

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Nancy Seaman (MON), Reba King (THU), Trish Combs (FRI)

TODAY – Look for an email invitation to join our new FMC bulletin board group. The e-bulletin board will serve as a virtual space for anyone in the congregation to post requests or small announcements throughout the week.

This week – We are sending an electronic version of Our annual Work of the Church form for you to consider ways to volunteer at FMC during the 2020 year. The information doesn't commit you to serve in any or all of areas you select. The information provides a starting point for FMC leadership to discern various roles for the upcoming year and provides committees with information on people that may have an interest in helping out with various events and projects. Complete the electronic form or, if you prefer, fill out a paper version next Sunday (return to the labeled box in the church office). **Please complete the form by Tuesday, October 8.**

Next Sunday during worship –World Communion Sunday, with a focus on International Justice Mission's "Freedom Sunday", exploring the scope of human trafficking and seeking an end to slavery.

Saturday, October 5 at the Champaign County Fairgrounds - The Champaign County Down Syndrome Network is holding it's annual Buddy Walk. Fun and games 9am-2pm; the walk starts at Noon. All are welcome to join Hazel Rempe Malekin's team, The Hazelnuts - donation not required, just come along and walk with us! Register at <https://www.champaigndsn.org/buddywalk>

Sunday, October 13 during worship – Parables, a Goshen College student ensemble, leads us in worship.

Sunday, October 13 - Noon Potluck at FMC. You are invited (but not mandatory) to bring dishes made with locally grown or raised products (Farmer's Market, your garden, or local merchants such as the Common Ground Food Co-op). Bring your folder and worksheets from the Seasons of Creation to the potluck for Food for Thought and Conversation during the meal.

October 13, 2 pm beginning at Wesley United Methodist (Green & Goodwin, U) – 50th CROP Hunger Walk. Help to support the overall work of Church World Service (CWS). A portion of the funds raised helps feed the hungry locally. Chuck Gibson is coordinating our FMC team. Walkers of all ages can participate. Donations toward \$1,500 goal are welcome; give donations to Chuck or give online at our team website: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/champaignil>, Type "First Mennonite Church" in the search field.

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 Oct.16.

November 7 - 10 - CU Interfaith Exploration: Cultivating Hope in Anxious Times. You are invited to participate in one or more of the activities scheduled for this inaugural event. Pick up a detailed handout from the foyer table.

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Celebration of Worship

September 29, 2019

Season of Creation: Cosmos



Centering chimes

*Hymnal #648

"Morning has broken"

Welcome & prayer

*Call to worship

Leader: We invite all creation to worship with us.

People: We invite glittering galaxies high in the sky to radiate the splendor of God's presence.

Leader: We call distant domains of space to celebrate with us.

People: We invite nebula, nova and red giant stars to thank God for their formation in the universe.

Leader: We summon that domain of stardust called Earth,

People: To pulse with the rhythm of God's presence and celebrate God's glory in this planet garden.

Leader: We invite millions of living species to dance with life

People: The turtle, the toad and the elephant, the earthworm, the ant and the dragonfly.

Leader: We invite every creature in the web of creation

People: To consciously connect with others in this cosmic community called the universe.

Leader: Dance, creation, dance!

People: Dance with life and cosmic energy!

*Hymnal #50

"Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah"

*Hymn (insert)

"Creation is a song"

*Passing the peace

Children's story and offering

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

Scripture: Proverbs 8:22-31 (page 580); **Colossians 1:15-20** (page 1074)

Sermon Dancing with the stars

***Hymn** (back of creation insert) "The cosmic Christ"

Offering

Offering & prayer

Sharing & prayer

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

***Hymnal #414** "God, who stretched"

***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 – Martha Moore
Song Leader – Cindy Breeze
Pianist – Andrea Welty Peachey
Children's story – Sharon Monday
Scripture – Karen McKenzie
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Laurence Koehn & Karla Woodson
Sound system – Phil Martens
Stewards – Sue Biddle & Clark Breeze
Worship nursery (in event of rain) – Courtney Malcolm & Marcia Nelson
Refreshments – Kate Falk & Matt Yoder

Next Sunday: October 6
Freedom Sunday & Communion

Worship leader – Amber Anderson
Song Leader – Matt Yoder
Pianist – Pam Peña-Martin
Children's story – Rebecca Bare
Scripture – Emerson Nafziger
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Denny & Nancy Seaman
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Visuals – Cheryl Koranda
Stewards – Earl Kellogg & Mary Krick
Worship nursery – Chuck Gibson & Liesl Schrag
Refreshments – Ken & Judy Nafziger

Next week after worship...

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 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.

NOTE: Pastor Deb on vacation through Oct 11

SUN	8:30 AM	Breakfast & Sunday school at St. Luke's C.M.E.
	9:30 AM	Finger food potluck & fellowship at FMC for those not at St. Luke's
	10:45 AM	OUTDOOR worship at FMC
TUE	3:00 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice
	5:30 PM	Worship Committee
WED	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible study

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Freedom Sunday & Communion)
6	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
WED	6:00 PM	Council
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THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
10	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible study Pastor Peer mtg in Normal, IL (all morning)
SUN	9:15 AM	Worship (Goshen College Parables ensemble); followed by fellowship and Sunday school
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	12:00 PM	FMC potluck (see announcements)
	2:00 PM	CROP Walk (see announcements)

NOTE: Pastor Michael preaching at Chicago Community Mennonite Church today