

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jan Kellogg & Karen McKenzie (MON), Karla Woodson (Wed), Jeri Lake & Martha Moore (SAT)

The Lenten theme this year is *Holy Hunger, Blessed Feast*. On March 24th, we would like to hear from a few of you about a time of thirst in your life - thirst for God, thirst for love, thirst for aliveness, or whatever thirst you experienced. In your story, feel free to include such things as how you did or did not sense God's presence during this time, how you survived, how you were changed, etc. Please pray about this opportunity and let Pastor Deb or Pastor Michael know if you have something to share.

Even as we begin this time of Lent, we also look forward to our celebration of resurrection. We plan to have a choir and a choir chime group on Easter, and we need you! If you are good with rhythm, please join the choir chime group. If you like to sing, please join the choir. Some of you will want to join both! **Choir will rehearse on Sunday April 7th from 12:30 to 1:30 and on Easter Saturday (April 20th) from 10 to 11. Choir chimes will rehearse on Sunday April 14th from 12:30 to 1:30 and on Easter Saturday (April 20th) from 11 to 12.** Please let Pastor Deb know if you want to participate in the choir and/or the choir chimes!

This Saturday and Sunday, March 15 & 16, Interstate Center in Bloomington, IL - The 61st Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale. Visit www.ilreliefsale.org for details.

Sunday, April 28 at Noon – High school youth and families will host a “Mystery Lunch” to raise funds to attend the MC USA Youth Convention in Kansas City, Missouri this summer. Stay tuned for details.

May 11, 8 am – Noon at FMC – FMC Spring Work Day.

The black song books have been updated with many changes! If you have a black book at home, please see Pastor Deb for updates. Do not put it back in the pews.

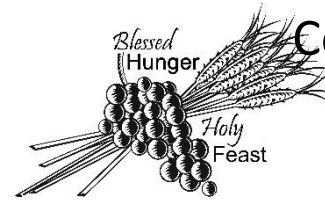
June 20-22, 2019 - Mark Your Calendars to attend the 2019 Central District Conference Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The theme, ‘Come, walk with us. . . to God knows where!’ will be the focus for our time together. Registration will open online on May 1.

April 12, May 10, May 31, 8:30 am – 4 pm each day, at FMC – Three-day Restorative Justice Training by IBARJ (Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice). The focus on this training includes fundamentals of Restorative Justice, with a focus on community and relationship building. The cost is \$250 and space is limited to 25 participants. As a thank-you for use of FMC, IBARJ is donating the cost of two registrations to FMC participants. If more than two FMCers wish to participate, we will divide the savings between them. Please contact Pastor Michael if you wish to attend.

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Celebration of Worship

March 10, 2019

Lent 1

God's hand delivers us

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Call to worship:

*Black binder #43

“Dust and ashes”

Welcome & prayer

*Purple songbook #36

“Jesus, tempted in the desert”

*Purple songbook #81

“When we are tempted” (verses 1-3)

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

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

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13 (page #938)

Sermon

In God's time, in God's way

Black binder #20

“Stay with me, the night has come” (verse 1)

Confession and assurance

Leader: We are all invited to seek God's hand today.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: Saving God, we call upon you for what we need.

Leader: When we find ourselves lost, we call to you.

All: When we face temptations

Leader: To give in to anxiety, to act with force or anger,

All: To take actions we know we should not — we call to you.

Leader: When our souls hunger, we call to you.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will call upon the Lord.

Leader: Our generous God provides for us. Her hand guides us to what we need.

Silent Reflection

Black binder #20

“Stay with me, the night has come” (verse 1)

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Sharing and prayer (sharing during Lent will be from written prayer cards)

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

***Green songbook #107**

“God remembers”

***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 – Phil Martens

Song leader – Pastor Deb

Piano – Cheryl Koranda

Children’s story – Pastor Deb

Scripture – Mary Biddle

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Kaye Massanari & Kristy Rice

Sound system – Tammie Bouseman

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Stewards – Bob King & Greg Sancken

Worship nursery – Rebecca Bare & Doug Malcolm

Refreshments – Janet Guthrie & Karla Woodson

March 17 (Lent 2)
Next Sunday at FMC:

Worship leader – Keith Springer

Song leader – Matt Yoder

Piano – Kathy Springer

Children’s story – Lynne Sancken

Scripture – Judy Nafziger

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb

Greeters – Kaye Massanari & Kristy Rice

Sound system – Tammie Bouseman

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Stewards – Bob King & Greg Sancken

Worship nursery – Marcia Nelson & Tom Sutter

Refreshments – Cheryl Koranda & Jan Sabey

Join us after worship for...

FELLOWSHIP HOUR – 10:45 am

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.

NEW Quarterly Adult Classes (March - May)

Library - **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery**
Sanctuary – **Planning for end-of-life**

Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups (year-round)

Coffee and Conversation – Room 5

(downstairs)

Knit and Nurture – Room 13 (downstairs)

Young Adults – Nursery (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 NEW children’s offering for the spring and summer benefits DREAM House, a local non-profit serving families of boys and young men, ages 5-24, through academic programs, mentorship, sports and other learning and community-building activities. Founded by Tracy Dace, a member of the Presbyterian church, DREAM stands for Driven to Reach Excellence & Academic Achievement for Males and is active in Champaign, Urbana and Rantoul. Learn more at www.dream.org.

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Lent 1)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	2:00 PM	FMC reserved ‘til 5pm

WED	6:00 PM	FMC Council
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THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study

Pastor Michael out of office March 14-23

FRI	IL Mennonite Relief Sale in Bloomington, IL (Fri evening – Saturday)	
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SAT	1:00 PM	FMC reserved ‘til 3 pm
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UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Lent 2)
17	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages

TUE	4:00 PM	FMC fellowship hall reserved until 6 pm: Community Solar Group
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WED	Rhonda out of office on 3/20	
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THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
21	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:15 PM	Service & Outreach Committee

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Lent 3)
24	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages

VINE submissions due to fmcvine@gmail.com