

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ryan Anderson, Rosalee Otto, Paul Sieber, David Wright (WED), Pastor Janet (THU)

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This Wednesday, April 20 at 5:30 pm, FMC fellowship hall – Reception for Ousmane Sawadogo, the new Imam at the Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center. Welcome the new Imam and his family and greet other leaders from CIMIC. Light refreshments will be served.

This Saturday April 23 – FMC Workday, 8 am - Noon. In addition to our usual spring clean-up, we will be doing necessary painting around the church. Please join us.

This 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.

Thursday, May 5, 7 PM at FMC – The Phoenix: Hope is Rising. View this award-winning documentary on CU at Home and homelessness in our community. Popcorn will be served. Admission is free and open to the public (donations are accepted). There will be a Q & A afterward.

Saturday, May 7, 9-11am at FMC, "Positive Parenting" Workshop facilitated by licensed counselor and professional mediator Jim Linder. Registration is open to all parents and grandparents, \$15/person, deadline May 1. Contact Pastor Michael to register. Childcare provided.

The Fall/Winter children's offering for the Developmental Services Center totaled \$589.89. Thanks for helping DSC provide services and support to people with disabilities.

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite

Worship leader – Wilmer Otto
Song leaders – Pastor Debra & Grace Sancken
Piano – Andrea Welty Peachey
Children's story – Tina Huang
Scripture reader – Bob Hudson
Sermon, Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Sound system – Phil Martens
Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Greeters – Tom Anderson, Liz Mallott, Randy Nelson
Worship nursery – Bob King & Barb Shenk
Refreshments – Ken & Sheryl Nisly-Nagele
Stewards – Peter Dyck & Rebecca Moyer

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Celebration *of* Worship

April 17, 2016
Action and Contemplation

GATHERING

Prelude

"Take my hand, precious Lord"

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

***Call to worship** (by Geoff Lawson, *United Society for the Proclamation of the Gospel*)

Leader: O Lord our God,
whose righteousness is like the strong mountains
and whose justice is as the great deep:

People: Let us know your presence now.

Leader: O Lord our God,
whose power girds the mountains,
whose hands cradle the hills and yet whose mercy is boundless:

People: Let us know your presence now.

Leader: O Lord our God,
whose glory is greater than our understanding
and whose love cannot be measured:

People: Let us know your presence now.

***Hymnal #18** "Before Jehovah's awful throne"

Welcome & prayer

***Passing the peace**

PROCLAIMING

***Purple songbook #1** "Praise the One who breaks the darkness"

***Hymnal #327** "Great is thy faithfulness"

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

Scripture readings:

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the soil.

Psalm 37

Sermon

Inheriting soil

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymnal #534**

“Prince of peace, control my will”
(first part of vs. 1 followed by the rest of vs. 2 & vs. 3)

Offering *(prayer cards collected)*

Offertory

Nadie me dijo by Lilly Goodman

Sung response

“Lord of all good” (green songbook #60)

Earth Day litany (refrain: “We join with the earth and with each other”)

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 – 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, Claire Morgan,
Randy Nelson
Worship nursery – Rebecca Bare & Abby Crosby
Refreshments – Grace Sancken & Matt Yoder
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 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
Pastor Debra away through tomorrow (Mon)

WED 5:30 PM Reception for new CIMIC Imam,
Ousmane Sawadogo (at FMC)

THU 6:45 AM Men’s Bible study
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 AM FMC Work Day (until Noon)

UPCOMING

SUN 9:15 AM Worship
24 10:45 AM Fellowship Hour
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:00 PM Hospitality & Fellowship Committee
2:00 PM FMC reserved for an event (until 9 PM)

MON 12:00 PM Young adult lunch@Beckman *(bring/buy)*
25 *Pastors Janet and Debra at AMBS through Tues.*

WED 6:00 PM Spiritual Leadership Team
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THU 6:45 AM Men’s Bible study
28 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study

FRI *Pastor Debra is away April 29 - May 4*
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