

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Reba King (WED), Trish Combs (THU), Tom Anderson & Ken Moyer (SAT)

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TODAY in the FMC library – Tom Sutter is available during before church to take your updated photo for the bulletin board.

TODAY – Last day for turning in Work of the church forms. This yearly form asks people at FMC to consider ways they may want to volunteer at FMC during the upcoming year. The information doesn't commit people to serve in any or all of the volunteer opportunities they select. The information provides a starting point for FMC leadership to discern various roles for the upcoming year (2019) and provides committees with information on people that may have an interest in helping out with various events and projects. Please return your form to the labeled box in the foyer.

TODAY – final opportunity to update your information or add it to the FMC Directory draft on the table in the foyer.

Are you interested in joining a small group? Contact a pastor or elder or click on the “small group form” link on the homepage of our website: <http://www.fmc-cu.org>.

This Saturday, October 6 from 9 am - Noon, Champaign County Fairgrounds - Join our FMC Hazelnut Rempe Malekin team, the Hazelnuts, as we participate in the annual Buddy Walk to raise awareness and funds for the Champaign County Down Syndrome Network. A donation is not required; you can simply come and walk! Register at: www.champaigndsn.org/buddywalk. The registration deadline is October 4 (Sept. 21 if you want a t-shirt). Questions? Contact Beth Rempe.

MennoMedia needs your help to make the new Voices Together hymnal a reality by Fall 2020. Before any copies of Voices Together are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fund-raising effort. Help ensure that Voices Together will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Give at VoicesTogetherHymnal.org. Every voice matters. Every dollar counts.

Nov. 8-10, 2018 (early registration deadline: Oct. 12) – Women Doing Theology 2018 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN. Women Doing Theology (WDT) conferences create space where women's theological voices are strengthened as we live into a new reality: a time when the theology that forms us is shaped by the Spirit of God manifest in all people. *The theme for WDT 2018 is Talkin' Bout a Revolution: Dialogue, Practice and the Work of Liberation.*

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA
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Celebration *of* Worship

Season of Creation:
Mountains
September 30, 2018



Centering chimes

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

Prelude

***Green songbook #4** “You’ve got a place”

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship** (*based on Psalm 48, adapted from the People's Companion to the Breviary*)

Leader: O God, you are great and worthy to be praised in your holy city.

East: Your holy mountain rising in beauty is the joy of all the earth.

West: Within its citadels, you show yourself its stronghold.

Leader: For invaders assembled together, together they advanced.

East: As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;

West: in panic they took flight.

Leader: As we have heard, so we have seen

East: in the city of our God

West: in the city of the Most High

All: which God establishes forever.

Leader: With justice your hands are filled.

All: Let Mount Zion be glad!

***Purple songbook #122** “Let all creation dance”

***Green songbook #19** “I will call upon the Lord”

***Passing the peace**

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

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

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 (*page 682*); **Romans 8:28-39** (*page 1032*)

Sermon Love your Earth as yourself

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

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 #103 “Jubilate deo omnis terra”

*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 – Matt Yoder
Song leader – Pastor Deb
Piano – Kathy Springer
Children’s story – Alex Bidner
Scripture – Rosalee Otto
Sermon - Brian Sauder
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Clark & Cindy Breeze
Sound system – Tammie Bouseman
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Rebecca Moyer & Greg Sancken
Worship nursery – Pam Peña-Martin & Doug Malcolm, Joyce Wyse (on call)
Refreshments – Rosalee Otto & Peter Dyck

Sunday, Oct. 7 at FMC (Word Communion Sunday)

Worship leader – Laura Brenneman
Song leader – Andrea Welty Peachey
Piano – Cheryl Koranda
Children’s story – Lesley Deem
Scripture drama group
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Tom Anderson & Bev Hertle
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Visuals – Cheryl Koranda
Stewards – Earl Kellogg & Jan Sabey
Worship nursery – David Horst Lehman, Melissa Shungu, Mary Biddle (on call)
Refreshments – Sheryl Dyck & Karen McKenzie

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 (Sept - Nov)

Pathways: Journey Forward – sanctuary

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)

2-3 yrs – Room 6

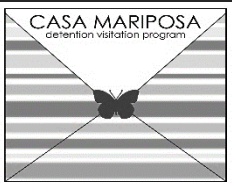
4 yrs - Grade 5 – Room 3

Grades 6-8 – Room 10/11

Grades 9-12 - Room 7

(Nursery care provided for children birth to age 2)

Our current children’s offering benefits the Casa Mariposa Detention Visitation Program in Tucson, AZ which offers support, friendship, and encouragement to immigrants living in detention through weekly visits and letters. Outside of detention, the program supports immigrants as they return to life on the outside and help reunite folks with their loved ones.



THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN	8:30	AM	Breakfast & Sunday school at Boys & Girls Club (210 E Park, C)
	9:30	AM	Food and fellowship at FMC for those not attending at Boys & Girls Club
	9:30	AM	Choir rehearsal of “For the Beauty”
	10:45	AM	Worship at FMC, no Sunday school at FMC
WED	10:30	AM	Service & Outreach Cmte.
THU	7:00	AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30	AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:00	PM	Property & Finance Cmte.

Pastor Deb out of office Friday - Sunday

UPCOMING

SUN 7	9:15	AM	Worship (World Communion Sunday)
TUE 9	5:15	PM	Worship Committee
WED 10	6:00	PM	FMC Council
THU 11	7:00	AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30	AM	Thursday morning Bible study

Pastor Peer mtg. in Normal, IL

Pastor Deb out of office Thurs. 11th – Wed. 17th