

# FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

## TODAY

Worship 9:15a

## THURSDAY

Early Morning Bible Study 7a (Zoom)  
Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30a (Zoom)  
Service & Outreach Committee 4p (Zoom)

## NEXT SUNDAY

Worship 9:15a  
Deadline for Vine submissions (email [cindischieber@me.com](mailto:cindischieber@me.com)).

## ALL WEEK

▪ Antiracism Training Conversation Groups continue meeting throughout the week over the next two 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) – 48<sup>th</sup> 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.

**This Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30pm, Grace Church (1325 E Jefferson St, Morton, IL) - Everence® will host a free estate and charitable planning workshop.** Information will be presented by consultants from Everence Financial and registration isn't required.

**March 25, 6 pm at Yoder's Kitchen (Route 133 E.in Arthur, IL) - The Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Kickoff Banquet, featuring singer/guitarist John Schmid.** Reservations are required by March 21; call Cliff Yoder (217.246.4890). An offering will be taken to defray start-up expenses for the relief sale.

**Added to online directory (please add to your paper directory if you use one):**

**Jeremiah and Stephanie Thurston**

**David and Alyscia Needham (children: Hannah and Daniel)**

**Claire Miller**

Scan or visit [www.fmc-cu.org/events](http://www.fmc-cu.org/events) for event details.



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of Champaign-Urbana

*Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.*

## Celebration of Worship

March 20, 2022

Lent 3



### Centering chimes

#### Prelude

#### Welcome & prayer

**\*Voices Together #49** "All Who Are Thirsty"

#### \* Call to worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: whose ways are not our ways, whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

Leader: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,

**People: where there is water in the desert and delightful food to share.**

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God

**People: without money and without price.**

**ALL: So, let us praise God and sing for joy.**

**\*Voices Together #161** "I Sought the Lord"

#### Children's story and offering for Feeding Our Kids

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

#### Scripture

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

## Prayer of Confession & Assurance<sup>†</sup>

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 for acting as if we must earn your love.**  
**Open us to receiving your love as a gift.**

Leader: Release us from the principality and power of white privilege, which contradicts your grace by granting unearned benefits on the basis of skin color and perceived European ancestry.

**People:** **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Leader: Gracious God, may our hope grow as a gift, simple nutrients slowly nourishing the soil, patient as a tree. May we trust that the fruit will come. May we trust your provision—the earth, the water, the air, the ear, the heart, the lips, the hands, the tools for the work. Welcome us at the feast of all creation.

**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 #309** "Fill Us with Your Feast"

**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 Pastor Michael*)

## Introduction of visitors

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

**\*Voices Together #610** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

## \*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.



<sup>†</sup>*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 27) AT FMC:

Visuals: Neta Jackson

Greeters: Mary Krick & Greg Sancken

Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Matt Yoder

Song Leader: Pastor Deb

Pianist: Bev Birkey Potts

Children's Story: Danielle Beard & Tammie Bouseman

Children's Nursery: Rebecca Bare & Chuck Gibson

Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael

Work of the Church: Pastor Deb

Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Emerson Nafziger

Stewards: Bruce Miller & Randy Nelson

Theme: From Exceptionalism to Inclusion

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

Visuals: Neta Jackson

Greeters: Mary Krick & Greg Sancken

Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Sam Cox

Song Leader: Danielle Beard

Pianist: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Danielle Beard & Lesley Deem

Children's Nursery: Megan Cox & Judy Nafziger

Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael

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