

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: NONE

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**TODAY from 4:30 – 7 pm** - FMC, in partnership with the Chapel of St. John the Divine, are hosting 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.

**David and Rachel Horst Lehman are looking for some people to play with Levi and/or bring meals.**

Any help is appreciated! Here is the link and information for the Horst Lehman's help calendar:

<https://www.carecalendar.org/logon/267088> Calendar ID: 267088 Security code: 1566

**The Hospitality & Fellowship Committee invites you to take some of the extra kitchen supplies.**

Look for the extras on the side table in the fellowship room.

**March 10, Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana Champaign – All Day Nonviolent Action Training.**

UUCUC is hosting this event as part of a larger local effort to organize for participation in the national poor people's campaign. More information coming in Tuesday's prayer/announcement email. You can also contact Pastor Michael if you are interested in attending. Our Service and Outreach Committee is a co-sponsor.

**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) – 60<sup>th</sup> Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale.** More information at: [www.ilreliefsale.org](http://www.ilreliefsale.org) and flyers are available on the table in the foyer.

**March 22 at 1 pm, home of Sue Biddle – Retiree Game Day.**

**March 25, 5:30 pm - 2018 Interfaith Community Seder at Sinai Temple (Champaign). This event is free, but donations are appreciated to help cover the cost.** Please RSVP at:

<https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/march-2018-interfaith-community-seder/>

**April 7, 6 pm at Yoder's Kitchen in Arthur, IL - Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-off Dinner.** A program will follow the dinner, featuring *The Klassens*, playing a Paraguayan folk harp and keyboard. Contact Cynthia Nafziger by April 1 to make reservations: 398-4097 or [cynafziger@hotmail.com](mailto:cynafziger@hotmail.com). You can also sponsor a table at the dinner (\$100 whole table, \$50 for half table). Contact Cynthia if you want to do this. Make checks payable to Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale and give to Cynthia or Emerson Nafziger.

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## Celebration *of* Worship

Lent 3

March 4, 2018

### *Promise of the Cross*

**Centering chimes**

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

**Prelude**

*Servant song*

**\*Call to worship**

Leader: Holy One, creator of all, you blessed us with your servant son

**People: so that we might know how to serve you with justice and mercy.**

Leader: Forgive our misuse of our gifts,

**People: that we may be transformed by your wisdom**

**ALL: to manifest for others the mercy of our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymnal #8**

“Brethren, we have met to worship” (verses 1,3,4)

**Welcome & prayer**

**Robing the cross**

**\*Green songbook #37**

“Miren qué Bueno (Behold, how pleasant)”

**\*Purple songbook #71**

“Gentle God, when we are driven”

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

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

**Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25** (*page 1040*) and **John 2:13-22** (*page 969*)

**Sermon**

*Playing the fool*

**\*Purple songbook #63**

“God, fill me now”

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

**Offertory**

**Hymnal #119**

“Praise God from whom” (verse B)

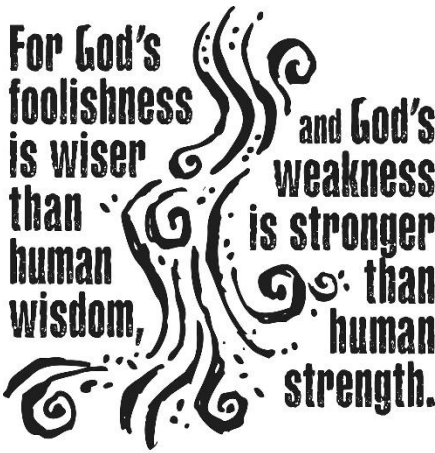
Sharing and prayers of the people

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

\*Sung benediction “People of God” by Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez  
(song sheets stored at pew ends)

\* Stand if you are able



Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

**Worship leader** – Beth Rempe  
**Song Leader** – Matt Yoder  
**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  
**Visuals** – “God’s laws are like drippings from the honeycomb” by Lynne Sancken  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Stewards** – Tammie Bouseman & George Ordal  
**Worship nursery** – Mary Krick & Tom Sutter, Bob King (on call)  
**Refreshments** – Tom Anderson & Perry Biddle

Next Sunday at FMC:  
March 11 (Lent 4)

**Worship leader** – Randy Nelson  
**Song Leader** – Andrea Welty Peachey  
**Piano** – Bev Birkey Potts  
**Children's story** – Lynne Sancken  
**Scripture reader** – Steve Rayburn  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Deb  
**Greeters** – Rhonda Gibson, George Ordal, Jan Sabey  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals** – “Lifted up, like the serpent in the wilderness” by Lynne Sancken  
**Stewards** – Tammie Bouseman & George Ordal  
**Worship nursery** – Amber Anderson, Mary Biddle, Bob King (on call)  
**Refreshments** – Lesley Deem & Bev Hertle

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.**

Today we begin a new children’s offering to benefit the Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Project (IBARJ), which works to foster sustainable restorative practices. All are welcome to give to the children’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 (March - May)

Bystander Training – sanctuary

Praying with the Bible – 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)

New Classes

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 (Lent 3)
	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
	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study

FRI Pastor Michael out of the office

SAT Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am on Sunday. Set your clocks forward 1 hour before bed.



UPCOMING

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	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
MON 12	6:30 AM	Women’s Night Out at Destihl (301 N. Neil, Champaign)
TUE 13	7:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast Out at Harvest Market on south Neil, Champ.
WED 14	6:00 PM	FMC Council meets
THU 15	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board
FRI 16	Rhonda is out of the office; IL Mennonite Relief Sale begins and runs through Saturday (Bloomington, IL)	