

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Malia Shungu (TUE), Matt Klopfenstein (THU), Caden Green (FRI)

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Our Maundy Thursday meal and Easter Brunch are shared meals. Please check the sign-up sheet downstairs for needed contributions of food or time. You can also e-mail Marcia at sunboat@soltec.net with contributions. Please bring food for Maundy Thursday early - anytime between Sunday April 14 and 5:30 Thursday prior to the meal and service.

Next 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.

Saturday, April 13, 6pm - Young Adult progressive dinner. Please let Pastor Deb know if you can come by next Sunday, April 7.

Sunday, April 28 at Noon – High school youth and families will host a “Mystery Lunch” and silent auction to raise funds to attend the MC USA Youth Convention in Kansas City, Missouri this summer. Contact Chuck Gibson if you have something to contribute to the silent auction. Details about the event are in the April/May edition of the Vine (in FMC mailboxes). Look for more details next week.



Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday worship (9:15 am)

Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday meal & service (6:15 pm)

Friday, April 19: Good Friday service (12:15 pm)

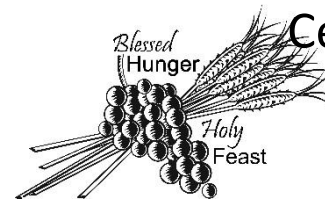
Sunday, April 21:

- Easter brunch at 9 am
- Pick-up Hallelujah Chorus rehearsal at 9:45 am
- Easter worship at 10:15 am (no Sunday school)

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Celebration of Worship

March 31, 2019

Lent 4

God reaches out with open arms

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Allegro from Concerto in D Major *by Boismortier*

Call to worship (insert)

*Hymnal #16

“God is here among us”

Welcome & prayer

*Purple songbook #58

“O God, how we have wandered”

*Hymnal #139

“Far, far away from my loving father”

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

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

Scripture: Luke 15:1-3 & 11-32 (page #954)

Prodigal Son Monologues

Black binder #20

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

Confession and reconciliation

Leader: Scripture says, “All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people’s sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation.”

Who will reach toward the Lord today? We are all invited to reach toward the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: *God of reconciling love, we put our trust in your open arms.*

When we need to find our way back, we put our trust in you.

Leader: When we need to remember how to reconcile (*pause*), we look to you.

When our souls hunger for a new way of living (*pause*), we return to you.

All: *Our generous God welcomes us and shows us how to extend welcome and grace.*

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

***Green songbook #91**

***Benediction**

Adagio from Concerto in b minor *by Boismortier*

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

“Like a mother who has borne us”

**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 – Martha Moore

Song leader – Steve Rayburn

Piano – Pam Peña Martin

Flute Choir – Jill Burlingame, Rachel Horst Lehman, Tina Huang, Mary Krick, Ioannis Tsekouras

Children's story – Lynne Sancken

Scripture – Pastor Michael

Monologues - Doug Malcolm (younger sibling), Steve Rayburn (father), Courtney Malcolm (older sibling; written by Amanda Heinsman),

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Kaye Massanari & Kristy Rice

Sound system – Tammie Bouseman

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Stewards – Bob King & Greg Sancken

Worship nursery – Tom Sutter & Judy Nafziger

Refreshments – Jon & Andrea Welty Peachey

Worship leader – Bob King

Song leader – Cindy Breeze

Piano – Ruth Stoltzfus

Children's story – Pastor Deb

Scripture – Oleta Miller

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Clark Breeze & Marcia Nelson

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Stewards – Kate Falk & Chuck Gibson

Worship nursery – David Horst Lehman & Joyce Wyse

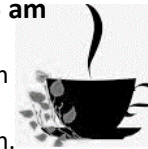
Refreshments – Denny & Nancy Seaman

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.

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	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
TUE	5:30 PM	Worship Committee
	6:30 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice Group
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee

UPCOMING

SUN 7	9:15 AM	Worship (Lent 3)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:30 PM	Easter choir rehearsal
WED 10	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at Rosalee Otto's home
	6:00 PM	FMC Council
THU 11	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
FRI 12	FMC basement reserved all day	
SAT 13	4:00 PM	Worship band rehearsal