

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mary Hays (THU)

TODAY – We begin a five-week worship series this Sunday entitled *Body and Soul: Healthy Sexuality and the People of God*. This is a celebration of God's gifts of our bodies, as well as the gifts of intimacy, sexuality and of holy desire. Please join us; part of our celebration will involve various food offerings each week.

TODAY during Sunday school - The Gender & Sexuality Sunday School class will welcome guest presenter Reuben Sancken-Marx, who will share about the healthcare barriers and challenges experienced by LGBTQIA people. Reuben is a hospital chaplain in Indianapolis. He grew up at First Mennonite Church; his parents are Lynne and Greg Sancken.

Next Sunday, February 2 at 12:15 – 1 pm at FMC – Annual Safe Church workshop. All in the congregation are encouraged to attend; attendance is required for anyone working with children or youth at FMC. Come first to a discussion of FMC's welcoming practices at the Gender & Sexuality Sunday school class. Immediately following Sunday school, we will transition to the basement for a review of the Safe Church policy and practices.

Bob & Reba King have moved. Please note their new address in your paper copy of the directory.

The address is already updated in our Instant Church online directory.

Bob & Reba King
308 Capitol
Savoy, IL. 61874

Thursdays from 9 - 11 am - Thursday morning Bible study meets in the FMC library. We are studying the book of Acts the next few months. All are welcome to join us!

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.

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 pm at First Mennonite Church in Morton, IL - Annual Distress Supper and organizational meeting for the upcoming 62nd Annual Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale, which will be held March 20-21 in Bloomington, IL. Donations are welcome to help cover expenses in many areas of the sale. Checks may be sent to Treasurer Ben Roeschley, 1926 East Taylor St, Bloomington, IL 61701. Many volunteers are also needed.

Saturday, 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.

Thursday, February 20, 1-4 pm – Retiree Game Day at the home of Sue Biddle (1503 Broadmoor Dr, Unit A, Champaign). Bring games to play and snacks to share; drinks are provided. Please let Tammie Bouseman know if you plan to attend.

Saturday, February 22, 2020 - CDC West Regional Gathering at Madison Mennonite Church, Madison, Wisconsin, 10am - 3pm. Contact Pastor Michael if you are interested in attending.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Celebration *of* Worship

January 26, 2020

“Created for intimacy”



Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Green songbook #19 “I will call upon the Lord”

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship**

Leader: Come, worship the One who knitted us in our mothers' wombs –

People: Who created us for one another.

Leader: Who reached into our fleshy bodies, removed a rib covering our heart, and made it into a neighbor, a sibling, a life partner, a friend.

People: Who exposed our hearts to longing, to needing, to desiring re-union.

Leader: Come, worship the One who covenants to stay by our side, to go with us wherever we will go.

People: Who will not forsake us, who is closer than a lover.

Leader: Let us worship together as friends who need one another, as brothers and sisters of one family.

People: Let us share laughter and tears, hope and despair, joy and sorrow.

ALL: Let us give thanks for God's steadfast and abiding love.

***Song (blue insert)** “God speaks to us in bird and song”

***Song (blue insert)** “God made from one blood”

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

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

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18 (page 238)

Sermon

God's loving-kindness made real

Responding

Lament (*white insert*)

Tasting God's goodness

Green songbook #86

"Taste and see"

Offering (*prayer cards collected*)

Offertory and prayer

Congregational sharing & prayer

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

*Song (*white insert*)

"You're not alone"

*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
today**

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

Next Sunday, Feb 2 (communion)

"Our bodies, God's image"

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31;

Psalm 139:1, 13-17; John 1:14

Worship leader – Laura Brenneman-Fullwood

Song leader – Matt Yoder

Pianist – Pam Peña-Martin

Children's story – Janet Liechty

Scripture – Jan Sabey

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb

Greeters – Judy Nafziger & Greg Sancken

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals – Lynne Sancken (banner)

Stewards – Sheree Flannigan & Mary Krick

Worship nursery – Sheryl Dyck & Caden Green

Refreshments – Mary Krick & John Trimmer

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)



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.

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

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

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

THU	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
30	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:30 PM	FMC reserved for IL Energy Choices workshop; by Faith in Place

SAT	6:00 PM	Menno Night Dinner & Talent Show at Lodgic in Champaign (by reservation)
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UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship, followed by fellowship & Sunday school
2	12:15 PM	FMC Safe Church workshop (All FMCers 13 years and older are encouraged to attend)

THU	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
6	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study

SAT	9:00 AM	IL Mennonite Conference at Menno Haven (Tiskilwa, IL)
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SAT	10:00 AM	CDC West Regional meeting at Madiso Mennonite Church (Madison, WI)
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