

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Natalie & Nathaniel Bidner (TODAY), Ellen Walkington (WED), Henry Lee Thomas (THU)

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TODAY at Noon – High school youth (MYF) will provide lunch to raise funds for their summer service trip to work with SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People) in rural Kentucky. Donations will be taken at the meal.

This 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.

This Friday, May 6, 6:30 PM, St. Peter's United Church of Christ (905 Russel St, C) – Church Women United May Friendship Day. Theme: Finding Grace at the Table. More information on the bulletin board.

Next 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 -TODAY. Contact Pastor Michael to register. Childcare provided.

Next Sunday, May 8 – A special offering will be taken to benefit the FMC adoption fund.

The Junior High and High School youth will pack relief and hygiene kits in mid-May. Individuals, small groups, and families are welcome to provide the *complete contents* of one or more kits or monetary donations to purchase items for the kits. Lists of relief and hygiene kit supplies are on the donation table. Place donated kit supplies in the bins in the foyer by May 15.

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite

Worship leader – Cindy Breeze

Music – Worship Band

Children's story – Randy Nelson

Scripture reader – David Horst Lehman

Sermon, Sharing & prayer – Pastor Janet

Sound system – Phil Martens

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Greeters – Tom Anderson, Cynthia Nafziger, George Ordal

Worship nursery – Amber Anderson & Reba King

Refreshments – Peter & Sheryl Dyck

Stewards – Randy Nelson & Laurence Koehn

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Celebration *of* Worship

May 1, 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: God of wholeness, God of grace, to you we bring our thanks and praise.

Left: You are a lamp that shines in a world that searches.

All: Let us draw near.

Right: You are hope of release in a world that suffers.

All: Let us reach out.

All: You are truth that endures.

Leader: May we pause in our rush to be still, to listen and to hear.

*Hymnal #6

"Here in this place"

Welcome & prayer

*Passing the peace

PROCLAIMING

*Hymnal #37

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Purple songbook #121

"Nothing is lost on the breath of God"

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

Scripture reading:

Sirach 2:1-6 (*Inclusive Bible translation*)

Sermon

Anabaptist being and doing

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymnal #362

"Help us to help each other"

Guided meditation

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

Sung response

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

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

We are pleased to welcome Malinda Berry as our guest speaker today. Malinda is Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) and a peace and social justice activist. A Goshen grad, she earned a Masters in peace studies at AMBS and her PhD from Union Theological Seminary in New York.



Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Laura Brenneman
Song leader – Cindy Breeze
Piano – Bev Birkey Potts
Children’s story – Phil Martens
Scripture reader – Pastor Janet
Sermon – Malinda Berry
Sharing & prayer – Pastor Janet
Sound system – Phil Martens
Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Greeters – Rhonda Gibson, Cynthia Nafziger, George Ordal
Worship nursery – Sheryl Nisly-Nagele & Grace Sancken
Refreshments – Denny & Nancy Seaman
Stewards – Randy Nelson & Laurence Koehn

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
12:00 PM MYF fundraiser lunch
Vine submissions due to Amber Anderson
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- MON** 7:00 PM FMC softball game vs. Quest Church, Dexter Field (corner John & Kenwood)
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- TUE** 5:30 PM Worship Committee
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- THU** 6:45 AM Men’s Bible study
9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study
5:45 PM Property & Finance Committee
6:00 PM Service & Outreach Committee
7:00 PM CU at Home documentary (at FMC)
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- FRI** 6:30 PM Church Women United@ St. Peter’s UCC
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- SAT** Parenting Workshop at FMC (9-11 am)
Registration deadline: today
FMC reserved for recital (1-3 pm)

UPCOMING

- SUN** 9:15 AM Worship
8 10:45 AM Fellowship Hour
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- TUE** 6:30 PM Taizé service: prayers for peace
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- THU** 6:45 AM Men’s Bible study
12 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study
Pastors Debra & Janet away May 12-15
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- FRI** *FMC reserved for recital (5-7 pm)*
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- SAT** *FMC reserved for recital (1-5 pm)*
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