

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Zach Pflederer (YESTERDAY), Dean Anderson (TODAY), Elise Pflederer (FRI), Mary Biddle & Naima Shungu (SAT)

This Tuesday, September 17, 1-4 pm – Retiree Game Day at the home of Denny & Nancy Seaman (606 Creve Coeur, Champaign). Drinks will be provided. Please bring games and snacks to share. Let Tammie Bouseman know if you are coming.

This Thursday, September 19, 9:30 am at FMC - Thursday Morning Bible study fall session begins. The theme will be "Self-Care", utilizing the books "The Best Yes" and "Four Gifts". All are welcome to attend this time of prayer, sharing and study. Questions? Contact Pastor Deb.

October 13, 2 pm beginning at Wesley United Methodist (Green & Goodwin, U) – 50th 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. Chuck Gibson is coordinating our FMC team. Walkers of all ages can participate. Donations toward \$1,500 goal are welcome; donations can be given to Chuck or made online at our team website: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/champaignil>, then type "First Mennonite Church" in the search field on that page to donate to our 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.

Saturday, September 21 at Hopedale Mennonite Church (10 am - 3 pm) - Welcoming immigrants, refugees and others on the margins. You're invited to a time of learning and sharing with John Garland, pastor of San Antonio Mennonite Church. John will speak about his congregation's response to migrants in their community, with focus on what they have learned about Good News for people with experience of trauma and living outside the law. John also will explore with us our response to people on the margins of our own communities. The program will include a time of lunch and fellowship. [Contact the FMC office](#) by September 17. Once we have a list of interested persons, we will arrange carpooling.

Each Friday from Sept 27 – Nov 8 at Carle Park in Urbana - Vigil of Lament and Call for Action on Climate Injustice. Gather at 11 am near Pavilion on east side of the park across from Urbana High School. There will be a short reading, a silent reflective walk together and sharing of reflections and actions. The vigil concludes at 11:45 am. Contact sharonmonday@gmail.com or call 217-402-0325 for details.

Plan ahead for Sunday, October 20, Noon at FMC - All church book read of "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Our Service & Outreach Committee is hosting the read in coordination with the upcoming Interfaith Symposium (Nov. 7-10). Order your book or get it on loan from a local library (FMC, Champaign, Urbana libraries). A light lunch will be served. RSVP to Mary Krick by October 16.

Thanks to the children and congregation for donating \$726.03 in support of the DREAM House during the spring and summer children's offering.

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Celebration of Worship

September 15, 2019

Season of Creation: Plants & Animals



Centering chimes

*Hymn (*insert*)

"This is God's wondrous world"

Welcome & prayer

*Call to worship (from #177 Sing the Journey)

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your name; great is your love!

Leader: For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All: Great is your name; great is your love!

Leader: For you the monarchs of earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

All: Great is your name; great is your love!

Leader: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: Great is your name; great is your love!

*Purple songbook #116

"I saw a tree by the riverside"

*Black binder #43

"Touch the earth lightly"

*Passing the peace

Children's story and offering

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

Scripture: Psalm 104:1,10-24; Matthew 6:24-34

Sermon

*Consider the lilies - and the birds and the trees
and all the living things!*

*Black binder #1

"Light dawns on a weary world"

Offering
 Offering & prayer
 Sharing & prayer
 Introduction of guests
 Work of the church
 *Purple songbook #122
 *Benediction

“Let all creation dance”

*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 – Sam Cox
 Song Leader – Matt Yoder
 Children's story – Rhonda Gibson
 Scripture – Tom Anderson
 Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
 Greeters – Laurence Koehn & Karla Woodson
 Stewards – Sue Biddle & Sam Cox
 Refreshments – Jan & Earl Kellogg

September 22
 Next Sunday at FMC: “Storm” focus

Worship leader – Cindy Breeze
 Song Leader – Rafael Luquis
 Pianist – Jan Kellogg
 Children's story – Lesley Deem
 Scripture – Laura Brenneman-Fullwood
 Sermon – Brian Sauder
 Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
 Greeters – Laurence Koehn & Karla Woodson
 Sound system – Emerson Nafziger
 Visuals – Kajsa Herrstrom
 Stewards – Sue Biddle & Sam Cox
 Worship nursery – Pam Peña-Martin & Caden Green
 Refreshments – Joyce Wyse & Bharat Patel

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)

2-4 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.

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Season of Creation)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship and refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school classes (all ages)
	12:15 PM	Fellowship meals in homes
TUE	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at Seamans
WED		FMC carpets cleaned – all day
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thurs. AM Bible study (all welcome!)
	10:30 AM	Sister Church Committee
	5:00 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
FRI		Women's retreat at Camp Friedenswald in MI (through Sun)

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Season of creation);
22		Brian Sauder preaching
	10:45 AM	Fellowship and refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school classes (all ages)
	12:15 PM	FMC 101
	3:30 PM	Young adult activity – corn maze; carpool from FMC at 3:30 pm
		Submission deadline for Oct/Nov Vine: fmcvine@gmail.com
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
26	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible study
	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
FRI		Pastor Deb on vacation Sept 27-Oct 11;
27		Rhonda out of office for a funeral
SAT	3:00 PM	CU Pride Parade - downtown
28		Champaign. Walk in the parade with our FMC group. Wear FMC shirt or rainbow/bright colored shirt. Stay tuned for details on when and where to meet.