

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Grace Sancken (THURS), Phyllis Croisant & Douglas Nisly-Nagele (FRI), Michael Hoag (SAT)

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TODAY during fellowship time – Please claim your lost items from the table next to the lift entry.
After June 3, remaining items will be donated to a local charitable organization.

TODAY – Deadline for submitting articles, news items, poems, etc. for the June/July issue of the VINE. Please email submissions to: fmcvine@gmail.com.

TODAY from 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.

TODAY at 4 pm at FMC – Wedding shower for Josh Richardson & Liz Mallott. All are welcome!

This Thursday, May 31, 7:45 pm at MAS UC Community Center (2011 Brownfield Rd, U) – The Muslim American Society of Urbana-Champaign invites you to the 9th Annual MAS Ramadan “Iftar” Dinner. This year’s theme is: “Sharing the Spirit of Ramadan”. Please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/3QDrVk>.

Saturday morning, June 9, at 9 am, 1208 W. Clark, Champaign - Laura Brenneman will be loading a truck for her move to Normal, IL. Contact Laura (brennemanl@gmail.com) if you can help.

As many of you know, Michelle and Rudy Moyer-Litwiller will be heading to Albuquerque this July to serve as Service Adventure leaders. We look forward to hearing a little more about their assignment from them during worship on Sunday June 10th. At that time, we will also take an offering for their support, as the Service Adventure program, a ministry of Mennonite Mission Network, operates on support from home congregations, even for leaders. Their support needs are \$250 per month, and we are hoping at this time to collect support for the six months that they will serve in 2018. They plan to be there for two to three years, and Council will consider whether to include their support in our annual budgets for their future support needs.

Sabbatical
— research | rest | retreat —

During Pastor Michael’s sabbatical this summer – Pastor Deb’s hours expand to full-time and she will maintain a regular presence at the church most weekdays (Tuesday – Friday), while also participating in evening meetings, tending to weekend duties, and pastoral visits. Rhonda will be in the office most of the summer Tuesday – Friday from 9 am – 2 pm.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA
A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Celebration *of* Worship

May 27, 2018

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

***Hymnal #16** “God is here among us”

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship**

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Love never ends.

People: Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Leader: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

People: God so loved the world.

Leader: God so loves the world.

People: Let us worship the God of love and life.

***Passing the peace**

***Green songbook #12** “O sing to the Lord (Canai ao Senhor)”

***Green songbook #25** “When long before time”

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

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

Scripture reading: Romans 8:12-21 (*p. 1032*) & **John 3:1-17** (*p. 970*)

Sermon *Resonating with the self-giving Spirit of Christ*

***Purple songbook #106** “Like a tender breath, stirring”

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.

Menno mugging for the Lubienski family
Sharing and prayers of the people
Sabbatical blessing for Pastor Michael
Introduction of guests
Work of the church

*Hymnal #167 “For God so loved us”
*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 – Martha Moore
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze
Piano – Liz Mallott
Children’s story – Pastor Deb
Scripture reader – Chuck Gibson
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Tom Anderson, Lesley Deem, Jan Sabey
Sound system – Tammie Bouseman & Phil Martens
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Kate Falk & Laurence Koehn
Worship nursery – Bob King, Dianna Black, Mary Hines (on call)
Refreshments – Tammie Bouseman & Kate Falk

Next Sunday at FMC:
June 3

Worship leader – George Ordal
Song Leader – Matt Yoder
Piano – Ruth Stoltzfus
Children’s story – Lesley Deem
Scripture reader – Tammie Bouseman
Sharing stories – Mary Biddle & Liz Mallott
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Greeters – Denny & Nancy Seaman
Sound system – TBA
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Bob King & Bruce Miller
Worship nursery – Pam Pena-Martin & Karla Woodson, Dianna Black (on call)
Refreshments – Ken & Rebecca Moyer

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	Vine articles for June/July issue due to fmcvine@gmail.com	
	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	4:00 PM	Wedding shower for Josh & Liz
MON	Pastor Michael begins his sabbatical and will be out of the office through August 27	
TUE	7:00 PM	FMC Retreat Committee
WED	Rhonda is out of the office Wed & Thurs.	
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Summer Fellowship at Harvest Market
SAT	10:00 AM	FMC reserved until 12:30 pm
	1:00 PM	FMC reserved until 5:30 pm

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship
3	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte.
WED	10:30 AM	Service & Outreach Cmte.
6	6:00 PM	FMC Council
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
7	9:30 AM	Summer Fellowship at Harvest Market
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Cmte.
FRI	Pastor Deb at contemplative retreat Fri & Sat	
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SUN	12:15 PM	Father’s Day Picnic at Hessel
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TUE	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at Seamans
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