

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Chuck Gibson (MON), TJ Black (WED)

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**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 friend or mentor?** If you are willing to share about it in worship on August 25, please contact Pastor Deb. We are looking for one more person to share.

**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.

**SPANISH LANGUAGE READERS, WRITERS, SPEAKERS WANTED.** The Colombia Sister-Church committee invites folks who are fluent in Spanish to join our Spanish language communications team. We want to enhance our lines of communication with our sister church, El Divino Redentor, in Bucaramanga, Colombia. We are creating a list of go-to people for help with translating emails, notes, cards, etc. We may need occasional help with some conversational translation as well. Contact committee facilitator, Jan Sabey ([jsabey2011@hotmail.com](mailto:jsabey2011@hotmail.com)), if you want to be on our Spanish language team or if you have questions.

**Rejoice Mennonite devotional magazine.** The group subscription cost for 2020 will be \$30.40 (4 issues). The magazines come to FMC and are placed in church mailboxes. To renew or subscribe, contact the FMC office by Sunday, September 1. Please do not pay at this time; we are gauging whether there is enough interest for a group subscription. A sample copy is on the library table in the foyer. Individual subscriptions cost about \$5/year more and can be ordered directly from Menno Media ([www.mennomedia.org](http://www.mennomedia.org)).

**Sunday, September 8 during worship – Special offering for Michelle and Rudy Moyer-Litwiller, who are starting their second year as Service Adventure leaders in Albuquerque, New Mexico.** The Service Adventure program, a ministry of Mennonite Mission Network (MMN), operates on support from home congregations, even for leaders. Their support needs are at least \$3,000 for the year and the congregation is invited to contribute towards their support fund. You are invited to contribute to the special offering on September 8; you may also contribute online. Specific instructions on donating online are coming in this week's prayer/announcement email. There are also copies of the instructions on the table in the FMC foyer.

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## Celebration *of* Worship

Summer worship theme:

Called to  
COMMUNITY

August 18, 2019

### Centering chimes

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

### Prelude

*As I rise (Christ be all around me)*

### \*Green songbook #2

“Come, walk with us” (Hamba nathi)

### Welcome & prayer

**Call to worship** (*adapted from Sing the Journey #50*)

**Refrain: Keep us safe, O God: you are our hope.**

1. When busyness closes in, and chaos rules our lives...
2. When injustice gains the upper hand...
3. When the taste of fear is on our tongues...
4. When hatred and intolerance rage...
5. When...

### \*Song insert

“As I rise (Christ be all around me)”

### \*Black songbook #10

“When you wonder, when you wander”

### \*Passing the peace

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

Special offering for MCC Immigration Detainee Kits

**Scripture & drama: Genesis 6:9-22** (*page 5*)

### Sermon

*Building arks of safety*

### Prayer

*Sanctuary* by Pete Shungu

### \*Song (*words below*)

“Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary”

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you

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Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Thank you Jesus (Siyabinga Jesu)

Sharing and prayer

Prayer of the lament for immigrants and refugees

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

\*Green songbook #73

"The Lord lift you up"

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

### August 25 Next Sunday at FMC: Scripture - 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Worship leader – Bob King  
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze  
Pianist – Jan Kellogg  
Children's story – Cindy Breeze  
Scripture – Greg Sancken  
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael  
Reflection on spiritual mentor – Rebecca Bare, Sharon Monday  
Greeters – Sam Cox & Cynthia Nafziger  
Sound system – Laurence Koehn  
Visuals – Lynne Sancken  
Stewards – Reba King & Kaye Massanari  
Worship nursery – Abby Crosby & Caden Green  
Refreshments – Keith & Kathy Springer

### 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.



### TODAY

In place of our regular children's offering, we are having 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 contribute to the offering. Baskets will be passed during the children's story. If writing a check, please make it out to First Mennonite and mark "MCC immigration kits" in the memo line. Checks can be placed in either the children's offering baskets or in the general offering plate.

## THIS WEEK at FMC

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

**SUN** 9:15 AM Worship (theme: Safe Community)  
10:45 AM Fellowship and refreshments  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AUGUST

**WED** 6:00 PM FMC Spiritual Leadership Team

**THU** Pastor Deb away (Thurs. - Sat)  
7:00 AM Early morning Bible study  
9:30 AM Summer Fellowship at Pekara on Springfield & Prospect

All day - Henrick House staff park at FMC during UI move-in day (still plenty of parking for us and visitors in our lot)

**FRI 23 & SAT 24** Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale, Otto Center in Arthur IL

## UPCOMING

**SUN 25** 9:15 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Fellowship and refreshments  
11:15 AM Christian Ed classroom clean-up  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AUGUST

**TUE 27** 3:00 PM FMC Works for Racial Justice group

**THU 29** 7:00 AM Early morning Bible study  
9:30 AM Summer Fellowship at Pekara on Springfield & Prospect