

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Jan Sabey (TUE)

**TODAY – We begin a Lent series, *Stories from Holy Week*, that follows extended sections from Matthew 26-27, concluding with Matthew 28 on Easter.** We'll trace stories of Jesus and the disciples: their last meal together, the arrest, trial, execution and resurrection, observing how God empowers Jesus to remain steadfast before the powers of his day. Worship Committee suggests a Lenten discipline of reading and pondering the upcoming Scriptures each week in preparation for our worship together. Next week's passage is Matthew 26:31-56.

**TODAY – We begin a new children's offering (spring/summer) to benefit Randolph Street Community Garden, a project coordinated through Champaign Church of the Brethren, one of our Fifth Sunday partners.** The garden enables residents of the North End to grow their own organic produce, educates youth about the benefits of gardening, and responds to neighborhood food insecurity while serving as a community gathering space. **All are invited to give to the children's offering on any given Sunday.** If you want to contribute, simply give your donation to a child as he or she comes forward for the children's story and the child will place it in the donation basket.

**TODAY – The spring Sunday school quarter begins.** Detailed Sunday school classes for adults is listed on the insert.

**This 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 on Saturday (estimated time of arrival around 3 pm) and could use a few helpers to assist with unloading and moving heavy items. Please contact the church office if you can help (367-5353 or [office@fmc-cu.org](mailto:office@fmc-cu.org)).

**Correction for the printed FMC March calendar** (in your mailbox) – **The MCC IL Relief Sale is March 20-21, NOT 13-14.**

**For those who are new to FMC:** Announcements for church events and prayer requests are sent each week via our office Mail Chimp system. But there is also an electronic bulletin board group for our congregation to connect with each other throughout the week with requests or small non-church announcements. Some examples: band/community choir fundraiser information, upcoming performances in community/school theater productions, specific item needed to borrow, items for sale, childcare needed. The idea is to foster community; to assist people in connecting with and helping one another. It is not intended to be a forum for conversation threads or posting of articles, book suggestions, memes or funny videos. If you would like to be on the electronic bulletin board email group, please contact the group administrator, Melissa Shungu ([melissahinesshungu@gmail.com](mailto:melissahinesshungu@gmail.com)). Your name will be added within a few days; you should receive a welcome email once your name is added to the list. If you don't receive an email after a few days, check your spam folder. If it's not there, contact Melissa. All members of the group can post to the group by emailing [bulletinboard@fmc-cu.org](mailto:bulletinboard@fmc-cu.org). You can unsubscribe from the group at any time.

**April 17 – 19 at Camp Friedenswald (Cassopolis, MI) – “Climate and Community” retreat.** This NEW retreat is meant to provide inspiration and renewal for creation care and sustainability advocates of all ages. Church green teams, pastors, individuals, youth groups and families are all welcome! There will be childcare for children ages 0 – 12 years during the adult/teen-oriented sessions. Pastor Michael is speaking and leading a workshop at the retreat. For more information and to register, visit: [www.friedenswald.org](http://www.friedenswald.org).

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## Celebration of Worship



March 1, 2020

*Lent 1: Stories from Holy Week*

**Centering chimes**

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

**Prelude**

**\*Hymnal #20**

“Come and see”

**Welcome & prayer**

**\*Call to worship**

Leader: If you are delighted to be here,  
and if you are tired or troubled,  
you are welcome.

If your faith is strong,  
and if your faith is battered and frail,  
you are welcome.

If you are eager to praise God,  
and if you need to be quiet,  
you are welcome.

**ALL: God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here.**

**\*Hymnal #7**

“Here, O Lord, your servants gather”

**\*Purple songbook #76**

“Prepare a room for me”

**Drama**

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

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

**Scripture: Matthew 26:1-30** (*page 907*)

**Confession & assurance** (*insert*)

**Sermon**

*Eating with enemies*

**Communion** (bring forward offering & prayer cards)

**Purple songbook #77**

“Here is the bread”

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. The bread is gluten-free. The juice is grape juice (water is also available). Those not yet baptized are encouraged to participate by eating the bread but passing on the juice. Come and partake as the Spirit leads.*

**Congregational sharing & prayer** (sharing today will be from prayer cards)

**Introduction of guests**

**Work of the church**

**\*Hymnal #241**

“Tis midnight, and on Olive’s brow”

**\*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** – Keith Springer  
**Song leader** – Rafael Luquis  
**Pianist** – Andrea Welty Peachey  
**Children’s story** – Rhonda Gibson  
**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 & Bev Hertle

**Next Sunday, March 8  
Lent 2  
Scripture: Matthew 26:31-56**

**Worship leader** – Chuck Gibson  
**Song leader** – Matt Yoder  
**Pianist** – Pastor Deb  
**Children’s story** – Tammie Bouseman  
**Scripture** – Lesley Deem  
**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael  
**Greeters** – Kate Falk & Rhonda Gibson  
**Sound system** – Randy Nelson  
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**Stewards** – Karen McKenzie & Greg Sancken  
**Worship nursery** – Marcia Nelson & Caden Green  
**Refreshments** – Bruce Miller & Ruth Stoltzfus

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** (March - May)

Sanctuary – Justice & the Prophets Bible study  
Room #3 downstairs – A Hidden Wholeness by Parker Palmer (book study)



**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** – Room 7

*(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](http://www.fmc-cu.org).*

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

*Pastor Deb out of office Feb 27 – March 5*

**TUE** 3:00 PM FMC Works for Racial Justice

**WED** 6:00 AM Faith in Place Advocacy Day (Springfield, IL; leave from FMC)  
5:00 PM Property & Finance Committee

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

**SAT** 12:00 PM FMC Council retreat at Deb’s house (until 3:30 pm)



*Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 8 at 2 am; set clocks forward 1 hr Sat. evening.*

**UPCOMING**

**SUN 8** 9:15 AM Worship (Lent 2)  
10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments  
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages

**TUE 10** 6:00 PM FMC Council

**THU 12** 7:00 AM Early Bible study  
9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study

*Pastor Michael out of office March 12 - 20*



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