

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Amanda Heinsman (TODAY), Myson Williams (FRI)

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TODAY - The congregational meeting about the sanctuary update, scheduled for today is postponed. Stay tuned for a new date.

TODAY at 1:15 PM, Blair Park in Urbana – Practice session for the FMC softball team. All interested men and women are invited to play.

Saturday 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 dates.

This Saturday, April 16 – Pastor Janet and her husband, Mark, are hosting an open house in their “new” (1923) home (206 W. Michigan Ave., Urbana).

Tuesday, April 19 at 7 pm, Room K1 in University YMCA (1001 S. Wright, C.) – Body, Mind & Soul: Spirituality in the Aftermath of Sexual Assault.

Saturday, April 23, 2 pm at Crystal Lake Park – C/U Earth Care Expo. Hands-on displays and activities for all ages. Guided nature hikes through Busey Woods begin at 1 pm.

Sunday, May 1, Noon – High school youth (MYF) will provide a lunch to raise funds for their summer service trip to work with SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People) in rural Kentucky.

THANK YOU for the generous Palm Sunday contributions to our adoption fund. \$780 has been raised toward our goal of \$2,000. If you wish to contribute to the fund, please specify “adoption fund” in the memo line of your check.

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite

Worship leader – Sheree Flannigan

Song leader – Rafael Luquis

Piano – Pam Peña Martin

Children’s story – Cindy Breeze

Scripture reader – Jan Sabey

Sermon – Brian Sauder

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Janet

Sound system – Phil Martens

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Greeters – Rhonda Gibson, Liz Mallott, Randy Nelson

Worship nursery – Rebecca Bare & Abby Crosby

Refreshments – Grace Sancken & Matt Yoder

Stewards – Peter Dyck & Rebecca Moyer

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Celebration *of* Worship

April 10, 2016

Action and Contemplation

GATHERING

Prelude

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

*Call to worship

Leader: Only when we admit we are lost

People: can we be led.

Leader: Only when we acknowledge our weakness

People: can we be given strength.

Leader: Only when we are empty

People: can we be filled.

ALL: We are lost. We are weak. We are empty.

Leader: Come Lord Jesus.

*Purple songbook #91

“Star of the morning”

Welcome & prayer

*Passing the peace

PROCLAIMING

*Hymnal #567

“How firm a foundation”

*Song

“Blessed are the humble souls”

(words:below, tune: #92 green songbook)

Verse 1

Blest are the humble souls that see
their emptiness and poverty;
treasures of grace to them are giv'n,
and crowns of joy laid up in heaven.

Verse 2

Blest are the ones with broken heart,
who mourn their loss with inward smart;
the peace of Christ divinely flows,
a healing balm for all their woes.

Note: words adapted from a text by Isaac Watts

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

Scripture readings:

Matthew 5:3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Luke 6:20-21; 43-49 (page 941)

Sermon

Emptiness

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Green songbook #94**

"Blest are they"

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

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)

***Purple songbook #89**

"Christ is alive"

***Benediction**

**Stand if you are able*



Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Sam Cox

Song leader – Matt Yoder

Piano – Kathy Springer

Children's story – Tammie Bouseman

Scripture reader – Donna Nelson Evans

Sermon, Sharing & prayer – Pastor Janet

Sound system – Phil Martens

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Greeters – Tom Anderson, Liz Mallott, Randy Nelson

Worship nursery – Rhonda Gibson & Janet Liechty

Refreshments – Greg & Lynne Sancken

Stewards – Peter Dyck & Rebecca Moyer

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 9:15 AM Worship
10:45 AM Fellowship Hour
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
1:15 PM FMC softball practice at Blair Park
Pastor Janet on retreat (Sun PM-Wed)

TUE 6:30 PM Taizé service: prayers for peace

WED 6:00 PM FMC Council

THU 6:45 AM Men's Bible study
9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study
Pastor Peer meeting during morning, Normal IL

FRI *Pastor Debra is away Friday - Monday*

SAT 8 AM FMC Work Day #1 (until Noon)
2 – 5 PM Open house at Pastor Janet's home

UPCOMING

SUN 9:15 AM Worship
17 10:45 AM Fellowship Hour
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
3:00 PM Sacred Harp

THU 6:45 AM Men's Bible study
21 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study
1:00 PM Library Committee (afternoon)
6:00 PM Christian Education Committee
7:00 PM Then Thousand Villages Board

SAT 8:00 AM FMC Workday #2 (until Noon)
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