

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Janet Guthrie (TODAY), Kathy Anderson (WED)

Tomorrow (Monday) & Tuesday – Please do not park in the spaces south of the fenced green space.

Tomorrow, May 22 at Dodds Park (field #1), 9 pm – Cheer on our softball team, FMC Martyrs, during their first game!

This Thursday, April 25, 7 pm, FMC fellowship hall - First Followers housing initiative meeting. Come learn about First Followers' new transitional housing program, which FMC is helping to support.

This Saturday, April 27, 1 pm at Salem Baptist Church (500 E. Park, Champaign) - "Embracing Your Past. Finding a New Horizon" by Evelyn Hood, the Founder, Chairman, and Executive Director of the African-American Cultural & Genealogical Society Museum in Decatur, IL. Several FMCers met her when touring the Museum and know that she has a compelling story to tell. There will be food and music, curated displays, as well as a chance to mingle with many from the community. FMC is one of the sponsors of this event.

NEXT 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. We are asking people to make lunch reservations by this Wednesday in order to better plan for the quantity of food needed. Sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/y2jw85fw>. Contact Chuck Gibson if you have something to contribute to the silent auction (crgibson@fastmail.net).

Friday, May 3, 6:30 pm at FMC – 2019 May Friendship Day, sponsored by Church Women United. The theme is "The Time is Now! Agree to differ". Fellowship and refreshments at 6:30 pm, followed by a program from 7-8 pm.

Saturday, May 4, 10:30 am – A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of Paul Sieber, long-time member of FMC and father of Marlin Sieber and Nancy Seaman. A luncheon will follow. If possible, please park in the UI lot at the corner of Gregory & Springfield to allow people with mobility issues to park in the FMC lot.

May 11, 8 am - Noon - FMC Spring Work Day. Please join us in sprucing up the church and grounds. Sign up downstairs next Sunday or use the link in Tuesday's email. Donuts & coffee will be provided.

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Christ

is risen, indeed!





Celebration of Worship

April 21, 2019

Easter

Christ is arisen, indeed!

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

*Call to worship (insert)

Welcome & prayer

Drama “At the tomb” based on Luke 24:1-12

Purple songbook #87 “Alleluia”

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

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

*Hymnal #267

“Christ has arisen”

Poem

The Rising by Lynne Sancken

Drama “The road to Emmaus” based on Luke 24:13-36

*Hymnal #272

“Christ is risen, shout hosanna”

Communion

All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. The bread is made with rye and wheat; the juice is grape juice. Water and gluten-free bread are available. Those not yet baptized are encouraged to participate by eating the bread but passing on the juice. Come and partake as the Spirit leads.

Invitation to the Table

Hymnal #459

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

The Lord’s Supper

Hymnal #280

“Christ the Lord is risen today”

Hymnal #278

“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”

Hymnal #273

“Low in the grave he lay”

Emmaus Road Reflections

Choir

Easter Anthem by Jack Shrader

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (page #1050)

Poem

The Dawning by George Herbert

*Purple songbook #89

“Christ is alive”

Prayer poem adapted from *Prayer to the Restorer of Entombed Vitality* by Joyce Rupp

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

Prayer

Sharing and prayer (sharing today will be from written prayer cards)

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

***Hallelujah Chorus** by G.F. Handel

**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 – Pastor Deb

Song leader – Matt Yoder

Piano – Andrea Welty Peachey

Trumpet – Pete Shungu

Choir director – Andrea Welty Peachey

Children’s story – Pastor Michael

Readers – Cindy Breeze, Sam Cox, Rosalee Otto & Pastor Michael

Drama – Sam Cox, Eliza Crosby, Adela Peña Martin, Paula Rivera, Anja & Liesl Schrag, Malia & Pete Shungu, Matt Yoder

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Clark Breeze & Marcia Nelson

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Stewards – Kate Falk & Chuck Gibson

Worship nursery – Amber Anderson & Rhonda Gibson

April 28

Next Sunday at FMC:

Celebrating the baptism of Kristy Rice

Worship leader – Peter Dyck

Song leader – Cindy Breeze

Piano – Cheryl Koranda

Children’s story – Doug Malcolm

Scripture – Matt Klopfenstein

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb

Greeters – Clark Breeze & Marcia Nelson

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman

Stewards – Kate Falk & Chuck Gibson

Refreshments – Bharat Patel & Joyce Wyse

Worship nursery – Caden Green & Rachel Horst Lehman