

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Bob King (MON), Amanda Heinsman (WED)

TODAY during Sunday school - Everence Financial Advisor Greg Liestman will be a guest speaker in the *Planning for End of Life SS class*. He will discuss how Everence can help with asset management, charitable gift plans using trusts, life insurance, and fiduciary services. All are welcome!

TODAY from 12:30 – 1:30 pm and Saturday, April 20 from 10-11 am: Easter choir rehearsal.

This Saturday, April 13, 8 am - 4 pm - Help at Menno Haven's Spring Work Day! Come volunteer, meet others that love camp and enjoy a meal. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board.

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

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.

Saturday, April 13, 6pm - Young Adult progressive dinner. Let Pastor Deb know today if you can come.

Sunday, April 21, 1-5 pm at FMC – Lesley Deem is hosting a Easter dinner potluck. All are welcome as are friends and family but please contact Lesley (lesleyrose7@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

Sunday, April 28 at Noon – High school youth and families will host a “Mystery Lunch” and silent auction. This vegetarian-friendly meal is open to all. We ask for reservations so that we can plan for sufficient quantities of food. There is no charge for the meal, but we welcome your donations to help the youth attend the MC USA Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City this summer. Sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/y2jw85fw>. Contact Chuck Gibson if you have something to contribute to the silent auction.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT FMC

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

Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday meal & service (6:15 pm); nursery care provided

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

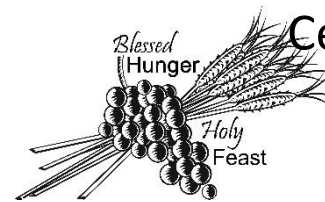
Sunday, April 21:

- 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

April 7, 2019

Lent 5

God makes a way through mighty waters

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Call to worship

*Hymnal #640

“This is a day of new beginnings”

Welcome & prayer

*Hymnal #301

“Joys are flowing like a river”

*Song (insert)

“To my precious Lord” (*Verse 1, repeated twice*)

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

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

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21 (page #659) & **John 12:1-8** (page #982)

Sermon

“Defiant acts of beauty & the gift of God's extravagant love”

Black binder #20

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

Confession and reconciliation

Leader: Scripture says, “Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.

The beasts of the field, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me, because I have put water in the desert and streams in the wilderness to give water to my people, my chosen ones, this people whom I formed for myself, who will recount my praise.” Who will move forward in hope? We are all invited to move forward in hope. Let us open ourselves in prayer.

Right: Give us eyes to see the new work you are doing among us.

Left: When we struggle with what lies ahead, we will see the new work of God.

Leader: When our circumstances appear to hold no hope, we will see the new work of God.

ALL: Our generous God makes a way for us.

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 #51**

***Benediction**

The Desert *by Mary Biddle*

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

“As tranquil streams”

**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

**April 14 (Palm Sunday)
Next Sunday at FMC:**

Worship leader – Bob King

Song leader – Pastor Deb

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

Worship leader – Randy Nelson

Music – Worship Band

Children's story – Lynne Sancken

Scripture – Sam Cox

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Clark Breeze & Marcia Nelson

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Stewards – Kate Falk & Chuck Gibson

Worship nursery – Courtney Malcolm & Karla Woodson

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.

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 DREAAM 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, DREAAM 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
	12:30 PM	Easter choir rehearsal
WED	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at Rosalee Otto's home
	6:00 PM	FMC Council
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study Pastor Peer (Normal, IL) all AM
FRI	FMC basement reserved all day	
SAT	4:00 PM	Worship band rehearsal

UPCOMING

SUN 14	9:15 AM	Worship (Palm Sunday)
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	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:30 PM	Easter choir chime rehearsal
THU 18	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	6:15 PM	Maundy Thurs. meal & service
FRI 19	12:15 PM	Good Friday service
SAT 20	10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	11:00 AM	Choir chime rehearsal
SUN 21	9:00 AM	Easter brunch
	9:45 AM	Hallelujah Chorus pick-up choir rehearsal
	10:15 AM	Easter worship (no Sun. school)