

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Sheryl Nisly-Nagele (TUE), Ally Welty Peachey (THU)

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**TODAY at 2:30 pm - Regional Hymn Sing at Mennonite Church of Normal (805 Cottage Ave, Normal, IL).** This hymn sing will provide a glimpse into the new hymnal, projected for release in 2020. Bradley Kauffman, editor of the new hymnal, will lead singing and introduce new music being considered for the collection. Andrea Welty Peachey will serve as accompanist. Afterwards, there will be an informal reception. An offering will be received to support the production phase of the new hymnal.

**Pastor Deb will be out of the office from tonight – this coming Saturday evening, May 12.**

**This Tuesday, May 8, 1-4 pm, at the home of Keith & Kathy Springer (40364 E 600 North Rd, Saybrook, IL) – Retiree Game Day.** Bring a favorite game and a snack to share. Contact Tammie Bouseman to RSVP.

### INVITATIONS TO GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES:

Friday, May 11, 6:30 pm at the Bidner Farm (731 County Road 2400 North, Champaign, IL) -

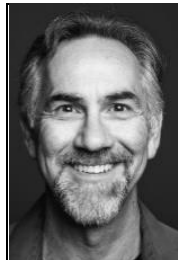
Party & Bonfire for Nathaniel Bidner, who graduates from the U of I this May.

Sunday, May 27, 12:30 - 2:30 pm, at the home of the Lubienskis (705 W. Michigan Ave, Urbana) –

Party for Anna Lubienski, who graduates from Urbana High School this May.

**Sunday, May 27, 4 pm at FMC – Wedding shower for Josh Richardson & Liz Mallott.** RSVP to [cindybreeze@gmail.com](mailto:cindybreeze@gmail.com). A detailed flyer is in your FMC mailbox.

**SAVE THE DATE - Our FMC All-Church Retreat will be at Camp Menno Haven (Tiskilwa, IL) over Labor Day Weekend (Friday, August 31 - Sunday, September 2, 2018).** Details coming soon.,



### Next Sunday, May 13 Ted & Company Visit FMC

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

**11:15 am** – Sunday school session led by Ted Swartz

**4:00-6:30 pm** – I'd Like to Buy an Enemy 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.** **Above offering donations are welcome to help cover the cost of Ted's visit.** **Flyers are available in the foyer for you to share with friends/neighbors.**

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## Celebration *of* Worship

May 6, 2018

*♪ Make a joyful noise unto the Lord ♪*

### Centering chimes

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

### Prelude

**\*Hymnal #124** “O worship the Lord”

### Welcome & prayer

### \*Call to worship

Leader: Sing a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

**People: For God has done wonderful things!**

Leader: God sent Christ into the world that we might be reconciled,

**People: won over,**

Leader: harmonized,

**People: brought close to God.**

Leader: We are God's children,

**People: called to obey God's commandments and live in God's love!**

Leader: The love of God shall conquer the world.

**ALL: Shout for joy! Sing a new song!**

### \*Passing the peace

**\*Hymnal #71** “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

**\*Hymnal #100** “Praise him, praise him!”

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

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

**Scripture: Psalm 98** (*p.540*) & **1 John 5:1-6** (*p. 1114*)

**Sermon** *The joyful imperative*

**\*Green songbook #41** “Alleluia”

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 #425

“Come, come ye saints”

\*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** – Rhonda Gibson  
**Song Leader** – Bev Birkey Potts  
**Piano** – Pastor Deb  
**Children’s story** – Mary Biddle  
**Scripture reader** – Bruce Miller  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – Tom Anderson, Lesley Deem, Cynthia Nafziger  
**Sound system** – Tammie Bouseman & Phil Martens  
**Visuals** – banners by Lynne Sancken  
**Stewards** – Kate Falk & Laurence Koehn  
**Worship nursery** – Rebecca Bare, Chuck Gibson,  
Mary Biddle (on call)  
**Refreshments** – Tina Huang & David Schrag

Next Sunday at FMC:  
May 13  
Ted & Company - presenters

**Worship leader** – Sue Biddle  
**Song Leader** – Rafael Luquis  
**Piano** – Kathy Springer  
**Children’s story** – Phil Martens  
**Scripture reader** – Sheryl Dyck  
**Sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – Tom Anderson, Lesley Deem, Cynthia Nafziger  
**Sound system** – Tammie Bouseman & Phil Martens  
**Visuals** – banners by Lynne Sancken  
**Stewards** – Kate Falk & Laurence Koehn  
**Worship nursery** – Courtney Malcom, Ally Welty  
Peachey, Mary Hines (on call)  
**Refreshments** – Chuck & Rhonda Gibson

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](http://www.fmc-cu.org).

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	5:00 PM	FMC reserved until 9:30 pm

Pastor Deb is out of office through Sat.

<b>TUE</b>	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at Springers
<b>WED</b>	6:00 PM	FMC Council
<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study Pastor Michael out of office for Faith in Place Board mtg.
<b>FRI</b>	6:30 PM	Nathaniel Bidner graduation party at Bidner farm
<b>SAT</b>	9:00 AM	FMC Apt. Task Force mtg.
	12:00 PM	CE retreat at Biddles
	1:30 PM	FMC reserved until 6 pm

## UPCOMING

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship (Ted & Co. presenters)
<b>13</b>	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	4:00 PM	“I’d Like to Buy an Enemy”
<b>TUE</b>	6:30 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice group
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<b>WED</b>	7:00 PM	Ten Thousand Villages Board
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<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
<b>17</b>	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
<b>FRI</b>	6:00 PM	FMC reserved until 8 pm
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