

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ryan Anderson, Rosalee Otto, Paul Sieber (FRI), Janet Guthrie (SAT)

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TODAY from 12:15 – 1:15 pm – FMC Annual Safe Church Training. Pizza will be provided. Everyone age 13+ is welcome. 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.

Saturday, April 21, 8 AM - Noon - FMC Spring Work Day. Come help spruce up the church and do some spring cleaning of the grounds. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Sign-up downstairs to help with specific jobs or just come and pitch in. Can't make it to the work day? Sign-up to do a job at your convenience.

April 22 during worship – We welcome Karen McKenzie into church membership by baptism.

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 hymn stories. Have a hymn to suggest? Contact Cindy Breeze or Pastor Deb by next Sunday, April 22.

June 21 – 23 – The 2018 Central District Conference annual meeting will be held at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, IN. The theme is “Come, walk with. Tell us your story!” Registration opens online on May 1. We can send up to 5 delegates to the meeting. **If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact Pastor Michael or the FMC office by Wednesday, April 25.**

Free for the taking – Extra food and drink from recent events and items that can't be used in our FMC food pantry. A table of items is downstairs in the fellowship hall, along with bags. **No further food is needed for the food pantry at this time, thanks to the generosity of the Thurs. morning Bible study and others.**

FMC Priorities Board – Our 2018 FMC priorities are posted in the foyer. Sticky notes are available for you to post ideas, suggestions or comments to help guide our work in each area.

Needed – one or two people from FMC to serve a 6-year term on the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale board, beginning this Fall. Contact FMC Council chair, Sheryl Dyck, for more information.



The Spiritual Leadership Team is trying to improve our responses to requests for joining a small group. If you are not currently in a group and would like to be, please start by filling out a google form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y7n8xjxa>

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Celebration *of* Worship

April 15, 2018

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

***Hymnal #275** “Lift your glad voices”

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship** *(based on Psalm 133; from Words for Worship 2 by Dianne Zaerr Brenneman)*

Leader: Let us come together with humility.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words,
let us come together with gentleness.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though we may want everything to happen quickly,
Let us come together with patience.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,

ALL: let us worship the God who has called us together.

***Passing the peace**

***Purple songbook #31** “Jesus, be the center”

***Black songbook #37** “Happy and blessed”

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

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

Scripture: Acts 3:1-20a (p. 995), **1 John 3:1-7** (p. 1113)

Sermon *Refreshed by turning to the Light*

***Purple songbook #89** “Christ is alive”

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

*Green songbook #73

“The Lord lift you up”

*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 – George Ordal
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze
Piano – Pam Peña-Martin
Children’s story – Lesley Deem
Scripture reader – Tom Anderson
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Kate Falk, Chuck Gibson, Karla Woodson
Sound system – Phil Martens
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

Next Sunday at FMC:
April 22

Worship leader – Cindy Breeze
Song Leader – Steve Rayburn
Piano – Andrea Welty Peachey
Children’s story – Dianna Black
Scripture reader – Lesley Deem
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Kate Falk, Chuck Gibson, Karla Woodson
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
Visuals – banners by Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Peter Dyck & Mary Krick
Worship nursery – Marcia Nelson, Grace Sancken
Mary Biddle (on call)
Refreshments – Cynthia & Emerson Nafziger

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)

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
	12:30 PM	FMC Safe Church training
TUE	6:30 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice Group
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
	3:30 PM	Library Committee
	7:00 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board
SAT	8:00 AM	FMC Spring Work Day
	9:00 AM	Worship Committee Retreat at Pastor Deb’s home

UPCOMING

SUN 22	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	MYF lunch fundraiser
WED 25	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU 26	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	2:00 PM	FMC basement reserved until 9 pm
FRI 27	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at the home of Rosalee Otto