

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Anna Lubienski (TODAY), Pastor Michael (MON)

The Lenten theme this year is *Holy Hunger, Blessed Feast*. Next Sunday, March 24, 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.

Sunday, March 24 - Deadline for submissions to FMC Vine newsletter. Email submissions to fmcvine@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 30, 6 pm at Yoder's Kitchen (Rt 133 E in Arthur, IL) - Kick-off Banquet for the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale, which will be held on August 23 & 24, 2019. [Les Gustafson-Zook will provide music and stories of the work of MCC around the world.](#) Reservations are required by Monday, March 25.

Sunday, April 7 from 12:30-1:30 pm and Saturday, April 20 from 10-11 am - Choir will rehearse and then sing during the Easter worship service. All are welcome to participate, please let Pastor Deb know if you want to participate.

Sunday, April 14 from 12:30-1:30 pm and Saturday, April 20 from 11 am – Noon – Choir chimes will rehearse and then sing during the Easter worship service. All are welcome to participate, please let Pastor Deb know if you want to participate.

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.

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.

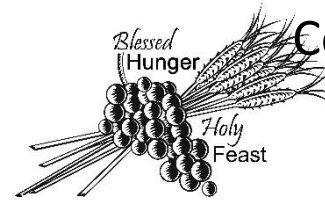
June 20-22, 2019 - Mark Your Calendars to attend the 2019 Central District Conference Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The theme, ‘Come, walk with us. . . to God knows where!’ will be the focus for our time together. Registration will open online on May 1.

A sincere thank you for the cards and kind words we received for our 70th wedding anniversary! We truly feel blessed! - *Harold and Mary Ann Heiser*

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Celebration of Worship

March 17, 2019

Lent 2

God gathers us together in safe shelter

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Call to worship:

***Green songbook #1** “We sing to you, O God”

Welcome & prayer

***Green songbook #50** “Keep me safe, O God”

***Hymnal #526** “In the rifted Rock, I’m resting”

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

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

Scripture: Psalm 118 (page #554); **Luke 13:31-35** (page #953)

Sermon

Refuge gratefully offered

Black binder #20

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

Confession and assurance

Leader: Scripture says, ‘You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in distress, a hiding place from the storm, a shade from the heat.’
Who will seek God’s shelter today? *(pause)* We are all invited to seek safe shelter today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: Sheltering God, we seek you.

Leader: When darkness moves into our lives, we seek your face.

When fears overcome us and paralyze us, we seek your face. [SEP]

All: When we crave comfort and reassurance, we seek your face.

Leader: When things seem completely lost, we will seek the shelter of our God.

All: Our generous God provides for us. God protects and shelters us with compassionate love.

Blessed Hunger sharing

Black binder #20

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

***Purple songbook #53**

***Benediction**

Would you harbor me? by Sweet Honey in the Rock

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

“Here to the house of God we come”

**Stand if you are able*



We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God's love and grace. You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status, political affiliation, physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

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 – 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

**March 24 (Lent 3)
Next Sunday at FMC:**

Worship leader – Chuck Gibson

Song leader – Rafael Luquis

Piano – Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez

Children's story – Pastor Deb

Scripture – Tom Anderson

Lenten sharing – Mark Evans & Ken Nafziger

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Kaye Massanari & Kristy Rice

Sound system – Tammie Bouseman

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Stewards – Bob King & Greg Sancken

Worship nursery – Sheryl Dyck & Mary Krick

Refreshments – Emily King & Matt Yoder

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 2)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages

Pastor Michael out of office until March 23

WED Rhonda out of office on 3/20

THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:15 PM	Service & Outreach Committee

UPCOMING

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

WED	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
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THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
28	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	4:00 PM	Sanctuary reserved (flute practice)

SAT 30 6:00 PM Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-off banquet (Arthur, IL)

SUN	8:30 AM	5 th Sunday breakfast & Sunday school at Boys & Girls Club
	9:30 AM	Finger food potluck brunch at FMC for those not attending at Boys & Girls Club

10:45 AM Worship at FMC (Lent 4); no Sunday school at FMC