

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Dutch Potts & Anja Schrag (MON), Jasmine Schreiber & John Walkington (SAT)

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This Thursday, March 31, 7 pm – Peace garden meeting in the FMC library.

Next Sunday, April 3 at 12:15 pm – FMC 101. Are you new to First Mennonite? Join our pastors for lunch (room 13 downstairs) to learn helpful information about the church and ways to connect to FMC. RSVP to Pastor Janet by Thursday.

Mark your calendars for 2 – 5 pm on April 9 or 16! Celebrate spring with Pastor Janet and her husband, Mark, in their "new" (1923) Urbana home (206 W. Michigan Ave). They are hosting two open houses in April and hope as many FMCers as possible are able to attend one of the open houses.

Mark your calendars for April 16 and 23 – FMC Workdays, 8 am - Noon. In addition to our usual spring clean-up, we will be doing necessary painting around the church. Please join us on one or both of these Saturdays.

Pictures needed - Do you have pictures of Janet during her ministry at FMC these past eight years? If so, please email them to the church office (office@fmc-cu.org) or bring them into the office for Rhonda to scan. We will use the pictures for a memory book and for the retirement celebration.

Saturday, April 16 at 6 pm, Round Barn Banquet Center – 9th Annual Fundraising Banquet to benefit the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center. Tickets: \$65 and are available at ECIRMAC (302 S. Birch, U). RSVP by April 7. With no state budget, ECIRMAC is operating without approximately \$40,000 in state funding (over 20% of its annual budget). ECIRMAC needs the generosity of individual supporters more than ever.

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite: Song & scripture service

Worship leader – Pastor Janet

Song leader – Andrea Welty Peachey

Piano – Pastor Debra & Cheryl Koranda

Children's story – Rebecca Bare

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Janet

Scripture readers – Martha Moore, George Ordal, Kathy Springer

Sound system – Phil Martens

Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman

Greeters – Tom Anderson, Liz Mallott, Randy Nelson

Worship nursery – Tina Huang & Gina Reynolds

Refreshments – Barb & Dannie Otto

Stewards – Peter Dyck & Rebecca Moyer

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Ministers: Every member of the congregation



Celebration of Worship

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

GATHERING

Leader: Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prelude

“Jesu, joy of man’s desiring”

by Bach

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

***Hymnal #275**

“Lift your glad voices”

***Call to worship (insert)**

***Hymnal #273**

“Low in the grave he lay”

***Purple songbook #93**

“Alleluia! Give the glory” (*refrain only*)

Bring flowers forward to decorate the cross.

Welcome & prayer

Confession of faith: #181 (*purple songbook*)

PROCLAIMING

Old Testament reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 (*page 682*)

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

Epistle reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (*page 1050*)

***Purple songbook #92**

“Sing with all the saints in glory”

Gospel reading

Luke 24:1-12 (*page 966*)

***Purple songbook #87**

“Alleluia!”

Sermon

Practice resurrection

RESPONDING

***Purple songbook #89**

“Christ is alive”

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

“The Tomb is Empty”

by David Haas

The Lord’s Supper

All are welcome at the Lord’s table. The bread is gluten-free and water is available for those with grape juice allergies. Those not yet baptized are encouraged to participate by eating the bread and passing the juice. Come and partake as the Spirit leads.

***Passing the peace**

***Hymnal #614**

“In the bulb there is a flower”

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

SENDING

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

***Benediction**

“Hallelujah Chorus”

**Stand if you are able*



Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Pastor Michael

Song leader – Cindy Breeze

Piano – Andrea Welty Peachey

Children’s story – Pastor Debra

Scripture readers – Abby Crosby, Chuck Gibson, Beth Rempe

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Janet

Offertory – Easter ensemble, directed by Andrea Welty Peachey

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals & bulletin art – Jeri Lake & Donna Nelson Evans

Greeters – Clark Breeze, Tina Huang, Karla Woodson

Worship nursery – Rebecca Moyer & Megan Cox

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	9:00 AM Easter brunch 10:00 AM Pick-up Hallelujah Chorus rehearsal 10:15 AM Easter worship & communion (no Sunday school)
MON	12:00 PM Young adult lunch @ Beckman
WED	6:00 PM Spiritual Leadership Team
THU	6:45 AM Men’s Bible study 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study 5:30 PM Pastoral Support Committee (room 5) 7:00 PM Peace garden meeting (FMC library)

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM Worship
3	10:45 AM Fellowship Hour 11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages 12:15 PM FMC 101 (room 13 downstairs) 4:00 PM MYF @ Crosby home JYF activity (time TBD) <i>VINE articles due to Amber Anderson</i>
TUE	5:30 PM Worship Committee
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THU	6:45 AM Men’s Bible study
7	9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study 5:45 PM Property & Finance Committee 6:00 PM Service & Outreach Committee
FRI	<i>Pastor Debra is away through Saturday</i>
8	<i>Pastor Michael is at the Illinois Mennonite Conference Annual meeting through Saturday</i>
SAT	2 – 5 PM Open house at Pastor Janet’s home
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