ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Bob King (TODAY), Amanda Heinsman (TUE)

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TODAY, 3:30 pm at First Mennonite Church – Racial Taboo 3rd Continuing Conversation. All are invited to participate, regardless of whether you have seen the movie.

TODAY, 7 pm at First Mennonite Church – Eastertide Community Taizé Service.

Next Sunday, April 15, 12:15 – 1:15 pm – FMC Annual Safe Church Training. Pizza will be provided. Everyone age 13+ is welcome. Our Safe Church Policy requires annual training for everyone working with children or youth, including Sunday school teachers/helpers, mentors, and nursery caregivers. It is also an opportunity for all of us to expand our commitments to building a safe space for all. If you currently work with minors or expect to in the future, but are unable to attend, please contact Pastor Michael for an alternative training option.

April 22 at Noon - MYF service trip lunch fundraiser

High schoolers Ally Welty Peachey and Liesl Schrag, with friends and sponsors, will serve with Mennonite Mission Network's DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) Chicago the week of July 2-7. Support their efforts by eating lunch, prepared by the MYF, and giving a donation as you are able.

April 29 (a 5th Sunday) – Worship begins at 10:45 am and we will have a service of hymns and hymns stories. Have a hymn to suggest? Contact Cindy Breeze or Pastor Deb by April 22.



TED & CO. is coming to FMC!

Sunday May 13, 2018

9:15 am - Ted & Co. are our guest presenters during worship

11:15 am - Sunday school Q & A with Ted Swartz

4:00-6:30 pm – <u>I'd Like to Buy an Enemy</u> performance for an interfaith audience, followed by a feedback session led by Ted Swartz. Our feedback will be incorporated into a rewrite of the play, which Ted is updating to address issues relevant to interfaith and intercultural relationships. **We expect to host the new play in 2019.**

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Ministers: Every member of the congregation



Celebration of Worship

April 8, 2018

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

*Hymnal #267 "Christ has arisen"

Welcome & prayer

*Call to worship (adapted from Psalm 133 by Matt Yoder)

Leader: Unity:

All: How good! How pleasant!

Leader: Like precious oil on the head: All: Running down! Spilling over!

Leader: Like refreshing dew:

All: Cloaking the mountains! Covering Zion!

Leader: Where God pronounces a blessing:

All: Life! Forever! *Passing the peace

*Hymnal #598 "A wonderful Savior is Jesus"

*Hymnal #338 "I know not why God's wondrous"

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

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

Scripture: Acts 4:32-35 (p. 997), John 20:19-31 (p.991)

Sermon Peace and power *Hymnal #346 "Dona nobis pacem"

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

Hymnal #119 "Praise God from whom" (words below)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; in heav'n above and earth below; one God three persons we adore. To God be praise for evermore. Amen.

Sharing and prayers of the people Introduction of guests Work of the church

*Hymnal #372

"O healing river"

*Benediction

*Stand if you are able



It is a joy to welcome you today. Your presence enriches this gathering. 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 and standard over-ear devices are available.

Childcare for children birth - preschool is available downstairs during worship and the education hour.

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

Worship leader – Matt Yoder
Music – Worship Band
Children's story – Tammie Bouseman
Scripture reader – Laurence Koehn
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Greeters – Kate Falk, Chuck Gibson, Karla Woodson
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Visuals – banners by Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Peter Dyck & Mary Krick
Worship nursery – Melissa Shungu, Pam Peña-Martin
Mary Biddle (on call)
Refreshments – Bob & Reba King

Next Sunday at FMC: April 15

Worship leader – George Ordal
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze
Piano – Pam Peña-Martin
Children's story – Lesley Deem
Scripture reader – TBD
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Kate Falk, Chuck Gibson, Karla Woodson
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Visuals – banners by Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Peter Dyck & Mary Krick
Worship nursery – Rhonda Gibson, Ally Welty
Peachey, Mary Biddle (on call)
Refreshments – Peter & Sheryl Dyck

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.

<u>Quarterly Adult Classes</u> (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)

(Nursery care provided for children birth through age 2)

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.



THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at www.fmc-cu.org. SUN 9:15 AM Worship 10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments 11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages 12:00 PM CE Committee at Einsteins 3:30 PM Racial Taboo Continuing Conversation **Eastertide Community Taize** 7:00 PM Service WED 6:00 PM FMC Council meets THU 7:00 AM Early morning Bible study 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible Study Pastor Peer mtg. (Normal, IL)

UPCOMING

SUN 15	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:15 AM 12:30 PM	Worship Fellowship & refreshments Sunday school for all ages FMC Safe Church training
TUE 17	6:30 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice Group
THU 19	7:00 AM 9:30 AM 3:30 PM 7:00 PM	Early morning Bible study Thursday morning Bible Study Library Committee Ten Thousand Villages Board
SAT 21	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	FMC Spring Work Day Worship Committee Retreat at Pastor Deb's home