

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Hannah Lake-Rayburn (TUE), Liz Mallott (WED)

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**2017 FMC budget update** - Thank you for your contributions and generosity. We surpassed the amount of income needed to support the work of First Mennonite in 2017!

**TODAY at 5:30-7pm at New Covenant Fellowship (124 W. White St., Champaign)** – Fellowship Dinner with our 5th Sunday friends from Salem Baptist, Bethel AME, New Covenant, and Champaign Church of the Brethren. Bring a side dish to share. New Covenant Fellowship will provide the main dish. Expect fun conversation and an opportunity to share ideas about deepening our collaboration as faith communities joined across racial and cultural divides.

**This Thursday, January 11 – “Un-decorating” party at 5:15 pm.** Anyone who is available is welcome to stop by FMC for pizza and to help “un-decorate” the church.

**This Friday, January 12, 4-6 pm, Vineyard Church (1500 N. Lincoln, U) - Annual Countywide Dr. MLK, Jr. Celebration.** This annual event celebrates the mission, teachings, and legacy of Dr. King. This year the committee will honor the leadership of local youth who are serving the C-U communities.

**Next Sunday, January 14, 5-7 pm, Foellinger Hall at Krannert (500 S. Goodwin, U) - 33rd Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Service of Celebration.** FMC is a sponsor of this event, which awards scholarships to local students attending college.

**January 21 – Noon potluck followed by our Annual Congregational meeting (1 pm)**

**January 26, 1-4 pm – Retiree Game Day at the home of Clark & Cindy Breeze.** Bring games and snacks to share. Please RSVP to Tammie Bouseman if you plan to attend.

**January 28, 3-5 pm at FMC - “Resisting Marginalization”** afternoon workshop by Joe Minarik, Education Specialist at UI who focuses on anti-oppression and social justice education. Please RSVP online at: <https://tinyurl.com/y7c9q7jn> and indicate if child care is needed.

**“On-call” nursery workers needed!** As the number of young children has grown (a wonderful thing!), the nursery is busy some Sunday mornings. It would be helpful to have an extra nursery worker on those occasions. Please email Pastor Michael if you are willing to be added to the “on-call” list.

**The Illinois Mennonite Conference (IMC) has changed its meeting format.** It will hold a one-day business meeting at Metamora Mennonite Church on February 17 and a worship and spiritual formation meeting at Sonido de Alabanza (Cicero, IL) October 19-20. Email Pastor Michael if you are interested in serving as delegate at one or both meetings.

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## Celebration *of* Worship



January 7, 2018

### Centering chimes

#### Prelude

**Lighting of solidarity lamp** – *Symbolic of our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.*

#### Welcome & prayer

#### \*Hymnal #199

“The first Noel, the angel did say”

#### Dramatic reading

#### \*Congregational response

Leader: Your light has come to the world.

**All: Your glory shines on us all.**

Leader: May nations come to your light.

**All: May leaders be drawn to your radiance.**

Leader: In the pull of your light and your way,

**All: May all hearts tremble and open wide.**

#### \*Black binder #18

“Jesus, the Light of the world”

#### \*Hymnal #221

“Hail the bless’d morn”

#### Lighting the Advent candles

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

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

#### Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 *(page 676)* and Matthew 2:1-12 *(page 879)*

#### Sermon

*A geography of peace*

#### \*Hymn #191

“O little town of Bethlehem”

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

#### Offertory

#### Sharing and prayers of the people

#### Introduction of guests

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

#### \*Hymnal #401

“This little light of mine”

#### \*Benediction

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*\*Stand if you are able*



Arise, shine; for your  
*light has come ...*  
Isaiah 60:1

Thanks to our worship and  
welcome teams

**Worship leader** – Matt Yoder  
**Music** – Worship Band  
**Dramatic reading** – Tammie Bouseman & Liesl Schrag  
**Advent candle lighter** – Liesl Schrag  
**Children’s story** – Keith Springer  
**Scripture readers** – Laura Brenneman & David Horst Lehman  
**Congregational response** by Amanda Heinsman  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – Randy Nelson, Kaye Massanari, Kristy Rice  
**Visuals** – Rachel Horst Lehman  
**Sound system** – Phil Martens  
**Stewards** –Emerson Nafziger & TBD  
**Worship nursery** – Rachel Horst Lehman & Tina Huang  
**Refreshments** – Alexandra Bidner & Ken Nisly-Nagele

Next Sunday at FMC:  
January 14

**Worship leader** – Cindy Breeze  
**Song Leader** – Matt Yoder  
**Piano** – Cheryl Koranda  
**Children’s story** – TJ Black  
**Scripture readers** – Jan Sabey  
**Sermon** – Peter Dyck  
**Sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – Randy Nelson, Kaye Massanari, Kristy Rice  
**Sound system** – Phil Martens  
**Visuals** – Rachel Horst Lehman  
**Stewards** – Chuck Gibson & Emerson Nafziger  
**Worship nursery** – Melissa Shungu & Anja Schrag  
**Refreshments** – Scott Bidner & Steve Rayburn

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 Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to help with hurricane relief efforts.** All are welcome to give to the offering during next few 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 (*December - February*)  
**Soul music & spiritual reflection** – sanctuary  
**Biblical survey of faith in action (Bible study)** – 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 age 2)*

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 (Epiphany)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte.
	5:30 PM	5 <sup>Th</sup> Sunday potluck at New Covenant Fellowship
	7:00 PM	High school youth Christmas/ New Year’s party at home of Rudy & Michelle Moyer-Litwiller
WED	6:00 PM	FMC Joint 2017/2018 Council meeting
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study Pastor Peer mtg. (Normal, IL)
	5:15 PM	Worship Committee & undecorating party
	5:30 PM	Christian Education Committee

UPCOMING

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	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
THU 18	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study Pastor Peer mtg. (Normal, IL)
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	7:00 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board
FRI 19	Junior High school (JYF) winter retreat at Menno Haven (Fri pm – Sun)	
SUN 21	FMC potluck (Noon) and Annual Congregational meeting (1 pm)	