

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jack Paxton (MON), Cathy Murphy (FRI)

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.

TONIGHT, 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; the show begins at 6:30 pm. To reserve tickets, email: joe.thomas@lifetogetherhouse.com.

This 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.

This Saturday, February 22, 2020 - CDC West Regional Gathering at Madison Mennonite Church, Madison, Wisconsin, 10am - 3pm.

Next Sunday during worship - Annabeth Roeschley will be our guest preacher. Annabeth does theology focused on queering the relationships, beliefs, and ideologies that undergird systems of domination and oppression. Grounded in a decade of community justice and activist work, she situates queer anti-colonial liberation theologies at intersections of sexual violence, carceral capitalism, spatial justice, harm reduction, and politicized healing. Annabeth grew up in central IL and is a leader in Pink Menno's work of queer justice activism within MC USA. Annabeth is a Master of Divinity Candidate at Chicago Theological Seminary with a concentration in lgbtq religious studies.

Next Sunday, February 23, 6 pm at Deb Sutter's house (306 E Sherwin Circle, Urbana) - Young Adults are invited to gather for a meal, games and fellowship.

Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 pm at FMC – You are invited to an Ash Wednesday service of reflection and prayer.

Saturday, February 29, 6-8 pm, Latzer Hall at the University Y (1001 S Wright, Champaign) - The People's Supper. The Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County invites you to come for an evening of good food and table conversation designed to build more bridges across our wonderful faith communities. No registration required. The main dish and drinks will be provided. Participants are invited to bring a labeled vegetarian dish or dessert. Parking in the Y lot will be available. On-street overflow parking is free on Saturdays.

Headed to the Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale in Bloomington March 20-21? Ten Thousand Villages is looking for volunteers to help Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at their booth! No prior experience volunteering at the store is required and shifts will be 3 hours long. Please contact Emily King at champaign@tenthousandvillages.com to learn more or sign up!

Lucas Matthews continues to be at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Cards may be mailed to him at:

Lucas Matthews
Room 8423
c/o One Barnes-Jewish Hospital Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63110

There is also an online e-card option at: <https://www.barnesjewish.org/Patients-Visitors/Send-an-E-Greeting>

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Celebration of Worship

February 16, 2020

"Holy desire"



Centering chimes

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

Prelude

***Green songbook #12**

“O sing to the Lord (Cantai ao Senhor)”

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship**

Leader: As the deer longs for flowing streams.

People: So our souls thirst for the living God.

Leader: Our desires and longings well up within us

People: We pour out our souls to the One who knows us.

Leader: Deep calls to deep. We are calling, we are listening.

People: Let our worship, our work, our relationships, be holy expressions of your energy within us.

ALL: Thanks be to God, who fills us with life.

***Hymnal #368**

“O God of love, O power of peace”

***Hymnal #86**

“Now thank we all our God”

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

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

Scripture: Excerpts from Psalm 42 & from Song of Songs

Sermon

O, God

Responding

Confession and assurance

Purple songbook #49

“I will come to you in the silence”

Offering (*prayer cards collected*)

Offertory & prayer

Congregational sharing & prayer

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

*Green songbook #86

“Taste and see”

*Benediction

*Tasting God’s goodness

**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 – 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

Next Sunday, Feb 23

“Queer theology”

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 9:2-10

Worship leader – Pastor Michael
Song leader – Matt Yoder
Pianist – Pastor Deb
Children’s story – Mary Biddle
Scripture – Laura Brenneman-Fullwood
Sermon – Annabeth Roeschley
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Judy Nafziger & Greg Sancken
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Visuals – Lynne Sancken (banner)
Stewards – Sheree Flannigan & Bev Hertle
Worship nursery – Marcia Nelson & Paula Rivera
Refreshments – Keith & Kathy Springer

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, followed by fellowship & Sunday school
TUE	5:00 PM	Worship Committee
WED	3:15 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
THU	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	10:30 AM	Sister Church Committee
	1:00 PM	Retiree Game Day at Sue Biddle’s home (see announcement)
SAT		CDC West Regional mtg. in Madison, WI (10 am – 3 pm)

UPCOMING

SUN 23	9:15 AM	Worship, followed by fellowship & Sunday school
	12:15 PM	Christian Ed Committee meets at Einsteins (near church)
WED 26	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday service at FMC
	7:30 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU 27	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study

Pastor Deb out of office Feb 27 – March 5

SUN 1	9:15 AM	Worship & communion; Lent 1
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages