

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jan Kellogg (FRI)

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TODAY - Anyone interested in singing in the Easter Choir should plan to stay after church for rehearsal. Bring a lunch and we will start promptly at 12:30. Additional rehearsals: after church on March 13 and 20, and Saturday morning March 26 at 9 am.

Tomorrow, March 7 – Deadline for submitting a 100-word story about restoration or transformation in your own life to share with your FMC friends. Please email stories to the church office (office@fmc-cu.org) and include your name. Stories will be shared next Sunday, March 13.

Friday, March 17 & Saturday, March 18 – Illinois MCC Relief Sale in Bloomington, IL. A detailed flyer is in your mailbox.

Friday & Saturday, April 8 & 9 at First Mennonite Church of Morton - 2016 Illinois Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly.

May 25 – 29 in Arizona: MCC Borderlands Learning Tour to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Tour includes crossing the border into Mexico. For more information, a tentative schedule, and registration, visit mcc.org/borderlands-tour.

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite: Lent 5

Worship leader – Phil Martens

Song leader – Rudy Litwiller

Piano – Ruth Stoltzfus

Children's story – Janet Liechty

Scripture – *Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14*

Scripture readers – Jeri Lake & Mary Hays

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Janet

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals & bulletin art – Jeri Lake & Donna Nelson Evans

Greeters – Clark Breeze, Tina Huang, Karla Woodson

Worship nursery – Berit Rasmussen & Tammie Bouseman

Refreshments – Steve Rayburn & Sarah Lake-Rayburn

Stewards – Chuck Gibson & George Ordal

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Ministers: Every member of the congregation



Celebration of Worship

March 6, 2016

Lent 4

GATHERING

Prelude

Lighting of solidarity lamp - *The lamp symbolizes our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor.*

***Call to worship** (*based on Psalm 32*)

Leader: Many are the torments of the wicked,

ALL: but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

ALL: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

***Green songbook #54**

“Longing for light”

Welcome & prayer

Confessing and reconciling (*unison*)

While we keep silent, our bodies waste away through our groaning all day long. Day and night your hand is heavy upon us and our strength dries up as in the heat of summer. Then, when we acknowledge our sin to you, and do not hide our iniquity, you forgive the guilt of our sin. Therefore, we offer our prayer and worship to you.

Pause for silent confession.

In times of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach us. God is a hiding place for us - preserving us from trouble and surrounding us with glad cries of deliverance. Amen. (*based on Psalm 32*)

***Passing the peace**

PROCLAIMING

*Hymnal #398 "I love to tell the story"
*Hymnal #139 "Far, far away from my loving father"
Scripture reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (page 1055)
Children's story and offering (please pass the welcome pads)
Scripture reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (page 954)
Sermon *Reject rejection*

RESPONDING

Purple songbook #121 "Nothing is lost on the breath of God" (vss. 1-2)
Bring your offering, prayer cards, and repentance slips forward
Purple songbook #121 "Nothing is lost on the breath of God" (vs. 3)
Sharing and prayers of the people (congregational response: Lord, hear our prayer)

SENDING

Mission moment: Sola Gratia Farm
Introductions and work of the church (please come to the front if you have an announcement)
*Purple songbook #124 "My soul cries out"
*Benediction

**Stand if you are able*

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Tammie Bouseman
Music – Worship Band
Children's story – Andrea Welty Peachey
Scripture readers – Tom Anderson & Rex Martens
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Moment for Mission (Sola Gratia Farm) – Traci Barkley
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Visuals & bulletin art – Jeri Lake & Donna Nelson Evans

Greeters – Tina Huang, Karla Woodson, & TBD
Worship nursery – Mary Biddle & Tom Sutter
Refreshments – Randy Nelson & Peter Dyck
Stewards – Chuck Gibson & George Ordal

Welcome, Guests

It is a joy to welcome you into our midst! We pray that God meets you as we worship together this morning and that our church family helps you feel at home. Join us down-stairs for refreshments after the service so that we can get to know you better.

Hearing assisted devices are available from the greeters. T-coil enabled and standard over-ear devices are available.

Childcare for children birth through preschool is available downstairs during worship and the education hour.

Our new children's offering will help MCC provide aid to Syrians and Iraqis in response to the humanitarian crisis in these conflict-torn countries.

Join us after the service for...

FELLOWSHIP HOUR – 10:45

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 Classes (March-May)

Making a Scene in Corinth (a simulation) – sanctuary
Beyond Tolerance: Interfaith Hospitality, Dialogue, and Affection – library

Ongoing Adult Discussion Groups (year-round)

Coffee and Conversation – Room 5 (downstairs)
Knit and Nurture – Nursery (downstairs)
Young Adults – Room 13 (downstairs)

Children & Youth Classes (downstairs)

Pre-K (ages 2-6 yrs) – Room 6 **Junior High** – Room 3
Grade K-5 – Room 10/11 **High School** – Room 7

(Nursery care is available for children birth through preschool)

THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at www.fmc-cu.org

SUN Vine articles due to Amber Anderson
9:15 AM Worship
10:45 AM Fellowship Time
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:00 PM Hospitality & Fellowship Committee
12:30 PM Easter choir rehearsal
2:30 PM JYF bowling @ Old Orchard
4:00 PM Racial Taboo Circle (session 6)
4:00 PM MYF @ Cox home

MON Pastors Deb & Janet at AMBS through Tuesday

TUE 6:30 PM Lenten Taizé service

WED 6:00 PM FMC Council

THU 6:45 AM Men's Bible study
9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study
Pastor peer meeting in Normal, IL (morning)
Pastor Deb away through Sunday

SAT Daylight savings time begins @ 2 AM
(set clocks forward 1 hour before bed)

UPCOMING

SUN 9:15 AM Worship
13 10:45 AM Fellowship Time
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages

THU 6:45 AM Men's Bible study
17 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study
6:00 PM Christian Education Committee
7:00 PM Ten Thousand Villages Board

FRI/SAT

18/19 IL MCC Relief Sale in Bloomington, IL
(Friday evening – Saturday afternoon)