

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Judy Nafziger (TODAY), DeShawn Jones (FRI)

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**TODAY during worship – A special opportunity to support 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. They have received some donations but need at least \$2,500 more for the year. You are invited to contribute either by placing a check in the offering (made out to FMC with "Rudy and Michelle" in memo line) or by placing cash in a designated basket by the back door of the sanctuary. Online giving is also an option; Instructions for online giving are on the table in the church foyer.

**TODAY during fellowship hour –** Tom Sutter is available in the library to take your photograph for the FMC bulletin board.

**TODAY – Last day to sign up for Fellowship meals (in homes).** Forms are on the greeter stands and on the fellowship table. Return the forms to the labeled basket on the desk in the FMC office.

**This Saturday, September 14 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Team Summit at the Field Museum in Chicago.** This event that will give you the tools, resources, and inspiration needed to spark meaningful change in your community. Register online at: <https://www.faitainplace.org/get-involved/green-team-summit>. Questions? Contact Pastor Michael or Sharon Monday.

**October 13, 2 pm beginning at Wesley United Methodist (Green & Goodwin, U) – 50<sup>th</sup> CROP Hunger Walk.** This annual fundraiser helps to support the overall work of Church World Service (CWS) and a portion of the funds raised will help feed the hungry locally. Walkers of all ages can participate and donations are welcome. Chuck Gibson is coordinating our FMC team.

**Overnight hosts needed for October 12 –** The Parables, a worship ensemble from Goshen College, will lead us in worship on October 13. The group (5 females, 3 males, 1 adult female) arrive after dinner on October 12. If you could host 1 or more overnight and provide breakfast, please contact Pastor Deb.

**Our worship theme in September is Season of Creation, which invites us to celebrate God the creator and reflect on our relationship with the whole 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 weekly focuses are: "Ocean," "Plants & Animals," "Storm," and "Universe/Cosmos."

**This Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2 or 8 p.m. (Eastern Time) – The New Rules of Money free webinar by Everence.** Navigate the new economy like a pro! You'll learn: new resources to manage debt, the mighty impact of credit scoring, and how to avoid those ever-changing scams. Register soon at [www.everence.com/national](http://www.everence.com/national) or email Melissa Short at [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com).

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## Celebration *of* Worship

September 8, 2019

Season of Creation: Wisdom in Creation - Ocean



### 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 (adapted from *Web of Creation*, "1st Sunday in Season of Creation: Ocean Sunday")

Leader: In the name of the Spirit of God who hovered over the primal waters.

**Left Side: In the name of the Word of God  
who parted the waters for Earth to appear.**

*Right Side: In the name of the Wisdom of God,  
who filled the deep with amazing designs. Amen*

**All: Holy! Holy! Holy! The oceans are filled with God's presence.**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence, today,  
to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

**All: Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.**

\*Hymnal #46 "I sing the mighty power of God"

\*Hymnal #47 "Earth and all stars"

### \*Passing the peace

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

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

**Scripture: Psalm 104:24-26** (page 544) & **Job 38:1-18** (page 474)

**Sermon** *Measuring the depths*

\*Song (insert) "Song of the waters"

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Sharing & prayer

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

\*Hymnal #418

“Move in our midst”

\*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** – 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** – Phil Martens  
**Visuals** – Kajsa Herrstrom  
**Stewards** – Mary Krick & Sam Cox  
**Worship nursery** – Amber Anderson & David Horst-Lehman  
**Refreshments** – Tina Huang & David Schrag

### September 15

### Next Sunday at FMC: Outdoor worship

**Worship leader** – Sam Cox  
**Song Leader** – Matt Yoder  
**Children's story** – Courtney Malcolm  
**Scripture** – Tom Anderson  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Deb  
**Greeters** – Laurence Koehn & Karla Woodson  
**Visuals** – Kajsa Herrstrom  
**Stewards** – Sue Biddle & Sam Cox  
**Refreshments** – Jan & Earl Kellogg

### 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 (Sep - Nov)

Library – Words Come Alive

Sanctuary – Immigration & the Bible in C-U and Beyond

##### Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups (year-round)

**Coffee & Conversation** – Room 5 (downstairs)

**Young Adults** – Room 13 (downstairs)

**Knit and Nurture** – Nursery (downstairs)

##### Children & Youth Classes (downstairs)

**2-3 yrs** – Room 6

**Grade K-5** – Room 10/11

**Grades 6-12** – Room 7

*(Nursery care provided for children birth to age 2)*



Our NEW Fall/Winter children's offering benefits Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. CWS partners with Mennonite Central Committee in various capacities to do this important work.

## 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	Worship (Season of Creation)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship and refreshments
	11:15 AM	New Sunday school classes (all ages)
	12:15 PM	Christian Ed Committee
	12:15 PM	Hospitality & Fellowship Committee
<b>TUE</b>	5:30 PM	Worship Committee
<b>WED</b>	6:00 PM	FMC Council
<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Summer Fellowship at Pekara on Springfield & Prospect AM Pastor Peer mtg in Normal
<b>SAT</b>		Fellowship dinners in homes (times/places TBD) – RSVP today

## UPCOMING

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship in outdoor green space
<b>15</b>	10:45 AM	Fellowship and refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school classes (all ages)
	12:15 PM	Fellowship dinners in homes (times/places TBD) – RSVP today
<b>TUE</b>	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at Seamans
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<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
<b>19</b>	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible study
	10:30 AM	Sister Church Committee
	5:00 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
<b>FRI</b>		<i>Women's retreat at Camp Friedenswald in MI (through Sun)</i>
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<b>SUN</b>		<i>Submission deadline for the Oct/Nov Vine</i>
<b>22</b>		