

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Rebecca Moyer & Bharat Patel (TUE)

TODAY – We conclude our worship series, “Blessed Bodies: Healthy Sexuality and the People of God.” Next week we begin a Lenten series on the last week of Jesus’ life.

Thanks to Annabeth Roeschley (she/they) for bringing us today’s message. 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, Annabeth 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.

TODAY from 11:15-1:30 – Youth activity: Lunch/Bowling at Old Orchard Lanes. We will leave during Sunday School and grab lunch at the bowling alley. We will be back at the church at 1:45 pm.

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

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

This 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. Shifts are 3 hours long. Contact Emily King at champaign@tenthousandvillages.com to learn more or sign up!

This Saturday, February 29 & Saturday, March 7 – Moving help needed. Dave and Neta Jackson, Mennonites from the Chicago area, are moving to 2318 Verona Court in Champaign to be closer to their daughter and her spouse. They are moving some of the heavier awkward items (e.g. grill, freezer, table saw) this coming Saturday around 3 pm and will move the main portion of their household the following Saturday, March 7 (also around 3 pm). They have some help already, but a few more helpers to assist with unloading and moving heavy items would be appreciated. Please contact the church office if you can help (367-5353 or office@fmc-cu.org).

Sheryl Dyck is our FMC Health Advocate. In this volunteer role, Sheryl is available, as she is able, to discuss or answer questions about health concerns and walk with people who have health issues or are seeking medical care.

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Celebration of Worship

February 23, 2020

“Queer theology”



Centering chimes

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

Prelude

*Hymnal #1 “What is this place”

Welcome & prayer

*Call to worship

Leader: Let us return to love.

In this act of gathering here,

People: Let us return to love.

Leader: In this season of longing and lengthening,

People: Let us return to love.

Leader: In our wondering and wandering,

People: Let us return to love.

Leader: In our surest moments of knowing the One who is Love,
and moments of knowing it least,

ALL: Let us return to love.

*Hymnal #232 “Christ upon the mountain peak”

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

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

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

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18 and Mark 9:2-10 (*Inclusive Bible translation*)

Sermon

Transformed by the Holy Other

Song (*insert*)

“Sing a new world into being”

Offering (*prayer cards collected*)

Offertory & prayer

Congregational sharing & prayer

Introduction of guests

Work of the church

*Black binder #26

“Could it be the God is singing”

*Benediction

*Stand if you are able

Note: Call to worship, by Annabeth Roeschley, is printed in *Along the Arc: Worship and Ritual for Welcoming Communities*:



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 – 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 – Rebecca Bare & Paula Rivera
Refreshments – Keith & Kathy Springer

Next Sunday, March 1
Lent 1 & communion
Scripture: Matthew 26:1-30

Worship leader – Sheryl Dyck
Song leader – Rafael Luquis
Pianist – Andrea Welty Peachey
Children's story – Lesley Deem
Scripture – Emerson Nafziger
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Kate Falk & Chuck Gibson
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Visuals – Lynne Sancken
Stewards – Karen McKenzie & Greg Sancken
Worship nursery – Amber Anderson & Rachel Horst-Lehman
Refreshments – Norma Nelson & George Ordal

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
	11:15 AM	Youth eat lunch & bowl at Old Orchard (back by 1:30 pm)
	12:15 PM	Christian Ed Committee meets at Einsteins (near church)
WED	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday service at FMC
	7:30 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
THU	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study

Pastor Deb out of office Feb 27 – March 5

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship & communion;
1		Lent 1 (Focus: Jesus' last week)
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages

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TUE	3:00 PM	FMC Works for Racial Justice
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WED	6:00 AM	Faith in Place Advocacy Day
4		(Springfield, IL; leave from FMC)
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
THU	7:00 AM	Early Bible study
5	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
SAT	12:00 PM	FMC Council retreat at Deb's house (until 3:30 pm)
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Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday March 8 at 2 am; set clocks
forward 1 hr Sat. evening.