

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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TODAY

Worship 9:15a

MONDAY

New HVAC system installed in library; work may last several days.

TUESDAY

Sanctuary reserved 9a-Noon
HVAC system work continues at Noon, may continue into Wednesday.

THURSDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship 9:15a
Safe Church training immediately after worship, followed by Sunday school for all ages from 11-11:45am.

ALL WEEK

Antiracism Training Conversation Groups continue meeting throughout the week.

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

TODAY – Registration deadline for our 48th MennonNite, to be held on Saturday, April 2 from 6-9 PM at Holiday Inn, Savoy Room (101 Trade Center Dr., Champaign, IL). 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 online or use a paper form (in the foyer). 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. Contact Abby Crosby with any questions.

TODAY - Deadline for Vine submissions (email Cindi Schieber).

Tomorrow, Monday, March 28 - Work begins on the new HVAC system approved by the congregation in 2021. In this first phase, a system will be installed in the library. Work may last through Wednesday; the library is unavailable for use Monday - Wednesday. Installation in the offices and bathroom will be done at a later time once the installers receive all necessary supplies.

Next Sunday, April 3 - Immediately after worship we will have a short Safe Church Training, followed by in-person Sunday school classes for all ages from 11-11:45 am. The classes will run April - July. We continue to wear masks for now.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES IN APRIL:

- **Sunday, April 10 during worship: Service of Palms and Passion**
- **Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm: Passion Week Service**
This service takes the place of Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services and no meal will be served.
- **Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday**
 - Finger food potluck brunch on lawn near FMC 9:30am
 - Communion on the lawn 10:30am
 - Worship in the sanctuary 10:30am; No Sunday school



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

March 27, 2022

Lent 4



Centering chimes

Prelude

God, Whose Purpose - VT 152/Jesus Is My Lord - arr. Carol Tornquist

Welcome & prayer

*Voices Together #42

"Could It Be That God Is Singing"

*Call to worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: rejoicing that we are new creations in Christ.

Leader: From a human point of view, we demand what is ours,

People: but through Jesus we learn that all share in God's inheritance.

Leader: Let us join God's feast,

People: where all celebrate together.

All: Let us live out God's way of inclusion.

*Voices Together #300

"Far, Far Away/I Will Arise"

Children's story and offering for Feeding Our Kids

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

Scripture

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

Prayer of Confession & Assurance[†]

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while 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 exalting our own importance above others. Lead us to radical inclusion.

Leader: We confess to you that racial hierarchies, founded on the false supremacy of whiteness, poison the roots of our communities, organizations, and institutions, teaching that some are more worthy than others. Forgive us for knowingly and unknowingly preserving this racist lie.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: To the God who gathers us, we pray our lives will continue to grow into places of gathering, welcoming, and embracing. Deliver us from our wandering and alienation into loving arms. Heal us from pride and self-righteousness. Weave us together with one another and with your Spirit. Amen.

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 #377** "New Earth, Heavens New"

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

Meditation music *Unless a Grain of Wheat - VT 302*

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 #389** "Together"

*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 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 (APRIL 3) AT FMC:

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

Work of the Church: Pastor Deb

Sound System & Tech: Phil Martens & Laurence Koehn

Stewards: Bruce Miller & Randy Nelson

Theme: From Scarcity to Abundance

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8

Visuals: Neta Jackson

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Thom Moore

Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Martha Moore

Song Leader: Matt Yoder

Pianist: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Danielle Beard & Lynne Sancken

Children's Nursery: Marcia Nelson & Tom Sutter

Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael

Work of the Church: Pastor Deb

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