

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

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It's not too late to start Lent family worship. Just go to www.anabaptistfaithformation.org and download "Between Me & You," a free guide for family worship from now through Easter, April 1.

This Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 pm in Krannert's Foellinger Great Hall - Performance of music composed by our own Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez. The performance will follow a 6:15 pm lecture by Cuban-American composer Tania Leon.

Sunday, March 4, 4:30 – 7 pm - FMC, in partnership with the Chapel of St. John the Divine, will host a **showing and discussion of the film *Racial Taboo***. Sponsored by the Champaign Community Coalition, the film has been shown at venues around Champaign-Urbana as a catalyst for pen and respectful conversations between people of different races. Doors open at 4 pm. Contact Mary Krick if you can help the Service and Outreach Committee with setup or cleanup.

March 16-17, Interstate Center (Bloomington, IL) – 60th Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale. More information at: www.ilreliefsale.org and on the FMC bulletin board.

June 15 – 17 – Spiritual Retreat at Chiara Center (back in time for the Father's Day Picnic)

Led by Cindy Breeze, this retreat is open to anyone in the church, and friends if there is extra space. Let Pastor Deb know if you are interested. We don't need a firm commitment at this time, but we need an idea of interest so we can reserve space.

April 6-8, Illinois Mennonite Conference Women's retreat at Mennohaven. The theme is "Live Your Call" and Jane Roeschley (Mennonite Church of Normal) is the speaker. See the brochure on bulletin board.

Saturday, April 14, 6 pm at the Round Barn Banquet Center (1900 Round Barn Rd, C) - 11th Annual Fundraiser to benefit the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center. The evenings activities include a silent auction, entertainment, a buffet dinner, and a program. Tickets are \$75/each and are available at the ECIRMAC office (302 S. Birch, U). RSVP by April 5. Registration flyers are available on the table in the foyer. FMC supports ECIRMAC's important work through our annual mission giving.



Dear Church Family –

I received notice that the church has made a contribution in John's memory to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). As you know, he had deep concerns for those in the world who were without the support of home and comforts that helped make John's last years endurable. I so appreciate all the ways you have supported us during this time.

Many thanks – Rosalee Otto

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA
A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Celebration *of* Worship

Lent 1
February 18, 2018

Promise of the Cross

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

***Call to worship**

Leader: God of our salvation,

People: your rainbow in the clouds proclaims your covenant with every living creature. Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth,

Leader: that by the Holy Spirit,

People: we may remember our baptismal vows and be keepers of your trust with earth and its inhabitants.

ALL: Amen.

***Green songbook #45**

"In the morning when I rise"

Welcome & prayer

Robing the cross

***Hymnal #53**

"God of the earth, the sky, the sea"

***Green songbook #24**

"Creation is a song"

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

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

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17 (page 7) and Mark 1:9-15 (page 912)

Sermon



***Purple songbook #39**

"Will you come and follow me"

Offering (*prayer cards collected*)

Offertory

Hymnal #119

"Praise God from whom" (verse B)

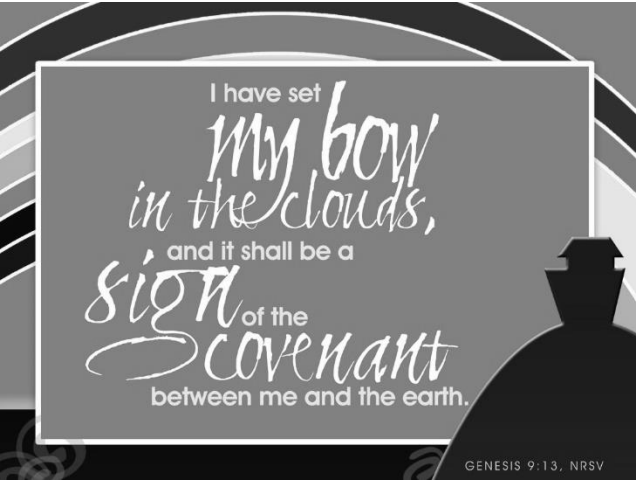
Sharing and prayers of the people

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

*Sung benediction (insert) “People of God” by Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez

* Stand if you are able



Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

Next Sunday at FMC: February 25 (Lent 2)

- Worship leader – Sheryl Dyck
- Song leader – Rafael Luquis
- Piano – Pam Peña Martin
- Children’s story – Pastor Deb
- Scripture reader – Mary Biddle
- Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
- Greeters – Dianna Black, Sam Cox, Laurence Koehn
- Visuals – Lynne Sancken
- Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
- Stewards –Tom Anderson & Randy Nelson
- Worship nursery – Chuck Gibson & Mary Hines
- Refreshments – Jon & Andrea Welty Peachey

- Worship leader – Chuck Gibson
- Music – Worship Band
- Children’s story – Lynne Sancken
- Scripture reader – Bev Hertle
- Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
- Greeters – Laurence Koehn, Kaye Massanari, & TBD
- Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
- Visuals – Lynne Sancken
- Stewards – Tom Anderson & Randy Nelson
- Worship nursery – Abby Crosby & Grace Sancken
- Refreshments – Rosalee Otto & Kajsa Herrstrom

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 through February.

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.

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Lent 1)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
TUE	5:30 PM	Christian Education Committee
WED	6:00 PM	FMC Council
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study Pastor Michael out of the office
FRI	Pastor Deb out of office 2/23-2/27	

UPCOMING

SUN 25	9:15 AM	Worship (Lent 2)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
MON 26	Pastor Michael at Pastor’s Week Mon-Thurs (at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary)	
WED 28	7:00 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board
THU 1	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
SUN 4	4:30 PM	Racial Taboo film & discussion