

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Oleta Miller (MON), Pastor Debra (TUE), Liesl Schrag (THURS), Bob Hudson (SAT)

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TODAY – Children’s offering will be the “Coins that Count” collection and will benefit the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale. Drop change (paper money also works into the jug.

TODAY - We will celebrate Evelyn Good's 90th birthday with cake and a card shower during fellowship hour.

TODAY - 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. Registration is still open until September 18, but additional fees apply.

TODAY, 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 and original inhabitants of what is now the United States of America. A 6 pm potluck follows the presentation. A carpool will leave from FMC at 2:15 pm.

TODAY, 7 PM at FMC – All-church recital. There will be refreshments following the recital, including Michelle Moyer’s wonderful homemade pies. Donations will be accepted for the Habitat interfaith build.

Friday, September 2 at Panera (Old Farm location), 7:30 am - Men's coffee. All are invited.

Saturday, September 3, 6:30 pm at FMC – Reception honoring the recent wedding of Kelly and Pete Miller Biddle. All are invited to the celebration. Those interested in contributing to a group gift, contact Kathy Anderson or Jill Schreiber.

Sunday, September 4, during fellowship time - Ice Cream Social Fundraiser for Austin's Place Emergency Homeless Women's Shelter. Donations appreciated to help fund Austin's Place 2017 season, its 10th in operation!

Sunday, September 11, 9:30 AM – 2 PM – FMC Worship and Block Party. Look for details next week. **Service & Outreach is collecting MCC school kit supplies as a Block Party service project.** Supply lists and details are on the collection table in the foyer.

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 28, 2016

Pre-service singing

Prelude

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

*Call to worship

Leader: We have come to worship you, O God;

People: gather us in.

Leader: Some of us come full of happiness;

People: gather us in.

Leader: Some of us come a little sore from what life brings;

People: gather us in.

Leader: Some of us come indifferent or confused;

People: gather us in.

Leader: We honor you--

who forms us

and calls us each by name.

You have made us each unique:

short or tall

rich or poor

messy or pure

depressed or secure

ALL: Gather us in to your fierce love, your tender care, your abundant grace. Amen

Welcome & prayer

*Hymnal #15

“O Prince of peace”

*Passing the peace

*Green songbook #71

“Alleluia, the Great Storm is over”

*Purple songbook #107

“Fill now our life, O Lord”

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

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (page 1100) and **Luke 14:1, 7-14** (page 953)

Sermon *Is it lawful to go first in the potluck line?*

***Green songbook #4** "You've got a place"

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)

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

***Purple songbook #121** "Nothing is lost on the breath of God"

***Benediction**

**Stand if you are able*

Call to worship adapted from adapted from *Words to Worship 2* by Diane Zaerr Brennehan.

Thanks *to* our worship *and* welcome teams...

Worship leader – Sheree Flannigan

Song Leader – Deb Sutter

Piano – Jan Kellogg

Children's story – Lynne Sancken

Scripture reader – Barb Shenk

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Kate Falk, Anthony Schreiber, Sheryl Dyck

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Worship nursery – Tina Huang & Karla Woodson

Refreshments – Tom & Kathy Anderson

Stewards – Clark Breeze & Matt Yoder

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite (Sept. 4):

Worship leader – Randy Nelson

Song Leader – Pastor Deb & Anja Schrag

Piano – Tina Huang

Children's story – Jill Schreiber

Scripture reader – Mary Biddle & Liesl Schrag

Sermon – Bob Hudson & Rachel Rasmussen

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Paul Duncum, Earl Kellogg, Barb Shenk

Sound system – TBD

Worship nursery – Grace Sancken & Tammie Bouseman

Refreshments – Jon & Andrea Welty Peachey

Stewards – Jan Sabey & Greg Sancken

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.

The MCC "Coins that Count" collection will be our children's offering today and will benefit the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale.

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 IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

New Classes
Sept. 4

FALL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES BEGIN NEXT WEEK AT 11:15.

See insert for details.

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

Pastor Michael is in 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, 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
1 5:45 PM Property & Finance Committee
6:00 PM Service & Outreach Committee

FRI 7:30 AM Men's breakfast at Panera (Old Farm)
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SAT 6:30 PM Reception for Pete & Kelly
3 Miller Biddle

UPCOMING

SUN 9:15 AM Worship
4 10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
MYF retreat at Breeze cabin (through Monday)
Vine articles due to Amber Anderson

THU 6:45 AM Men's Bible study
8 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study begins
Pastor peer mtg. in Normal, IL (all AM)

SUN 9:30 AM Worship (outdoors if weather permits)
11 11:00 AM Food (potluck-bring extra)
12:00 PM Games, activities, service project