

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Pete Shungu (TODAY), Pam Peña Martin (MON), Rex Martens (TUE), Bev Hertle & Steve Rayburn (WED), Glen Martin (THU)

TODAY during Sunday school - the Gender, Sexuality, & Society Sunday School class will feature an intergenerational conversation led by Zev Alexandar, Youth Program Coordinator for the Uniting Pride. Everyone middle school and older is encouraged to attend.

TODAY at Noon - Baked potato bar & dessert fundraiser lunch for CU at Home's One Winter Night. Rebecca Bare and Rea Koehn will be our FMC box dwellers this year and we would like to raise \$2,000 in support of their efforts. In addition to the baked potato bar fundraiser, you can give online to their team at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/account/915437/>. Please note that the online goal lists \$1,000, but that is the goal for each team member (in our case, 2 members).

TODAY at 1 pm – FMC annual congregational meeting. 2019 Committee reports and the 2020 proposed spending plan are in FMC mailboxes and were emailed earlier this week. Child care will be provided.

TODAY, 5 pm - 35th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Service of Celebration at Foellinger Great Hall in Krannert, 500 S Goodwin, Urbana. Keynote speaker: Al Toldeo, Lead Pastor of the Chicago Tabernacle; music from the community choir. FMC is a co-sponsor.

February 1, 6 pm – Our 46th annual Menno Night dinner and talent show will be held at Lodgic in Champaign. . Adults & high school youth are invited to attend this annual dinner and talent extravaganza for good food, good fellowship, and entertainment second to none. **Sign-up deadline: Friday, January 24.** Sign-up downstairs or online: <https://tinyurl.com/t53vp5c>. Contact [Abby Crosby](#) with questions about food, venue, or if you can manage the AV or check people in. **Matt Yoder will emcee the event. and is looking for acts:** music, humor, drama, poetry, skits, etc.

Saturday, January 25, starting at 3 pm at Bethel AME Church (401 E Park St, C) - Our congregation has been invited to attend an informal Welcome Reception for Rev. Terrance L. Thomas and his family. He is the new pastor at Bethel AME Church, one of our “5th Sunday” partners.

February 7- 9 - Mennonite Arts Weekend at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. Visit www.mennoniteartsweekend.org for details or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Save the date: February 22, 2020 - CDC West Regional Gathering at Madison Mennonite Church, Madison, Wisconsin, 10am - 3pm. Contact [Pastor Michael](#) if you are interested in attending.

Save the date: February 15, 9 am – 3:30 pm at Menno Haven - Annual Illinois Mennonite Conference meeting. The main agenda item is the conference policy concerning ministerial credentials of LGBTQ+ individuals. All active participants are invited to attend and participate. Contact [Pastor Michael](#) if you plan to attend.

March 16 - 20 – Living Legacy Pilgrimage: A Multigenerational Civil Rights Pilgrimage. This 5-day pilgrimage, designed for ages 12 and older, focuses on exploring the sacred American Civil Rights Movement sites in several states. Registration is open; discounts available through January 31. Janet Elaine Guthrie and Mark Jaeger plan to take part and invite you to join them. Detailed flyers on foyer table.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Celebration of Worship

January 19, 2020

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Hymnal #6 “Here in this place”

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship** (*based on Psalm 40*)

Leader: Blessing after blessing comes to those who love and trust in the Lord.

People: O Lord, our God, you think of us all the time with your countless expressions of love!

Leader: You open my ears and speak deeply to me.

People: I become your willing servant, your prisoner of love for life!

Leader: Here I am, I am coming to you, my God!

People: I desire to do your will; your loving words are written on the pages of my heart.

Leader: Don't hold back your love, Lord, or withhold your tender mercies from me.

People: Keep me in your truth and let your compassion overflow to me, no matter what I may face.

***Green songbook #109** “There is more love somewhere”

***Black songbook #2** “Sing to God a song of joy”

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

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

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 (*page 665*)

Sermon *The power of a calling*

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

Offering (*prayer cards collected*)

Offertory and prayer

Congregational sharing & prayer

Blessing for 2020 Council and Committees

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

***Black songbook #10** “When you wonder, when you wander”

***Benediction**

**Stand if you are able*



BLESSED Bodies

January 26 – February 23

Blessed Bodies: a worship series celebrating our bodies as God's good creation. Honoring God's gifts of intimacy, sex & sexuality, and spiritual and physical longing.



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 – Pastor Deb

Pianist – Ruth Stoltzfus

Children's story – Lesley Deem

Scripture – Janet Guthrie

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Rebecca Bare & Marlin Sieber

Sound system – Emerson Nafziger

Visuals – Lynne Sancken (banner)

Stewards – Bruce Miller & Cynthia Nafziger

Worship nursery – Tom Sutter & Liesl Schrag

Refreshments – Sarah Little & Rosalee Otto

Worship leader – Janet Liechty

Music – Worship Band

Children's story – Allen Majors

Scripture – Oleta Miller

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Rebecca Bare & Marlin Sieber

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals – Lynne Sancken (banner)

Stewards – Bruce Miller & Tammie Bouseman

Worship nursery – Mary Hines & Courtney Malcolm

Refreshments – George Ordal & Karla Woodson

Join us 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 Class (Dec-Feb)

Sanctuary – Gender, Sexuality & Society

Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups (year-round)

Coffee & Conversation – Room 5 (downstairs)

Young Adults - 11-11:15 am in Room 13

(downstairs), then join quarterly adult class

Knit and Nurture – Nursery (downstairs)

Children & Youth Classes (downstairs)

2-4 yrs. – Room 6

Grade K-5 – Room 10/11

Grades 6-12 – Upstairs with adults today.

(Nursery care provided for children birth to age 2)

THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at www.fmc-cu.org.

SUN 19	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school
	12:00 PM	Baked potato bar fundraiser for One Winter Night
	1:00 PM	Annual Congregational meeting
	5:00 PM	35th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Service of Celebration at Foellinger Great Hall in Krannert (500 S Goodwin, U)
WED 22	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU 23	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study

UPCOMING

SUN 26	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school

Deadline for Feb/March Vine submissions: fmcvine@gmail.com

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

SAT 1	6:00 PM	Menno Night Dinner & Talent Show at Lodgic in Champaign (by reservation)
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SUN 2	9:15 AM	Worship, followed by fellowship & Sunday school
	12:15 PM	FMC Safe Church worship (All FMCers 13 years and older are encouraged to attend)



Our 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 (MCC) in various capacities to do this important work.