

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Lynne Sancken (TUE), Megan Cox (THU)

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Thanks to everyone who helped out at the spring work day yesterday. Your help was greatly appreciated. If you couldn't come, but would like to volunteer to help out, contact Bob Hudson (rjmudson@gmail.com) to see what tasks might still need to be done.

Next Sunday, May 19 – Join us during worship and fellowship hour as we celebrate our graduates.

Sunday, May 26 – Deadline for the June/July edition of our FMC newsletter, *The Vine*. Please email submissions to: fmcvine@gmail.com.

Monday, May 27 – Rally Day 2019 at Menno Haven. Come to this Menno Haven Open House for a day of fun and activities. There is a 5K Trail Run/2K Walk at 9 am, a Summer Program Dedication at 11 am, followed by a potluck lunch at Noon. The camp's games, rec center, and boating equipment is open for all to use during the afternoon. More information can be found on the bulletin board.

If you want a personal copy of the new hymnal (*Voices Together*) to have at home, please let Pastor Deb know by June 9 before she places a hymnal order. The discounted cost is \$20.50 and checks should be made payable to FMC with "personal hymnal" in the memo line. The hymnals will arrive in the fall of 2020.

Thursday, June 6, evening (time TBA) – The Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary "Trail of Death" pilgrimage group will be at FMC for a potluck meal and educational event. Come learn about the Potawatomi who were forcibly removed from their homeland and marched west by the U.S. military. All are welcome.

Saturday, June 8, 9 am – Noon at FMC – "Mindful Parenting". Parents of children and youth of all ages are invited to attend this free workshop, led by Jeri Lake, a hospital-trained midwife who has led mindfulness classes. There will be a presentation and discussion. Refreshments will be served, and childcare is provided.

We are sad to say goodbye to Alexandra Bidner today, but look forward to seeing her when she visits family. Alexandra will move at the end of May to Lake Geneva, WI. Her new address will be:

Alexandra Bidner
520 Southwind Dr
Unit 204
Lake Geneva, WI 53147
(phone number and email will not change)

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Celebration *of* Worship

May 12, 2019

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

*Hymnal #14 "Come, we that love the Lord"

Welcome & prayer

*Call to worship (from Revelation 7:15-17)

Leader: Gathered to worship God, we rejoice in the capital "L" Lamb, our shepherd.

All: Like one who cares for sheep, the resurrected Christ is our trusted guide.

Leader: We can celebrate in this safe place, for God is our shelter.

All: So we give thanks for our guide, who directs us to the water of life,

Leader: and thanks to the One who wipes away every tear from our eyes.

All: Together we come to worship God, who rules over all.

*Hymnal #355 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

*Hymnal #106 "All hail the power of Jesus' name"

*Passing the peace

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

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

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17 (*page 1124*) and **John 10:22-30** (*page 980*)

Sermon *Held and holding on*

*Hymnal #482 "Mothering God, you gave me birth"

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Menno mugging for Alexandra Bidner

Sharing and prayer

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

*Hymnal #425 "Come, come ye saints"

*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 – Sheryl Dyck
Song leader – Steve Rayburn
Piano – Pam Peña Martin
Children's story – Marcia Nelson
Scripture – Angela Williams
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Jan Sabey & Karla Woodson
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman
Stewards – Emerson Nafziger & Bruce Miller
Worship nursery – Melissa Shungu & Tina Huang
Refreshments – Clark & Cindy Breeze

May 19 Next Sunday at FMC:

Worship leader – Laura Brennehan-Fullwood
Song leader – Andrea Welty Peachey
Piano – Kathy Springer
Children's story – Allen Majors
Scripture – Courtney Malcolm
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Jan Sabey & Greg Sancken
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman
Stewards – Emerson Nafziger & Bruce Miller
Worship nursery – Abby Crosby & Sheryl Dyck
Refreshments – Sam & Megan Cox



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, June 2, 12:15-2:00 PM

The FMC Council and Service & Outreach Committee invite you to an all-church information session about the possibility of sponsoring a family seeking asylum in the United States.

The Springers will share about this opportunity, which comes through their volunteer work at San Antonio Mennonite Fellowship's Hospitality House and friends at Hopedale Mennonite Church who have been hosting asylum-seekers in their home. We will be joined by representatives from Hopedale and a C-U immigration resource person. A light lunch will be provided.

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 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.

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| SUN | 9:15 AM | Worship |
| | 10:45 AM | Fellowship (special refreshments) |
| | 11:15 AM | Sunday school for all ages |
| | 5:00 PM | FMC reserved for recital 'til 9 pm |
| MON | 9:00 AM | Child's Nature uses FMC children's rooms/nursery 'til 5 pm |
| | 6:15 PM | FMC softball at Dodds park, field #6 |
| <i>Pastor Deb out of office all week: May 13-19</i> | | |
| THU | 7:00 AM | Early morning Bible study |
| | 9:30 AM | Thursday morning Bible study |
| <i>Pastor Michael out of office Thursday afternoon and Friday all day</i> | | |

Today after the worship service -
 Join us downstairs for
 refreshments and cake
 celebrating all who mother.



UPCOMING

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| SUN 19 | 9:15 AM | Worship, followed by fellowship and Sunday school for all ages |
| MON 20 | 9:00 AM | Child's Nature using nursery & children's classrooms 'til 5 pm |
| | 7:00 PM | FMC softball Dodds Park, field #1 |
| TUE 21 | <i>Rhonda out of office Tuesday & Wednesday</i> | |
| WED 22 | 11:30 AM | Interfaith Alliance meeting |
| | 6:00 PM | Spiritual Leadership Team |
| THU 23 | 7:00 AM | Early morning Bible study |
| | 5:00 PM | Service & Outreach Committee |
| FRI 24 | <i>Pastor Michael on vacation May 24-27</i> | |