

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mary Hines (TODAY), Karen Bidner (MON), Doug West (TUE), David Black, Dutch Potts, Anja Schrag (THU)

TODAY, March 24 - Austin J. Hill, attorney with Thomas, Mamer, & Haughey, LLP will be a guest speaker today for the End of Life SS class. He will be discussing wills, probate, different types of trusts, and other aspects of estate planning. All are invited to attend this session -- bring your questions!

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

This 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 required by Monday, March 25.

Next Sunday, March 31- 5th SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT FMC:

- 8:30 AM** 5th 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

Interested in participating in an Easter drama or reading? Please talk to Pastor Deb.

Highlights from the March Council meeting, including committee reports and the treasurer's report, are on the bulletin board near the back door.

Sunday, April 7 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm and Saturday, April 20 from 10-11 am: Easter choir rehearsal ahead of the Easter Sunday service.

Sunday, April 14 from 12:30-1:30 pm and Saturday, April 20 from 11 am – Noon: Easter choir chimes rehearsal ahead of the Easter Sunday service.

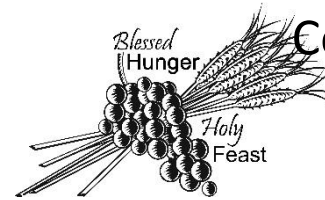
April 12, May 10, May 31, 8:30 am – 4 pm each day, at FMC – Three-day Restorative Justice Training by IBARJ (Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice). The focus on this training includes fundamentals of Restorative Justice, with a focus on community and relationship building. The cost is \$250 and 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.

Saturday, May 4 at FMC - A service of remembrance for Paul Sieber (late morning, with a meal to follow).

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Celebration of Worship

March 24, 2019

Lent 3

God pours out life-giving drink

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Call to worship:

*Hymnal #474

"I hunger and I thirst"

Welcome & prayer

*Hymnal #495

"O let all who thirst"

*Green songbook #49

"Rain down"

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

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

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9 (page #952) & **Isaiah 55:1-9** (page #671)

Congregational reflections

Black binder #20

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

Confession and Assurance

Leader: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Who will be quenched by the Lord today? (pause)
We are all invited to be quenched by the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: God of life, we listen to you, for you have the words of life.

Leader: When we are empty and asking *(pause)*, we look to you.

All: When our souls are dry and weary (pause), we look to you.

Leader: In the morning and in the evening, we will look to you.

All: Our generous God provides living water for us all.

Blessed Hunger sharing

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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 #100

“O blessed spring”

*Benediction

**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 – Chuck Gibson
Song leader – Rafael Luquis
Piano – Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez
Children's story – Pastor Deb
Scripture – Tom Anderson
Lenten sharing – Mark Evans, Ken Nafziger, & Bonnie Schneider
Blessed Hunger Sharing – Pastor Michael
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

March 31 (Lent 4) 5th Sunday schedule (worship - 10:45 am) Next Sunday at FMC:

Worship leader – Martha Moore
Song leader – Steve Rayburn
Piano – Pam Peña-Martin
Children's story – Lynne Sancken
Scripture – Pastor Michael
Prodigal Son Monologues - Amanda Heinsman, Doug Malcolm, & Steve Rayburn
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Kaye Massanari & Kristy Rice
Sound system – Tammie Bouseman
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Bob King & Greg Sancken
Worship nursery – Megan Cox & David Horst-Lehman
Refreshments – Jon & Andrea Welty Peachey

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 3)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
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WED	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	4:00 PM	Sanctuary reserved (flute practice)

UPCOMING

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TUE	5:30 PM	Worship Committee
2	6:30 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice Group
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
4	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Lent 3)
7	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:30 PM	Easter choir rehearsal