

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Mary Ann Heiser & Kathy Martin (TODAY), Ron Jones (MON), Ruth Stoltzfus (TUE), Donna Nelson Evans (FRI)

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**TODAY during worship -- Backpack blessing.** Students, teachers, and professors of all ages and school levels are invited to mark the start of a new school year with a prayer of blessing from your church family.

**TODAY at 11 am - Salt and Light Tour.** The Service and Outreach Committee has organized a tour of Salt and Light after the worship service for all interested persons.

**TODAY, 7 pm at FMC – “Peace is Possible” presentation.** Join us for a program about peacemaking in the Middle East. Humanitarian worker and peace advocate Mel Lehman will speak and present a slide show about his most recent trip to Syria in November of last year as part of a Christmas and New Year’s Card Exchange between Americans and Syrians. Contact Wilmer Otto (217.721.9266) with any questions.

**TODAY, 7 pm at the home of Janet Liechty & Phil Martens (1215 Wilshire Ct, C) – Young Adult pool party.**

**Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 pm at the home of Sheryl Dyck (2510 Combes St, Urbana) - Women’s Night Out to hear the story of Rebecca Moyer’s cross-country bike ride.** Come for an evening to enjoy Sheryl’s garden and hear Rebecca’s long-awaited tale. RSVP to Sheryl ([sjd6@msn.com](mailto:sjd6@msn.com)) or sign-up downstairs. Dessert will be served, and we are looking for a few willing providers.

**August 23 & 24 – Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale, Otto Center in Arthur, IL.** Proceeds help support the work of Mennonite Central Committee and local organizations). Brochures are on the table near the office.

**Sunday, August 25 – Has your life been impacted by a significant spiritual friends or mentor?** If you are willing to share about it in worship on August 25, please contact Pastor Deb.

**New Spiritual Direction Groups will form this fall.** These small groups reflect on Scripture and on God’s work in our lives. We meet twice a month for 11 months at a time that is arranged around those interested. See Pastor Deb by August 22nd if you have questions or if you’re interested in being part of a group this fall.

**Help needed – Sharon Monday is developing actions to accompany each week in the Season of Creation (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in September).** Contact Sharon ([sharonmonday@gmail.com](mailto:sharonmonday@gmail.com)) if you would like to help her with this project.

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## Celebration *of* Worship

Summer worship theme:

Called to  
COMMUNITY

August 11, 2019

### Centering chimes

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

### Prelude

#### \*Hymnal #26

“Holy Spirit, come with power”

### Welcome & prayer

#### \*Call to worship (from *Philippians 1:3-7a, 8*)

Leader: I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers.

**Right: I’m thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it’s always a prayer full of joy.**

*Left: I’m glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now.*

**Right: I’m sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus.**

*Left: I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart.*

Leader: God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

#### \*Hymnal #310

“How good a thing it is”

#### \*Hymn (insert)

“What a friend we have in Jesus”

#### \*Passing the peace

### Back to school blessing

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

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

#### Scripture: Luke 11:1-10 (page 949)

### Sermon

*Standin’ in the need of prayer*

#### \*Purple songbook #120

“Somebody prayed for me”

Offering (prayer cards collected)

### Offertory & prayer

**New driver blessing**  
**Sharing and prayer**  
**Introduction of guests**  
**Work of the church**

**\*Hymnal #21**  
**\*Benediction**

“All praise to our redeeming Lord”

*\*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** – Rafael Luquis  
**Pianist**– Kathy Springer  
**Children’s story** – Pete Shungu  
**Scripture** – Martha Moore  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Deb  
**Greeters** – Sam Cox & Norma Nelson  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals** – Lynne Sancken  
**Stewards** – Reba King & Sam Cox  
**Worship nursery** – Melissa Shungu & Megan Cox  
**Refreshments** – Rosalee Otto & Angela Williams

**August 18**  
**Next Sunday at FMC:**  
**Genesis 6:9-22**

**Worship leader** – Matt Yoder  
**Music** – Worship Band  
**Children’s story** – Randy Nelson  
**Scripture** – Mary Biddle  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – Sam Cox & Norma Nelson  
**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn  
**Visuals** – Lynne Sancken  
**Stewards** – Reba King & Kaye Massanari  
**Worship nursery** – Tina Huang & Ken Nafziger  
**Refreshments** – Amanda Heinsman & Matt Klopfenstein

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.



No Sunday school in August.  
 Fall classes begin in September.



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. Learn more at [www.dream.org](http://www.dream.org).

**Next Sunday, August 18**



**Theme:**  
**Safe Community**



In place of our regular children’s offering, we will have a special offering to help Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) provide kits containing clothing and hygiene products to immigration detainees to help rebuild their dignity as they transition into life outside the detention center. All are invited to bring money for the offering.

## THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at [www.fmc-cu.org](http://www.fmc-cu.org).

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM 11:00 AM	Worship, followed by fellowship Salt & Light Tour NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AUGUST
	12:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Christian Education Committee “Peace Is Possible” presentation Young adult pool party at the home of Janet Liechty & Phil Martens
<b>TUE</b>	6:30 PM	Women’s Night Out; home of Sheryl Dyck
<b>WED</b>	6:00 PM	FMC Council
<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM 9:30 AM	Early morning Bible study Summer Fellowship at Pekara on Springfield & Prospect
	10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Sister Church Committee Service & Outreach Committee

## UPCOMING

<b>SUN 18</b>	9:15 AM 10:45 AM	Worship (theme: Safe Community) Fellowship and refreshments NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AUGUST
<b>WED 21</b>	6:00 PM	FMC Spiritual Leadership Team
<b>THU 22</b>	7:00 AM 9:30 AM	Early morning Bible study Summer Fellowship at Pekara on Springfield & Prospect
<i>Pastor Deb away (Thurs. - Sat)</i>		
<b>FRI 23 &amp; SAT 24</b>		Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale, Otto Center in Arthur IL