

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Michael Crosby (TODAY), Mary Hines (SAT)

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**This Thursday, March 22, at 1 pm, home of Sue Biddle (1503 Broadmoor Dr., Unite A)– Retiree Game Day.** Let Tammie Bousemen know if you plan to attend.

**This Tuesday, March 20, 6:30-8pm -- "FMC Works for Racial Justice"** is an open meeting of FMCers engaged in work for racial justice in Champaign County, with a focus on advocating for fair housing policies and the wider implementation of restorative justice practices. All are welcome. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact the office to be added to the email list.

**Next Sunday, 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.** Contact Pastor Michael if you can provide peeled hard-boiled eggs. 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.

**April 8 at 7 pm, here at First Mennonite Church – Eastertide Community Taizé Service.**

**Our Maundy Thursday meal (April 29, 6:15 pm) and Easter Brunch (April 1, 9 am) are shared meals.** Please check the sign-up sheets downstairs for needed contributions of food or to help serve the meal. You can also sign-up online via the link that was sent on Thursday (and will be sent again in the Tuesday prayer/announcement email). Please bring food for Maundy Thursday early – anytime between Sunday, March 25 and 5:45 pm on March 29 (prior to the 6:15 meal and service).

**See Pastor Deb today if you are interested in playing in an orchestra for Palm Sunday (next Sunday) or Easter and haven't received music.** The rehearsal for Palm Sunday will be held this Saturday, March 24 at 11 am. The rehearsal for Easter will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 11 am.

**Are you interested in being baptized or in joining First Mennonite as a member?** Talk to Pastor Michael or Pastor Deb about upcoming opportunities.

**Church Directory**

**UPDATE**

**Bev Hertle has a new email address: [bevhertle@gmail.com](mailto:bevhertle@gmail.com).**

**Rosalee Otto moved to: 1806 C Lakeside Dr., Champaign, IL 61821.**  
She no longer has a landline phone. Her cell number is: 217.493.9703.

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## Celebration *of* Worship

Lent 5  
March 18, 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: Beloved Protector and Teacher, we need guidance, and sometimes we remember to ask for it.

**People: But even as we reach for your hand, we rush off in our own direction.**

*Right: We barely listen to the rules we break.*

*Left: We like to remind ourselves, wherever we are, that you are with us.*

*Right: We forget the proper response: that to serve you, we must follow you.*

*Left: We put conditions on your love, because we don't want to go to the uncomfortable places where we see ourselves in the other.*

***All: Forgive us. Hold us close and teach us again to truly live as you love.***

**\*Hymnal #389** "Take my life" (verses 1,2,3,5,6)

**Welcome & prayer**

**Robing the cross**

**\*Green songbook #81** "Take, O take me as I am"

**\*Hymnal #407** "We are people of God's peace"

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

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

**Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34** (*page 721*) and **John 12:20-33** (*page 982*)

**Sermon** *Falling and rising with Christ*

**\*Hymnal #577** "O love that will not let me go"

**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

\* Stand if you are able

# HOLY WEEK | FMC Worship Schedule



March 25 – Palm Sunday (Worship at 9:15 am)

March 29 – Maundy Thursday meal & service (6:15 pm)

Sign-up downstairs to bring food or help setup/cleanup

March 30 – Good Friday Service (12:15 pm)

April 1 – Easter Sunday

Orchestra rehearsal (8:30 am)

Easter potluck brunch (9 am)

Sign-up downstairs to bring food or help setup/cleanup

Hallelujah Chorus Pick-up choir rehearsal (9:45 am)

Worship & communion (10:15 am); No Sunday school

Thanks to our worship and  
welcome teams

**Worship leader** – Donna Nelson Evans  
**Song Leader** – Rudy Litwiller  
**Piano** – Cheryl Koranda  
**Children’s story** – Pastor Deb  
**Scripture reader** – Sheree Flannigan  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** –George Ordal, Jan Sabey, & TBD  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals** – “A grain of wheat must die to bear fruit” by Lynne Sancken  
**Stewards** – Tammie Bouseman & George Ordal  
**Worship nursery** – Bob King, Karla Woodson, & TBD (on call)  
**Refreshments** – Bob Hudson & Mary Krick

Next Sunday at FMC:  
March 25 (Palm Sunday)

**Worship leader** – Laura Brenneman  
**Song Leader** – Jill Schreiber  
**Piano** – Ruth Stoltzfus  
**Children’s story** – Lynne Sancken  
**Scripture reader** – Pastor Michael  
**Sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – George Ordal, Jan Sabey, & TBD  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals** – “A palm with the shadow of the cross” by Lynne Sancken  
**Stewards** – Tammie Bouseman & George Ordal  
**Worship nursery** – Reba King & Anja Schrag, Bob King (on call)  
**Refreshments** – Janet Liechty & Rex Martens

## 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 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)

## 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 5)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte.
	3:30 PM	Racial Taboo 2 <sup>nd</sup> continuing conversation
TUE	6:30 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice group meets
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at Sue Biddle’s home
SAT	11:00 AM	FMC Palm Sunday orchestra rehearsal

## UPCOMING

SUN 25	Submissions for April/May Vine due: <a href="mailto:fmcvine@gmail.com">fmcvine@gmail.com</a>	
	9:15 AM	Worship (Palm Sunday)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	5:30 PM	Interfaith Seder Dinner at Sinai Temple (sign-up online)
WED 28	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU 29	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday service & meal
FRI 30	12:15 PM	Good Friday service at FMC
SAT 31	9:00 AM	Apartment Task Force meeting
	11:00 AM	FMC Easter orchestra rehearsal
SUN 1	Easter brunch and worship with communion	