

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mark Evans, Janet Liechty, Elizabeth Nisly-Nagele (TODAY), Michelle Moyer (TUE), Kathy Martin (THU), Ruth Stoltzfus (SAT)

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TONIGHT at 7 pm - Young adult mini golf at Old Orchard in Savoy. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 6:45. We will have ice cream at Sutters afterward.

Tomorrow, August 8, 5-8 pm – Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Ice Cream Social at the Arthur Community Building (120 E. Progress St, Arthur). Donations are needed to help purchase hogs (\$100/whole, \$50/half) for the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale pork sandwiches. Give checks (payable to Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale) to Cynthia and Emerson Nafziger.

Sunday August 14, 21, and 28 - Pre-service singing from 9:05 to 9:15. Join us for hymn favorites.

Friday, August 12, 6:30 – 9 pm, at the home of Pastor Debra - Reception to celebrate the wedding of Kristin Unruh and Alex Nolan. They are registered at: <https://www.myregistry.com/>. Also feel free just to come and say hi. If you would like to bring snack food, let Pastor Deb know.

The Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale is Aug 26-27.

Sunday, August 28 - Early registration for our FMC All-Church Retreat which will be held October 7-9 at Camp Menno Haven. Forms are in the office.

Sunday, August 28, 7 PM at FMC – All-church recital (note time change). Let Pastor Deb know if you plan to play or sing.

Sunday, August 28, 3:30 pm at Mennonite Church of Normal - A learning experience, "The Loss of Turtle Island", sponsored by MCC Great Lakes. The experience depicts the historic relationship between European settlers - including Mennonites- and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. A potluck at 6 pm follows the presentation.

We are using a new format and email service to send out the weekly announcements and prayer list. Check your spam folder and filters if you are having trouble finding the email. Contact the FMC office if you have questions or concerns.

We are updating the FMC directory. Please review your information on the draft in the foyer. If you are new and want to be listed, write your information on the "please add me" page. The directory will be published in late September.

If you want to join our group subscription for *Rejoice*, a Mennonite devotional magazine, please contact the FMC office by August 14. The cost for the quarterly magazine is \$28.30.

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Celebration of Worship

August 7, 2016

GATHERING

Prelude

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

*Call to worship

ALL: How shall we worship our God?

Leader: We have heard what the Lord requires of us.

People: Leave empty talk and pride behind.

Leader: We must walk the walk.

People: Prepare to step out in faith, even into troubled waters.

ALL: Only God knows where we might need to go.

Leader: Don't be afraid.

People: Jesus will guide our steps along the way,

Leader: Teaching us to walk humbly,

People: To love boldly,

ALL To serve God with body, soul, mind, and strength.

Leader: Let us pray for the humility and courage

To follow where the Spirit leads.

*Hymnal #8

"Brethren, we have met to worship"

Welcome & prayer

*Passing the peace

PROCLAIMING

*Purple songbook #55

"Love the Lord, your God"

*Purple songbook #115

"Beauty for brokenness"

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

Scripture:

Genesis 15:1-6 (*page 11*)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (*page 1098*)

Sermon

"Seeking a homeland, greeting a promise"

RESPONDING

*Purple songbook #108

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

Sung response

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

“View the present”

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

SENDING

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

*Hymnal #427

*Benediction

“You shall go out with joy”

*Stand if you are able



The rose on the communion table is in honor of Silas Bradford Crosby, born to Pastor Michael and Abby on August 4. Blessings to them and to big sister Eliza!

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Bob King

Song Leader – Andrea Welty Peachey

Piano – Pastor Deb

Children’s story – Martha Moore

Scripture reader – Laurence Koehn

Sermon – Matt Yoder

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Greeters – Sheryl Dyck, Cynthia Nafziger, Anthony Schreiber

Worship nursery – Rebecca Bare & Barb Shenk

Refreshments – Clark & Cindy Breeze

Stewards – Sam Cox & Matt Yoder

Next Sunday at First Mennonite:

Worship leader – Sheryl Dyck

Song Leader – Pastor Debra

Piano – Cheryl Koranda

Children’s story – Janet Liechty

Scripture reader – Greg & Lynne Sancken

Sermon – David Horst Lehman

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Debra

Greeters – Sheryl Dyck, Kate Falk, Anthony Schreiber

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Worship nursery – Rhonda Gibson & Sheryl Nisly-Nagele

Refreshments – Donna Evans Nelson & Mark Nelson

Stewards – Sam Cox & Matt Yoder

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 downstairs 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.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

BEGINNING AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER: CLASSES FOR ALL AGES – 11:15 AM

More details in late August.

FMC Safe Church Workshop Sunday, August 14 11 AM – Noon in the sanctuary

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Attendance is required for those working with children and youth in the coming year (Sunday School teachers, youth sponsors, nursery workers, and mentors). Our featured speaker is Janet Liechty. Child care will be provided.

THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at www.fmc-cu.org

SUN VINE articles due to Amber Anderson
9:15 AM Worship (No Sunday school)
10:45 AM fellowship & refreshments
11:00 AM Hospitality & Fellowship Committee
7:00 PM Young adult mini golf & ice cream

MON 5:30 PM Bethel AME VBS at Boys & Girls Club
(VBS runs 5:30-8 pm Aug. 8-12)

TUE 6:30 PM Taize service: prayers for peace

THU 6:45 AM Men’s Bible study

FRI 6:30 PM Reception for Kristin Unruh & Alex Nolan
(at home of Pastor Deb)

UPCOMING

SUN 9:05 AM Pre-service singing of hymns
14 9:15 AM Worship (No Sunday school)
11:00 AM Safe Church workshop

TUE 6:00 PM Retreat Committee at Breeze home
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WED 6:00 PM Service & Outreach Committee
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THU 6:45 AM Men’s Bible study
18 6:00 PM Christian Education Committee

SAT 9:00 AM Sunday school classroom clean-up
20 (finish around 11 am)