (in the foyer).

TODAY from Noon - 2 pm - JYF meet at church for lunch and an activity.

This Thursday, September 14 at 9:30 am - Thursday morning Bible study will resume with a study of Esther. Everyone is welcome to attend this time of study and sharing.

This Thursday, September 14, 7 pm at St. Patrick Catholic Church Trinity Hall (708 W. Main, U) – Welcoming Week 2017 Celebration. This community meeting features updates from recently resettled refugees and immigrants as well as volunteers and community activists working on behalf of refugees and immigrants. The event is sponsored by East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center and Champaign-Urbana Friends & Allies of Immigrants and Refugees.

Want to march with the FMC group in the CU Pride Parade this Saturday at 4 pm? Contact Lynne Sancken.

The Service & Outreach Committee is still collecting supplies for MCC school kits, to be assembled on September 24 at Noon. A supply list and instructions for making bags are next to the donation box.

September 24, 7-8 pm - Community Taize 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!**

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

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.

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First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

Celebration *of* Worship



September 10, 2017

Season of Creation: Land

GATHERING

Centering chimes

***Hymnal #156**

“All things bright and beautiful”

Welcome & prayer

Call to worship

Leader: We invite the land to worship with us:

**People: wildflowers and mysterious mushrooms,
swirling grasses and goldenrods.**

Leader: We invite the farmlands to sing with us:

**People: bean fields, orchards, and vineyards,
hay fields, gardens, and wetlands.**

Leader: We join with all the fauna of the fields in praising God:

**People: horses, sheep, and cattle,
grass snakes and grasshoppers, eagles and crows.**

Leader: We invite the ground to stir deep below:

**People: life-giving microbes restoring the soil,
beetles and worms preparing our food.**

Leader: We celebrate the song of the soil!

People: Sing, soil, sing!

***Passing the peace**

PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

***Hymnal #48**

“All creatures of our God and King”

***Hymnal #46**

“I sing the mighty power of God”

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

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

Scripture: Matthew 12:38-40 (*page #845*)

Jonah 3 & 4 (*page #891*)

Sermon

The Sign of Jonah: An Eight Word Sermon

RESPONDING

*Hymnal #579
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 #648
*Benediction

*Stand if you are able

The Call to Worship was developed by *Let All Creation Praise*, which provides resources to celebrate a "season of creation" in the church year.

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

Next Sunday at FMC
Sept. 17:

Worship leader – Laura Brenneman
Song leader – Bev Birkey Potts
Piano – Kathy Springer
Flute – Mary Krick
Children’s story – Randy Nelson
Scripture reader – Rebecca Bare
Sermon – Brian Sauder
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Cindy Breeze, Early Kellogg, Marcia Nelson
Sound system – Phil Martens
Stewards – Jan Sabey & Greg Sancken
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Worship nursery – Sheryl Dyck & Perry Biddle
Refreshments – Reba King & Jan Sabey

Worship leader – Sue Biddle
Song leader – Matt Yoder
Piano – Cheryl Koranda
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Stewards – Jan Sabey & Greg Sancken
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Worship nursery – Tina Huang & Beth Rempe
Refreshments – Tom Anderson & George Ordal

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 new children’s offering will go to Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to help with hurricane relief efforts in Texas. 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 (ages 2-6 yrs.) – Room 6 Grades 5-8 – Room 3
Grades 2-6 – 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.

Pastor Deb is out of the office through September 14. Please contact Pastor Michael with changes in worship service roles or pastoral care needs.

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Brian Sauder preaching)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Fall Sunday school classes begin
	12:00 PM	JYF activity at FMC
TUE	6:30 PM	Taizé service of prayer & song
	7:30 PM	Library reserved for a meeting
WED	6:00 PM	FMC Council
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
	5:30 PM	Christian Education Committee
FRI	Camp Friedenswald (MI) Women’s retreat (Fri – Sun)	

UPCOMING

SUN 17	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Fall Sunday school classes begin
MON 18	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at home of Phyllis Croisant
THU 21	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	7:00 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board <i>International Day of Prayer for Peace</i>
SUN 24	12:00 PM	MCC school kit assembly
	7:00 PM	Community Taizé service at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church (909 S. Wright, C)
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