

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Liesl Schrag (TODAY), Harold Heiser & Bob Hudson (TUE), Shawn Rodriguez (WED), Evelyn Good (THU)

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**TODAY – Final children’s offering to benefit the DREAM House.** Adults who wish to contribute are invited to give their donations to the children as the children come forward for the children’s story.

**TODAY – FMC Care Groups.** The Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) introduces the new FMC Care Groups during worship and the groups meet together at FMC after the fellowship hour. Handouts of the group lists and meeting locations will be available after worship. Pick one up on the greeter stands outside the sanctuary or downstairs in the fellowship hall.

**Next 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. Copies of the instructions are on the table in the FMC foyer.

**September 8 – 29 – Our worship theme will be Season of Creation, which invites us to celebrate God the creator and reflect on our relationship with the whole creation.** For four Sundays in September, we celebrate Christ, the creator, and the wonders of creation. The focus this year, “Wisdom in Creation”, celebrates God’s wisdom within all parts of creation: designing their mysteries and guiding their purposes. **The four weeks of "Wisdom in Creation" focus, respectively, on "Ocean," "Plants & Animals," "Storm," and "Universe/Cosmos."** The Season of Creation is an international movement to incorporate celebration of all God's creation into the church's annual cycle of worship. For more information, visit [letallcreationpraise.org](http://letallcreationpraise.org).

**Saturday, September 14 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Team Summit at the Field Museum in Chicago.**

This will be a special Green Team Summit celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Faith in Place and the work of Green Teams throughout Illinois. This event that will give you the tools, resources, and inspiration needed to spark meaningful change in your community. Register online at: <https://www.faithinplace.org/get-involved/green-team-summit>. Questions? Contact Pastor Michael or Sharon Monday.

**All FMC Women – Save the date for “Bridging Barriers: Following the Spirit” Women’s Retreat at Camp Friedenswald September 20-22.** Our FMC camp/retreat fund can help with costs; speak with Pastor Michael for more information. [Retreat details and registration are online.](#)

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## Celebration *of* Worship

September 1, 2019



### Centering chimes

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

### Prelude

\*Hymnal #517 “Open my eyes, that I may see”

### Welcome & prayer

\*Call to worship: Purple songbook #155

\*Hymnal #97 “Christ is our cornerstone”

\*Purple songbook #113 “I will stand in the congregation”

### \*Passing the peace

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

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

**Scripture: 1 Peter 1:22-2:10** (*page 1106*)

### Sermon

*The stones that don’t fit*

\*Purple songbook #34 “You are holy”

### 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.*

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Congregational prayer (sharing today will be from written prayer cards)

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

FMC Care Groups

\*Hymnal #421

“Bless’d be the tie that binds”

\*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 – George Ordal
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze
Pianist – Pam Peña Martin
Offertory – Cindy Breeze & Pam Peña Martin
Children’s story – Bruce Miller
Scripture – Judy Nafziger
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Laurence Koehn & Karla Woodson
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Sue Biddle & Kaye Massanari
Worship nursery – Sheryl Dyck & Tom Sutter
Refreshments – Thom & Martha Moore

September 8
Next Sunday at FMC:
Season of Creation: Ocean

Worship leader – Laura Brenneman-Fullwood
Song Leader – Beverly Birkey-Potts
Pianist – Pastor Deb
Children’s story – Rhonda Gibson
Scripture – Oleta Miller
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Laurence Koehn & Karla Woodson
Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
Visuals – Kajsa Herrstrom
Stewards – Mary Krick & Sam Cox
Worship nursery – Amber Anderson & David Horst-Lehman
Refreshments – Tina Huang & David Schrag

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.

TODAY:

The new FMC Care Groups will meet together at FMC after the fellowship hour. We hope that most of you can attend!

New Fall Sunday school classes begin next Sunday, September 8.

THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at www.fmc-cu.org.

SUN 9:15 AM Worship (Introduce Care Groups)
10:45 AM Fellowship and refreshments
11:15 AM New Care Groups meets at FMC

TUE Pastor Michael is out of the office

WED 5:00 PM Property & Finance Committee

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

UPCOMING

SUN 8 9:15 AM Worship (Season of Creation)
10:45 AM Fellowship and refreshments
11:15 AM New Sunday school classes (all ages)
12:00 PM Christian Ed Committee
12:15 PM Hospitality & Fellowship Committee

TUE 10 5:30 PM Worship Committee

WED 11 6:00 PM FMC Council

THU 12 7:00 AM Early morning Bible study
9:30 AM Summer Fellowship at Pekara on Springfield & Prospect
AM Pastor Peer mtg in Normal

SAT 14 Fellowship dinners in homes (times/places TBD) – RSVP by Sep 8 (see insert)

SUN 15 9:15 AM Outdoor worship on the FMC green space
12:15 PM Fellowship dinners in homes (times/places TBD) – RSVP by Sep 8



Today is our final children’s offering to benefit 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.