

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Lynne Sancken (MON), Megan Cox (WED)

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During Sunday school today – The adult quarterly classes will meet in the sanctuary to take part in a discussion with Ted Swartz.

This afternoon from 4 – 6 pm – Come see “I’d Like to Buy an Enemy”, performed by Ted & Co. The performance will be followed by a feedback session led by Ted Swartz. Our feedback will support a rewrite of the play, which Ted is updating to address issues relevant to interfaith and intercultural relationships.

Be sure to read Pastor Michael's letter about his upcoming summer sabbatical, in mailboxes today.

This Tuesday, May 15, 6:30pm - "FMC Works for Racial Justice" is hosting Sara Balgoyen, Executive Director of Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice. All are welcome to a time of learning about restorative justice practices in Champaign County and how we can advocate for restorative practices – like the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) -- locally."

May 19 & 20, 4 pm at McKenley Presbyterian Church (801 S 5th St, Champaign) - Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez has composed one of the pieces that Amasong will sing in its concert, Nevertheless, She. This piece, Flores y semillas was commissioned for the Sister Singers Network Festival and will be performed by over 500 women in June.

Sunday, May 27, 12:30 - 2:30 pm, at the home of the Lubienski family (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.

Bob & Reba King have a new email address: robreba@gmail.com. **Bob can also be contacted at his** bobk.fmc@gmail.com **address.** Please update this change in your directory and the new quick-reference directory.

The MYF summer service trip has been canceled. When we began planning for a service week with DOOR Chicago, all five of the FMC high schoolers hoped to attend. But a variety of circumstances -- summer school schedules, a team performing at an international theater festival, and a family move -- mean the trip is no longer doable. The youth are thankful for your generous support at the fundraising lunch several weeks ago. A small amount of your contributions will support the great work of DOOR and Mennonite Mission Network (already paid in non-refundable deposit); the rest will be retained in the MYF fund for next year's trip to the Mennonite Church USA Convention."

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Celebration of Worship

May 13, 2018



Centering chimes

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

Prelude

***Hymnal #41** “Come, thou Almighty King”

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship**

Leader: Lord, today we come to worship you.

People: Lord, may our worship be pleasing to you.

Leader: Today we gather as a community of believers to hear your message again.

People: Lord, open our ears, our eyes and our hearts for a new word.

Leader: Today we gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

People: Lord, make us strong and grateful for the journey. Amen.

***Passing the peace**

***Hymnal #524** “What mercy and divine compassion”

***Hymnal #559** “O thou, in whose presence”

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

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

Scripture & sermon: *Seeking white fire: comedic exegesis of the Biblical text*

***Hymnal #224** “The kingdom of God”

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 #76

“The Lord bless you and keep you”

*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 – Sue Biddle
Song Leader – Rafael Luquis
Piano – Kathy Springer
Children’s story – Phil Martens
Scripture & sermon – Ted Swartz
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 – Perry Biddle, Ally Welty Peachey, Mary Hines (on call)
Refreshments – Tom Sutter & Marlin Sieber

Next Sunday at FMC:
May 20
Pentecost & Celebration of graduates

Worship leader – Peter Dyck
Music – Worship Band
Children’s story – Tina Huang
Scripture reader – Marcia Nelson
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Greeters – Tom Anderson, Lesley Deem, Cynthia Nafziger
Sound system – Tammie Bouseman & Phil Martens
Visuals –Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Kate Falk & Laurence Koehn
Worship nursery – Abby Crosby, Doug Malcolm, Mary Hines (on call)
Refreshments – Tom & Martha Moore

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

UPCOMING

SUN 20	9:15	AM	Worship (Pentecost & Celebration of graduates)
	10:45	AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15	AM	Sunday school for all ages
	1:30	PM	FMC reserved until 4:30 pm
WED 23	6:00	PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU 24	7:00	AM	Early morning Bible study
	7:00	PM	FMC reserved until 9 pm
SUN 27	9:15	AM	Worship, followed by fellowship & Sunday school
	4:00	PM	Wedding shower for Josh & Liz

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