

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Tom Sutter (MON), Clark Breeze (WED), David Schrag (THU), Baraka Kasali (FRI), Ezra Horst Lehman (SAT)

TODAY – We continue a worship series this Sunday entitled Blessed Bodies: 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. Part of our celebration involves various foods to taste each week.

This 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.

Next 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.

Next Sunday, February 16, 5:30 pm at Windsor Road Christian Church (2501 Windsor Rd, Champaign) - Our own Doug Malcolm will perform in the play, "Friends Indeed! The Improbable Friendship of Ben Franklin and George Whitefield". The play is about the friendship between Ben Franklin, a statesman and religious skeptic, and George Whitefield, who was the Billy Graham of his day. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner and the show. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm and the show begins at 6:30 pm. To reserve tickets, email: joe.thomas@lifetogetherhouse.com.

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.

Needed - A volunteer to create sign-ups occasionally when meals, rides, and other special needs are requested of FMC. If you feel comfortable helping create sign-ups on Lotsa Helping Hands or Signup Genius on an "as needed" basis contact Pastor Deb. The church has an account on Lotsa Helping Hands and Signup Genius that can be used.

Thanks to all who showed their support for our One Winter Night team, Rebecca and Rea, through gifts of money, visits (including a birthday wishes) and words of encouragement.

Mennonite Church USA signed a letter to Congress expressing grief at “the current rise in violence between the U.S. and Iran,” and urging Congress “to pass legislation that will bring us back to the negotiating table with Iran.” Read the letter online at: mennoniteusa.org/iranletter.

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Celebration of Worship



February 9, 2020

“Honoring the gift of sex”

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

*Hymn #471 “Eat this bread”

Welcome & prayer

*Call to worship

Leader: A married couple caressing one another, a father holding a newborn, two friends embracing one another, a teacher comforting a student, a nurse tending a wound.

People: God's passionate love flows through us.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the bonds of relationship, the beauty of caring for one another, the gift of our sexuality.

People: We gather to praise our Maker, Source of all being, whose love is made known to us in Jesus Christ, who offers us life abundant.

*Hymn #623 “When love is found”

*Green songbook #44 “The love of God”

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

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

Scripture: Selections from Song of Songs (translation by Robert Alter; adapted by Pastor Michael)

Sermon

Sex Talk

Responding

Lament and Hope

Taste God's goodness

Green songbook #86

“Taste and see”

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory & prayer

Congregational sharing & prayer

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

*Hymnal #12 "Come let us all unite to sing"

*Benediction (from Body & Soul)

Leader: Love is patient, love is kind.

People: Love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.

Leader: Love does not envy, does not boast, or seek its own way.

People: Many waters cannot quench love, floods cannot drown it.

Leader: Go with God's seal of love wrapped firmly around your heart.

People: We go in love, to serve, to offer ourselves to one another and to the world.

*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 – Pete Shungu
Song leader – Bev Birkey Potts
Pianist – Kathy Springer
Children's story – Courtney Malcolm
Scripture – Matt Klopstein
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Judy Nafziger & Greg Sancken
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Visuals – Lynne Sancken (banner)
Stewards – Sheree Flannigan & Bev Hertle
Worship nursery – Abby Crosby & Rebecca Bare
Refreshments – Glen & Kathy Martin

Next Sunday, Feb 16
"Holy desire"

Scripture: Psalm 42 & excerpts from
Song of Songs

Worship leader – Amanda Heinsman
Song leader – Pastor Deb
Pianist – Cheryl Koranda
Children's story – Peter Dyck
Scripture – Kathy Springer
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Judy Nafziger & Greg Sancken
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Visuals – Lynne Sancken (banner)
Stewards – Sheree Flannigan & Chuck Gibson
Worship nursery – Melissa Shungu & Janet Guthrie
Refreshments – Peter Dyck & Bev Hertle

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 & communion, followed by fellowship & Sunday school
THU	7:00 AM 9:30 AM	Early Bible study Thursday morning Bible study Pastor Peer (Normal, IL) all AM
SAT		IL Mennonite Conference in Tiskilwa, IL (9 am – 3:30 pm)

UPCOMING

SUN 16	9:15 AM	Worship, followed by fellowship & Sunday school
TUE 18	5:00 PM	Worship Committee
WED 19	3:15 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
THU 20	7:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM	Early Bible study Thursday morning Bible study Sister Church Committee Retiree Game Day at Sue Biddle's home (see announcement)
SAT 22	10:00 AM	CDC West Regional meeting at Madiso Mennonite Church (Madison, WI)
SUN 23	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:15 AM 12:15 PM	Worship; Annabeth Roeschley, guest preacher Fellowship & refreshments Sunday school for all ages Christian Ed Committee mtg at Einsteins (near church)