

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Hannah Wright (FRI), Ellis Hoag & Jan Sabey (SAT)

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The rose at the front of the sanctuary is in honor of Ezra Paul Horst Lehman, born to Rachel and David Horst Lehman on February 15. Rachel, David, big brother Levi, and Ezra are all doing well.

TODAY – Last day of the children’s offering to benefit MCC’s hurricane relief efforts. To date, nearly \$3,245 has been raised. All are invited to give to this final children’s offering collection for MCC.

TODAY during fellowship hour – The Hospitality & Fellowship Committee invites you to take some of the extra kitchen supplies. Look for the extras on the long table in the fellowship room.

TODAY at 4 pm, First United Methodist Church (210 W. Church St., C)– 21st Annual SAFE House Winter Benefit Concert in memory of Willie Summerville. Details are on the table in the foyer.

March 2, 9:30 am at St. Peter’s United Church of Christ - Church Women United World Day of Prayer.

Next 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 open and respectful conversations between people of different races. Doors open at 4 pm. Contact Mary Krick to help setup/cleanup.

March 12 at 6:30 pm - Women's Night Out at DeStihl (301 N. Neil, C)

March 13 at 7:30 am - Men’s Breakfast Out at Harvest Market (on south Neil St., C).

March 16-17, Interstate Center (Bloomington, IL) – 60th Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale. More information at: www.ilreliefsale.org and flyers are available on the table in the foyer.

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. Brochures are on the table in the foyer.

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.

Fundraiser to benefit the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center. The evening 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 on the foyer table. First Mennonite supports ECIRMAC’s important work through our annual mission giving.

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

Celebration *of* Worship

Lent 2
February 25, 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: Come, sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah, you people of God,
you who stand here because of promises fulfilled, come and worship your God.

**People: We were born through the faith of our ancestors, just as our faith will give
life to future generations; even as we hope against hope, we come to
worship our God.**

Leader: Welcome home, children of God. Welcome to this house of God.

***Green songbook #8** “Somos pueblo que camina (We are people on a journey)”

Welcome & prayer

Robing the cross

***Green songbook #2** “Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us)”

***Hymnal #575** “Precious Lord, take my hand”

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

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

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (*page 12*) and **Mark 8:31-38** (*page 921*)

Sermon *Cross-purposes*

***Hymnal #259** “When I survey the wondrous cross” (vss. 1,3,4)

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

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, Randy Nelson
Visuals – “The Temptation” by Lynne Sancken
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
Stewards –Tom Anderson & Randy Nelson
Worship nursery – Abby Crosby & Grace Sancken
Refreshments – Kajsa Herrstrom & Rosalee Otto

Next Sunday at FMC:
March 4 (Lent 3)

Worship leader – Beth Rempe
Song Leader – Rudy Litwiller
Piano – Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez
Children’s story – Pastor Deb
Scripture reader – Rebecca Bare
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Rhonda Gibson, George Ordal, Jan Sabey
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Visuals – “God’s laws are like drippings from the honeycomb” by Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Tammie Bouseman & Greg Sancken
Worship nursery – Tom Sutter, Mary Krick, Bob King (on call)
Refreshments – Tom Anderson & Perry Biddle

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.

This is the last Sunday in our children’s offering benefits Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to help with hurricane relief efforts. All are welcome to give to today’s offering.

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 2)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
MON	Pastor Michael at Pastor’s Week Mon-Thurs (at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary)	
	Pastor Deb out of the office until Wednesday	
TUE	6:30 PM	FMC library reserved
WED	7:00 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Lent 3)
4	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	4:30 PM	Racial Taboo film & discussion
WED	10:30 AM	Service & Outreach Committee
7	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
8	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
FRI	Pastor Michael out of the office	
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SUN	Daylight Savings Time begins (1 hour forward)	
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