

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Dan Schreiber (TUE), Sophie Otto-Shenk (THU)

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TODAY – A summary of Pastor Michael’s evaluation is in your church mailbox. A summary of the congregational evaluation will be sent via email. A few copies are available in the FMC office.

TODAY at Noon, in the sanctuary – Short congregational meeting about the proposed sanctuary upgrades.

TODAY at 12:30 p.m. – Choir rehearsal for Pastor Janet’s retirement celebration (June 18) and her final worship service (June 26). Rehearsals will also be held on June 5 and June 12. The schedule for each rehearsal will be: 12:30-1:00 - rehearsal of the June 18 piece and 1:00-1:30 Rehearsal of the June 26 piece.

This Friday, May 27, 3-6 PM, FMC fellowship hall - A 133-year-old restored friendship quilt will be on display. The 1903 quilt has significance for this community as it was commissioned for Fannie Schrock who married J. A. Heiser, pastor and bishop (1917-1952) at East Bend Mennonite Church.

This Friday, May 27, 4-7 pm – Everyone is invited to a graduation celebration for Soren and Berit Rasmussen at their home (1107 Theodore, C). Soren graduated from Earlham College and Berit from Uni High School.

Friday, June 3 at Noon, home of Denny and Nancy Seaman (606 Creve Coeur, C.) – Recently retired? Long-time retiree? Soon-to-retire and join the ranks of those with more freedom to choose how to spend their time? You are cordially invited to enjoy lunch, offer retirement advice to Pastor Janet, and brainstorm with Janet and Elder Tammie about FMC’s ministry to and with our wonderful senior sages. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, May 31.

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite

Worship leader – George Ordal

Song Leader – Grace Sancken

Piano – Ruth Stoltzfus

Children’s story – Sarah Lake Rayburn

Scripture reader – TBD

Sermon, Sharing & prayer – Pastor Janet

Sound system – Phil Martens

Visuals – Lynne Sancken

Greeters – Bev Hertle, Peter Dyck, Jan Sabey

Worship nursery – Mary Krick & Pam Peña Martin

Refreshments – Thom & Martha Moore

Stewards – Randy Nelson & Laurence Koehn

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

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A congregation of
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Celebration *of* Worship

May 22, 2016

Days of Prayer & Action for Colombia

Building peace from the ground up

GATHERING

Prelude

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

*Call to worship (*unison*)

We come to worship with different needs and different expectations. We are joyful, sad, uncertain, confident, eager and reticent. However we come, we are accepted and loved. For whether we worship in the United States or in Colombia and whatever our differences are, we worship the same God and live in the realm of God’s care. May our experiences in God’s presence empower us to bring healing and hope to those sitting next to us in the pew, to those living in our community, and to those in distance places around the world.

*Green songbook #64

“We are the body of Christ (Somos el cuerpo de Cristo)”

Welcome & prayer

*Passing the peace

PROCLAIMING

*Hymnal #226

“You are salt for the earth”

*Hymnal #367

“For the healing of the nations”

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

Lament

Confession and commitment

Hope for peace

Zechariah 8:12

For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Green songbook #54

"Longing for light"

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*)

*Hymnal #400

"Santo, santo, santo"

*Benediction

Franciscan blessing

May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,

so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger

at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people

so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears

to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation,

or the loss of all that they cherish,

so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them

and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness

to believe that you really can make a difference in this world,

so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.

**Stand if you are able*

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Randy Nelson

Song leader – Rafael Luquis

Piano – Kathy Springer

Children's story – Marcia Nelson

Scripture readers – Jan Sabey & Kathy Springer

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Sound system – Phil Martens

Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman & Lynne Sancken

Greeters – Rhonda Gibson, Cindy Breeze, George Ordal

Worship nursery – Amber Anderson & Megan Cox

Refreshments – Peter & Sheryl Dyck

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 Sanctuary upgrade discussion
12:00 PM MYF meet at FMC
12:30 PM Choir rehearsal (see announcement)
2:00 PM FMC reserved for private recital

MON 8:00 PM FMC softball game at Dodds

WED 6:00 PM Spiritual Leadership Team

THU 6:45 AM Men's Bible study

FRI 3:00 PM Restored friendship quilt on display in FMC fellowship hall
4:00 PM Graduation open house for Soren & Berit Rasmussen at their home

Pastor Michael out of the office through Monday

UPCOMING

SUN 29 8:30 AM 5th Sunday breakfast at Don Moyers
Boys & Girls Club (families & others)
9:15 AM Worship
10:45 AM Fellowship Hour
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages

TUE 31 6:00 PM FMC reserved for private recital

THU 2 6:45 AM Men's Bible study
5:45 PM Property & Finance Committee
6:00 PM Service & Outreach Committee

SUN 5 *Articles for VINE due to Amber Anderson*
9:15 AM Worship (*celebrate graduates*)
10:45 AM Fellowship Hour
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:30 PM Choir rehearsal (see announcement)
4:00 PM MYF meet (place TBD)
RSVP deadline for Pastor Janet's retirement celebration (June 18, 2:30 PM): email FMC office