

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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TODAY

Worship 9:15a

MONDAY

Worship Cmte in FMC library 11a

WEDNESDAY

Property & Finance mtg (Zoom) 5:30p
Ten Thousand Villages Board mtg (Zoom) 6:30p

THURSDAY

Early Morning Bible Study 7a (Zoom)
Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30a (Zoom)

ALL WEEK

- Pastor Michael is out of the office through Friday.
- Antiracism Training Conversation Groups continue meeting throughout the week over the next 3 weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (more announcements in the email sent each Tuesday)

Saturday, April 2 from 6-9 PM at Holiday Inn, Savoy Room (101 Trade Center Dr., Champaign, IL) – 48th Menno Nite. Adults and high school youth are invited to attend for a time of good food, good fellowship, and entertainment. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, with entertainment to follow. Signup to attend online or use a paper form (in the foyer). Deadline is Sunday, March 27. Suggested donation of \$20/person; more if you can, less if you can't. We don't want cost to be a factor in your attendance, so please join us if you can. Contact Abby Crosby with questions about the meal. Emcee Matt Yoder needs more acts for the evening entertainment. No experience is required, and ideas for acts are available upon request! Contact him by March 19 or signup online (in Tuesday email announcements).

March 25, 6 pm at Yoder's Kitchen (Route 133 E.in Arthur, IL) - The annual Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Kickoff Banquet., featuring singer/guitarist John Schmid from Berlin, Ohio. Reservations are required by March 21. An offering will be taken to defray start-up expenses for the relief sale. You can also sponsor a table to help defray expenses for the banquet. To make reservations or sponsor a table, please contact Cliff Yoder (217.246.4890).

Mennonite World Conference Assembly Indonesia (July 5-10) will be held both in person and online. Sheryl Dyck is willing to organize FMCers who wish to gather together in-person (in CU) to participate in the online portions of the MWC Assembly. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact Sheryl. For more information and to register to participate online, visit :<https://mwc-cmm.org/assembly>.

The Sister Church Committee would like the congregation to know that we are an open membership committee and would be pleased to add new members. We have had a relationship with a Lutheran church in Bucaramanga, Colombia for more than 20 years. One joint project that we have is to feed school children of displaced people in three communities close to Bucaramanga.



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

March 13, 2022

Lent 2



Centering chimes

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

***Voices Together #63**

"Like a Rock"

*** Call to worship**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

People: As disappointment oppresses and violence threatens,

Leader: we come to ask: Whom shall we fear?

People: We come to be reminded of God's power and to be led more deeply into God's love.

Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ, as a mother hen,

ALL: and to learn the holy way of compassion.

***Voices Together #437**

"The Lord is My Light"

Children's story and offering for Feeding Our Kids

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

Scripture

Psalm 27; Luke 13:31-35

Prayer of Confession & Assurance+

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.
People: **We call upon you because you are near.**
Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.
People: **Forgive us when fear overtakes love in our relationships and in our decisions,**
Leader: between our neighborhoods and our countries,
People: **in our words and in our churches.**
Leader: Release us from the fear that segregates our lives and your body, from systems
that assign power and access according to race.
People: **Forgive us for living with fear. Help us live out compassion.**
Leader: You are the stronghold of our life; whom shall we fear! We seek a heart of curiosity
and an eye for beauty. Sheltered by your wings, reveal to us a world unfolding in
layers of love. Hold us gently in our fears. Make us strong to consent to your way of
compassion. Continue to gather and release, O God, as we peck out our path.
People: **Blessed are we whose transgressions are forgiven.**
Blessed are we who are redeemed and being made new.
Leader: We trust in God's unfailing love!
ALL: **Let us rejoice and be glad!**

Sermon

***Voices Together #501** "When Twilight Comes (Ngayong nagdadapit hapon)"

Offering prayer (*offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the ushers come by to collect offerings*)

Meditation music

Congregational sharing and prayer (use a mic or text email prayers to PastorDeb)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (*Please text or email announcements to Pastor Deb*)

***Voices Together #595** "When the Storms of Life Are Raging"

*Benediction

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 and physical or mental abilities.

We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is not currently being provided.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship is welcome; please remain masked.
Young children and their parents are welcome to
gather in the nursery and fellowship hall for Kids'
Corner. Coloring materials will be provided, but
parents will need to be present to supervise.



*+In connection with the current churchwide anti-racism conversations, this year's
Lenten confessions name aspects of racism and our desire to be healed from it.*

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY: NEXT SUNDAY (MARCH 20) AT FMC:

Visuals: Neta Jackson

Greeters: Mary Krick & Judy Nafziger

Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Thom Moore

Song Leader: Andrea Welty Peachey

Pianist: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Danielle Beard & Courtney Malcolm

Children's Nursery: Marcia E Nelson & Courtney Malcolm

Sermon: Pastor Deb

Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb

Sound System & Tech: Bharat Patel & Randy Nelson

Stewards: Bruce Miller & Randy Nelson

Theme: From From Earning to Receiving

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 13:6-9

Visuals: Neta Jackson

Greeters: Mary Krick & Greg Sancken

Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Chuck Gibson

Song Leader: Pastor Deb

Pianist: Bev Birkey Potts

Children's Story: Danielle Beard & Tammie Bouseman

Children's Nursery: Rebecca Bare & TBD

Sermon: Pastor Michael

Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastors Deb & Michael

Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Emerson Nafziger

Stewards: Bruce Miller & Randy Nelson

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