

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Jon Welty Peachey (WED), Melissa Shungu (FRI), Tina Huang & Vern Zehr (SAT)

TODAY, Noon at FMC - Book read of "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Next weekend (October 26-27) - How have you experienced welcome, safe space, healing, or support at First Mennonite Church? Would you consider sharing your story in an on-camera interview? Ella Lubienski (<https://www.ellalubienski.com/about>), former FMCer and professional cinematographer, is creating a short film celebrating FMC's journey to LGBTQIA welcome and affirmation. (Individual stories need not focus only on queer welcome; any experiences of FMC as a place that embraces and celebrates your gifts, or provides safe space, will fit). Ella is scheduling interviews for next weekend. Please contact Pastor Michael if you would like to share your story, or if you have questions or ideas you want to discuss.

Next Sunday, October 27 from 12-12:30 pm – Discernment Circles. Small group discussions will be held immediately following Sunday school to discern FMC Council leadership for 2019. Active participants ages high school and older are invited to gather in the sanctuary at Noon. A light snack will be served and child care will be available in the nursery.

Next Sunday, October 27 from 12:30 – 2 pm – Youth, parents, and sponsors meeting. Pizza will be provided.

Next Sunday, October 27, 6:30 pm – All are invited to attend and share in the topic night discussion, “Creating space for understanding differences”. Child care will be provided.

Saturday, November 2, 8 am - Noon – All Church Fall Workday. Help spruce up FMC building and grounds.

Saturday, November 2, 6:30 pm at FMC – Post-wedding shower for Leah and Sawyer Landes Biddle. If you'd like to donate to a group gift, you can give money to Sheree Flannigan or Kathy Anderson.

Sunday, November 3 – Service of Remembrance. We will recognize loved ones who have died since our last Service of Remembrance. To include a loved one, email office@fmc-cu.org by October 23; include the person's full name, relationship to you, date of birth and death, and picture (if possible).

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.

November 7 - 10 - CU Interfaith Exploration: Cultivating Hope in Anxious Times. You are invited to participate in any or all of the events. View the schedule and register at: <https://go.illinois.edu/cultivatinghope>. Detailed flyers of the Interfaith Exploration and the new Ted & Company production are on the table in the foyer.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Celebration of Worship

October 20, 2019

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

***Hymnal #36** “God of our strength”

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship** (adapted from *Words for Worship 2* by Diane Zaerr Brenneman)

Leader: It is a risk to come to worship today.

Left: This is a place where believers worship what cannot be seen,

Right: choose to participate in a living mystery,

ALL: and try—with the Spirit's help—to bring about transformation.

Right: This is a place where believers learn—with the Spirit's grace—

Left: to risk letting go of familiar, stubborn ways

ALL: in order to believe, receive, and love anew.

***Hymnal #75** “Holy, holy, holy”

***Hymnal #68** “O come, loud anthems let us sing”

*Passing the peace

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

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

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28 (*page 895*)

Sermon *Talking back to Jesus*

***Hymnal #353** “Lord, listen to your children”

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Membership welcome of Ken & Judy Nafziger

Congregational response (unison):

As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ and disciples with you at First Mennonite Church, we welcome you, Ken and Judy. We promise to encourage you in faith, to call out the gifts the Holy Spirit is creating in you, to rejoice with you in joy, and to support you in times of suffering. We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel and to offer and accept forgiveness. We joyfully partner with you in the care of our church family and in our mission in the world.

Green songbook #44

“The love of God”

Sharing & prayer
Introduction of guests
Work of the church

*Hymnal #433
*Benediction

“Go, my children”

*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 – Matt Yoder
Song leader – Bev Birkey Potts
Piano – Jan Kellogg
Children's story – Lesley Deem
Scripture – Abby Crosby
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 & Joyce Wyse
Refreshments – Bev Hertle & Janet Guthrie

Next Sunday: October 27
Discernment Circles after Sunday school

Worship leader – Chuck Gibson
Music – Worship Band
Children's story – Tammie Bouseman
Scripture – Ken Nafziger
Sermons, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Denny & Nancy Seaman
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Visuals – Cheryl Koranda
Stewards – Earl Kellogg & Sue Biddle
Worship nursery – Doug Malcolm & Karla Woodson
Refreshments – Reba King & Emily King

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.

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	FMC Book Read
	12:15 PM	Christian Ed mtg at Einsteins

WED	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
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THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible study
	11:15 AM	Worship Committee

Pastor Michael at Camp Friedenswalk for CDC Leadership meetings Thurs - Sat

SAT	10:30 AM	Care group leaders meeting
	12:30 PM	Worship Band rehearsal

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship; followed by fellowship and Sunday school
27	12:00 PM	Discernment Circles
	12:30 PM	Meeting of youth, parents, and sponsors/teachers
	6:30 PM	Topic night: Creating space for understanding differences

THU	7:00 AM	Early morning Bible study
31	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible study

SAT	8:00 AM	FMC Fall Work Day
2	6:30 PM	Post wedding shower for Sawyer & Leah Landes Biddle

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, Nov 3. Please set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday.