

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Karla Woodson (TODAY), Lee Petrie Springer (TUE), Jeri Lake & Martha Moore (WED), Anna Lubinski (THU), Pastor Michael (FRI)

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**TODAY during fellowship hour – A meeting to plan for the peace garden will take place in the FMC library.** The focus of the peace garden is changing from food production to a perennial butterfly/pollinator-attracting garden. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

**TODAY - Anyone interested in singing in the Easter Choir should plan to stay after church for rehearsal at 12:30.** Additional rehearsals: 12:30 pm on March 20 and Saturday, March 26 at 9 am.

**As part of our formal evaluation of Pastor Michael and our congregational life, we invite you to take an online survey.** We will send an email with the link today. Given the relative ease of compiling data from electronic surveys, we prefer that you complete the survey electronically, if possible. If you have difficulty with the online survey, please get a paper copy from Sheree Flannigan or the FMC office. Return paper surveys to the collection box in the FMC office. **Surveys are due no later than Wednesday, March 23.** We look forward to receiving your feedback and appreciate your participation.

**This Friday, March 17 & Saturday, March 18 – Illinois MCC Relief Sale in Bloomington, IL.**

**Next Sunday, March 20 during worship – We will invite contributions for our FMC Adoption Fund.** Over the years, this fund has assisted some of our families with the cost of adoption. Because opportunities can arise quickly, we strive to keep a balance of \$2,000 on hand. The fund is currently depleted. Please consider this special opportunity in the context of your overall giving to the church.

**SAVE THE DATE! All-church retreat at Camp Menno Haven, October 7-9, 2016.**

## Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite: Palm Sunday

**Worship leader** – Bob King

**Song leader** – Matt Yoder

**Piano** – Liz Mallott

**Children's story** – Rebecca Moyer

**Scripture** – *Psalm 31:9-16; Luke 19:28-40*

**Scripture readers** – Dannie Otto & Barb Shenk

**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Debra

**Sound system** – Laurence Koehn

**Visuals & bulletin art** – Jeri Lake & Donna Nelson Evans

**Greeters** – Clark Breeze, Tina Huang, Karla Woodson

**Worship nursery** – Marcia Nelson & Jill Schreiber

**Refreshments** – Kate Falk & Jan Sabey

**Stewards** – Tom Anderson & George Ordal

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## Celebration of Worship

March 13, 2016

Lent 5

### GATHERING

#### Prelude

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

**\*Call to worship** (*based on Isaiah 43*)

Leader: The Lord is doing a new thing:

**ALL: The Lord makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert!**

Leader: The Lord forms us as a people

**ALL: and we declare God's praise!**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us!

**ALL: and we rejoice!**

**\*Hymnal #8** "Brethren, we have met to worship"

#### Welcome & prayer

**Confessing and reconciling** (*from Sing the Story #162*)

Leader: God of all who thirst,  
our hearts are parched from wandering in deserts,  
far from your life-giving springs.  
Call us to your well.

**ALL: Fill our cups with your grace.  
Let your love overflow in our hearts,  
and make us fully alive. Amen.**

*Pause for silent confession.*

**ALL: The Lord continues to do great things for us, and we shall rejoice.**

**\*Passing the peace**

## PROCLAIMING

\*Hymnal #398

\*Green songbook #106

Scripture reading

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

Scripture reading

Sermon

"I love to tell the story"

"Just a closer walk with thee"

Psalm 126 *(page 561)*

Philippians 3:4b-14 *(page 1072)*

Take stock

## RESPONDING

\*Green songbook #98

100 word stories

Green songbook #98

Offering *(prayer cards collected)*

Offertory

Sharing and prayers of the people *(congregational response: Lord, hear our prayer)*

"All will be well" (verses 1-4)

"All will be well" (verses 5-6)

## SENDING

Introductions and work of the church *(please come to the front if you have an announcement)*

\*Hymnal #303

\*Benediction

"Come, gracious Spirit"

*\*Stand if you are able*

Thanks *to* our worship *and* welcome teams...

Worship leader – Phil Martens

Song leader – Rudy Litwiller

Piano – Ruth Stoltzfus

Children's story – Janet Liechty

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 – Tammie Bouseman & Berit Rasmussen

Refreshments – Steve Rayburn & Sarah Lake-Rayburn

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

**SUN** 9:15 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Fellowship Time  
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages  
12:30 PM Easter choir rehearsal

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

**FRI** 6:00 PM Young adult potluck & games @  
home of Pastor Debra  
IL MCC Relief Sale in Bloomington, IL  
*(Friday evening – Saturday afternoon)*

## UPCOMING

**SUN** 9:15 AM Worship (Palm Sunday)  
**20** 10:45 AM Fellowship Time  
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages  
12:30 PM Easter choir rehearsal  
4:00 PM MYF (place TBD)

**THU** 6:45 AM Men's Bible study  
**24** 6:15 PM Maundy Thursday meal & service

**FRI** 12:15 PM Good Friday service  
**25**

**SAT** 9:00 AM Easter choir rehearsal  
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**SUN** 9:00 AM Easter brunch  
**27** 10:00 AM Hallelujah Chorus rehearsal (pick-up)  
10:15 AM Easter worship & communion  
(No Sunday school)