

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Tom Anderon & Ken Moyer (TODAY), Sharon Monday (TUE), Dominic Pfleiderer (FRI), Emerson Nafziger (SAT)

**TODAY – An invitation to complete a “Work of the Church” form.** 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. **If you haven't completed the electronic form,** please fill out a paper form and return to the labeled box on the greeter stand outside the sanctuary. **Please complete the form by Tuesday, October 8.**

**TODAY – FMC Care Group lists are in church mailboxes.** The information will also be sent in the Tuesday prayer and announcement email.

**Next Sunday, October 13 during worship – Join us in worship as the Goshen College group, *Parables*, presents a special service of music, drama and faith stories entitled “Following the Call”.** The service is vibrant and well-received by all ages.

**Next 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). Think about these questions for discussion at the potluck...(bring your folders with you if possible) 1. What Season of Creation take home activities did you find most meaningful? 2. What recommendations do you have for next year's season of Creation worship services or take home activities?

**Next Sunday October 13, 2 pm beginning at Wesley United Methodist (Green & Goodwin, U) – 50<sup>th</sup> 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 (see the FMC website homepage).

**October 20, Noon at FMC - All church book read of "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor.** 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 2, 8 am - Noon – All Church Fall Workday. Help spruce up FMC building and grounds.**

**November 2, 6:30 pm at FMC – Post-wedding shower for Leah and Sawyer Landes Biddle.**

**November 3, 12:15 at FMC - Information meeting for everyone interested in participating in the all-church production of the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, next summer.** Needed: actors, stage crew, dancers, costume and publicity persons, and instrumentalists.

**Thanks to all who attended or walked in the Pride Parade.** Each year the love and respect get more palpable. All of us are precious in God's sight. – *Lynne Sancken*

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## Celebration *of* Worship

World Communion Sunday



**Centering chimes**

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

**\*Green songbook #2** “Come, walk with us (Hamba nathi)”

**Welcome & prayer**

**\*Call to worship**

Leader: We pray for those around the world who are persecuted, for those who have lost hope.

**People: We pray for those who are enslaved to be set free, and for those who are adjusting to new lives in freedom.**

*ALL:* We pray for those struggling to find peace after experiencing violent abuse.

Leader: We pray for those joining God's work of rescue and restoration – that they would continually seek to be replenished by God.

**People: We pray that God would raise up workers to bring justice to those desperately waiting for an advocate.**

Leader: We pray for the aftercare workers counseling the victims.

*ALL:* Thank you God for being able to restore us despite our brokenness.

**\*Hymnal #323** “Beyond a dying sun”

**\*Purple songbook #49** “I will come to you in the silence”

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

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

**Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-36** (*page 33*)

**Sermon** *Who are the dreamers?*

**\*Hymn** (insert) “Word and sign”

## 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

Passing the peace at communion tables (hymns sung during communion; see insert)

### Sharing & prayer

### Introduction of guests

### Work of the church

### Work of the church forms

\*Green songbook #78

"We will walk with God (Sizohamba naye)"

\*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** – 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** – Rhonda Gibson & Liesl Schrag

**Refreshments** – Ken & Judy Nafziger

## Next Sunday: October 13 Parables worship ensemble

**Worship leader** – Randy Nelson

**Song Leader & children's song** – Pastor Deb

**Pianist** – Bev Birkey Potts

**Scripture** – Parables ensemble

**Stories, drama, and special music** – Parables ensemble

**Sharing & prayer** – Pastor Deb

**Greeters** – Denny & Nancy Seaman

**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn

**Visuals** – Cheryl Koranda

**Stewards** – Earl Kellogg & Mary Krick

**Worship nursery** – Phil Martens & Rachel Horst Lehman

**Refreshments** – Bruce & Oleta Miller

## Today 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](http://www.fmc-cu.org).

NOTE: Pastor Deb on vacation through Oct 11

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship (World Communion; Freedom Sunday)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
<b>WED</b>	6:00 PM	Council
<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible study Pastor Peer mtg in Normal, IL (all morning)

## UPCOMING

<b>SUN</b>	9:15 AM	Worship (Goshen College Parables ensemble); followed by fellowship and Sunday school
<b>13</b>		
	12:00 PM	FMC potluck (see announcements)
	2:00 PM	CROP Walk (see announcements)

NOTE: Pastor Michael preaching at Chicago Community Mennonite Church today

<b>TUE</b>	1:00 PM	Retiree game day; home of Phyllis Croisant
<b>15</b>		
<b>THU</b>	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
<b>17</b>	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible study
	10:30 AM	Sister Church Committee
	5:00 PM	Service & Outreach Committee