

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Oleta Miller (WED), Pastor Deb (THU), Liesl Schrag (SAT)

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TODAY - “Coins that Count” collection. As part of the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale, we will collect coins during worship. Please bring coins (or paper bills) to the front of the sanctuary and experience the thrill of dumping them into the big jug.

As in years past, we are providing our own breakfast on Saturday morning and snacks for the retreat next weekend. Sign-up sheet is downstairs in the fellowship hall.

September 12-14 – Camp Friedenswald’s Annual Women’s Retreat (southern MI). This year’s theme, “Hearing Your Voice, Finding Ours”, lifts up women’s voices that go unheard or ignored by our world and our churches. Cyneatha Millsaps is the worship leader. Flyers are on the table by the water fountain.

Saturday, September 15 at 5 pm - FMC will be marching again in this year's Pride Parade.

Line-up will be at 3:40 p.m. Sign up on the table downstairs. Wear your FMC shirt or rainbow colors. For more information contact Lynne Sancken.

New Spiritual Direction Groups – Each fall, the spiritual direction groups offered at FMC are re-formed. Groups of 4 to 6 people meet twice monthly for one year - at a time that works for all in the group. Priority is given to those who have not been in groups before, and then past members are welcomed. Groups will begin in mid-September. An article about the groups can be seen in the upcoming Vine. Feel free to see Pastor Deb or past members of spiritual direction groups if you have questions. Let Pastor Deb know **TODAY** if you are interested in being a part of a group this fall.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Celebration *of* Worship

August 26, 2018

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

***Hymnal #6** “Here in this place”

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship**

Leader: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

People: The refreshing springs of God’s love cleans and restore us.

Leader: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

**People: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless
are always welcome in God’s house.**

Leader: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

People: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve.

***Green songbook #96** “I’m pressing on the upward way”

***Green songbook #13** “My soul is filled with joy”

***Passing the peace**

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

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

Scripture drama based on Ephesians 6:10-20

Reader’s theater: Psalm 84

Sermon

Strong against wrong

Word of witness

***Black binder #1** “Light dawns on a weary world”

Offering (*prayer cards collected*)

Offertory *God, whose purpose is to kindle*

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 #78 “We will walk with God”
*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 – Bob King
Song leader – Cindy Breeze
Piano – Cheryl Koranda
Children’s story – Phil Martens
Scripture – Drama Group
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Word of witness – Amanda Heinsman
Greeters – Earl Kellogg & Sheree Flannigan
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Sam Cox & Clark Breeze
Worship nursery – Tina Huang, Caden Green, Melissa Shungu (on call)
Refreshments – Tom & Kathy Anderson

Sunday, Sept. 9 at FMC:

Worship leader – Peter Dyck
Song leader – Matt Yoder
Piano – Pam Peña-Martin
Children’s story – Marcia Nelson
Scripture – Martha Moore
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Clark & Cindy Breeze
Sound system – Tammie Bouseman
Visuals – TBD
Stewards – Rebecca Moyer & Greg Sancken
Worship nursery – Karla Woodson & Anja Shrag, Rhonda Gibson (on call)
Refreshments – Jon & Andrea Welty Peachey

Don't Miss This

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 2:
NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT FMC
due to church retreat
at Menno Haven.

BEGINNING SEPT. 9:
Worship begins at 9:15 am,
followed by fellowship
and new Fall Sunday school classes.

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.

IBARJ

THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at www.fmc-cu.org.

SUN	9:30 AM	Worship; followed by fellowship & refreshments. No Sunday school in August CE Committee classroom clean-up
TUE		Pastor Michael returns from sabbatical
WED	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU	7:00 AM 9:30 AM	Early morning Bible study Summer fellowship at Harvest Market
FRI		FMC retreat at Menno Haven (Fri eve – Sun Noon); NO worship at the FMC building on Sun, Sept. 2

UPCOMING

SUN 2 NO worship at the FMC building; Youth retreat at Menno Haven through Monday afternoon.

THU 6	7:00 AM 9:30 AM 5:00 PM	Early morning Bible study Summer fellowship at Harvest Market Property & Finance Committee
SUN 9	9:15 AM	Worship, followed by fellowship and new Fall Sunday school classes