

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: John Otto (MON), Ken Nisly-Nagele (THU)

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TODAY and next Sunday – “Coins that Count” offering at FMC in advance of the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale on August 26-27. Bring change (paper money also works) to drop into the jug.

TODAY. 11:15 am – Noon, FMC fellowship hall – We are hosting a group of 8 young faculty from universities in Lebanon. They are at the U of I for a few weeks on a U.S. State Department Fulbright program to strengthen their academic areas, learn about American culture and society, and share information about Lebanon. We will have a time for sharing about Anabaptists with them and for them to share about Lebanon with us

This Thursday, Aug. 25, 6-8 PM at CIMIC – Dinner with visiting faculty from Lebanon and presentation about the friendship between FMC and CIMIC. Contact Pastor Michael if you can provide food.

The Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale is this Friday and Saturday Aug 26-27.

Next Sunday, August 28 - Early registration deadline for our First Mennonite All-Church Retreat, October 7-9 at Camp Menno Haven. Forms are in the office and downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Next Sunday, August 28 during fellowship hour - We will celebrate Evelyn Good's 90th birthday with cake and a card shower.

Next Sunday, August 28, 7 PM at FMC – All-church recital. Let Pastor Deb know if you plan to play or sing. There will be refreshments following the recital, including Michelle Moyer's wonderful homemade pies. Donations will be accepted for the Habitat interfaith build.

Next 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.

Sunday, September 11, 9:30 AM – 2 PM – FMC Worship and Block Party. Details coming soon.

We are updating the FMC directory. Please review or add your information to the draft in the foyer. The directory will be published in late September.

Fall spiritual direction small groups – Are you interested in being part of a spiritual direction small group this fall? These groups of 4 to 6 people meet approximately twice a month for about two hours for 9 to 12 months. We spend time in silence and in sharing how we see God at work through Scripture and in our lives. It can be helpful for discernment, for becoming more aware of God in your life, and for sharing more deeply with a few people. Meeting time is arranged by the group. Talk to Pastor Deb if you would like to know more or want to participate.

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Celebration of Worship

August 21, 2016

Pre-service singing

GATHERING

Prelude

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

*Call to worship

Leader: Indeed, this is a day of rest and gladness.

People: This is God's Sabbath, created for our reflection and renewal.

Leader: Let us then not abuse it, but keep it holy.

People: We do this as we honor God and commit ourselves to the well-being of God's creation.

Leader: Each of us individually needs a personal rejuvenation of spirit.

People: Together we seek a strengthening of community, a community that continues to build itself in love.

Leader: So do we come as one people to worship God, our Maker and our Sustainer.

ALL: So do we recognize the source of our growth as children of God.

Welcome & prayer

*Purple songbook #1

“Praise the One who breaks the darkness”

*Passing the peace

PROCLAIMING

*Hymnal #46

“I sing the mighty power of God”

*Hymnal #75

“Holy, holy, holy”

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

Scripture: Isaiah 58:9b-14 (*page 675*) and **Luke 13:10-17** (*page 952*)

Sermon

Invisible woman

RESPONDING

*Hymnal #377

“Healer of our every ill”

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

Sung response (Hymnal #119) “Praise God from whom” (verse B)

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

SENDING

Introduction of Lebanon faculty guests

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

*Hymnal #5

“There is a place of quiet rest”

*Benediction

**Stand if you are able*

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Bob King
Song Leader – Rafael Luquis
Piano – Ruth Stoltzfus
Children’s story – Rhonda Gibson
Scripture readers – Ally Welty Peachey & Rachel Horst Lehman
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Kate Falk, Anthony Schreiber, Sheryl Dyck
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Worship nursery – Chuck Gibson & Sheryl Nisly-Nagele
Refreshments – Sarah & Anna Lubienski
Stewards – Jan Sabey & Matt Yoder

Next Sunday at First Mennonite:

Worship leader – Sheree Flannigan
Song Leader – Rudy Litwiller
Piano – Jan Kellogg
Children’s story – Lynne Sancken
Scripture reader – Barb Shenk
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Sheryl Dyck, Kate Falk, Anthony Schreiber
Sound system – Laurence Koehn
Worship nursery – Megan Cox & Karla Woodson
Refreshments – Tom & Kathy Anderson
Stewards – Clark Breeze & 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 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.

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.

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

Pastor Michael returns to the office part-time this week. Morning is the best time to reach him.

SUN 9:05 AM Early morning singing
9:15 AM Worship (No Sunday school)
10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:15 AM Presentations about Lebanon & Anabaptists in fellowship hall
12:00 PM Fellowship dinners in homes (by reservation)

THU 6:45 AM Men’s Bible study
6:00 PM Dinner at CIMIC with visiting faculty from Lebanon

FRI & SAT Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale (see bulletin board & brochure rack for details)

UPCOMING

SUN 9:05 AM Pre-service singing of hymns
28 9:15 AM Worship (No Sunday school)
10:45 AM Fellowship, refreshments, and cake & card shower for Evelyn’s 90th
3:30 PM Loss of Turtle Island (at Mennonite Church of Normal)
7:00 PM All-church recital

WED 6:00 PM MYF pottery demo at Jeri Lake’s home
31 6:00 PM Spiritual Leadership Team

THU 6:45 AM Men’s Bible study
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