

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Evelyn Good (MON), Daniel Berkey (THURS), Chloe Schreiber (SAT)

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TODAY 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!

This Thursday, 9:30 am – The Fall Thursday Morning Bible Study begins. We will study *Faith Travels: Trusting God in Life's Transitions*. The author, Marlene Kropf, covers a number of life's transitions that come to us all - those that are expected and those that are unexpected. All are welcome to this time of study, sharing, and prayer.

This Thursday, Sept 8, 6 pm, CIMIC Commemorating Abraham Interfaith Dinner. RSVP to forms.cimic.org/abraham. Speakers: Rabbi Alan Cook (Sinai Temple), Pastor Michael (FMC), Pastor Deborah Owen (First Presbyterian Church), Imam Ousmane Sawadogo (CIMIC).

This Friday, September 9, 11 am on WILL – Pastor Michael will join Rabbi Alan Cook (Sinai) and Imam Ousmane Sawadogo (CIMIC) for a short live segment on Niala Boodhoo's WILL production *The 21st*. They will discuss the significance of the Habitat Interfaith project for building relationships in the CU community.

Starting this Friday at Noon, University YMCA – Fall 2016 Friday Forum lecture series, “On the issues: Analyzing the 2016 Elections.” Scott Bidner is a presenter on November 11th. FMC is a sponsor of the series.

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

Please park in the UI lot (corner of Springfield & Gregory). Volunteers will be on hand to help you carry things to FMC. A few FMC parking spaces will be available for people that need to park close to FMC. Please bring extra potluck food for our guests and lawn chairs/blankets if you have them. If you can help with logistics, sign up downstairs or contact Marcia Nelson or Pastor Michael. Some volunteers are needed to help set up chairs on the lawn at 8:30 a.m. Party details are on the insert. Invite your friends and neighbors. 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.

Next Sunday, September 11, 3 pm - Habitat Interfaith Kick-off at 1212 W, Hill (Urbana). Look for directions next week.

It has been wonderful to see and hear about the many creative ways people have been working at multiplying their \$2 for the Habitat build! Please feel free to put your gathered money in an envelope, mark it "retreat fundraiser for Habitat", and give it to our treasurer Phyllis Croisant or to a pastor. The money will be deposited. We will let you know the total at the retreat, before it is passed on to Habitat.

Do you have feedback on pre-service singing for the Worship Committee? If so, talk to Andrea Welty Peachey or Pastor Deb.

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Celebration of Worship

September 4, 2016

Season of Creation: Oceans

GATHERING

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Gathering

Call to worship

Opening prayer: *Hymnal #16

“God is here among us”

***Passing the peace**

PRAISING

***Hymnal #154**

“This is my father’s world”

***Purple songbook #122**

“Let all creation dance”

PROCLAIMING

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

Scripture: Job 28:12-15 (*page 465*) and **Job 38:1-18** (*page 474*)

Sermon

Seeking wisdom on the blue planet: A dialogue

RESPONDING

*Hymnal #35

“Many and great”

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

Introductions of guests

Work of the church (please come to the front if you have an announcement)

*Green songbook #77

“The peace of the earth”

*Benediction

*Stand if you are able

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Randy Nelson

Song Leader – Pastor Deb & Anja Schrag

Piano – Tina Huang

Children’s story – Jill Schreiber

Scripture readers – Mary Biddle & Liesl Schrag

Sermon – Bob Hudson & Rachel Rasmussen

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Paul Duncum, Earl Kellogg, Barb Shenk

Sound system – Emerson Nafziger

Worship nursery – Grace Sancken & Tammie Bouseman

Refreshments – Jon & Andrea Welty Peachey

Stewards – Jan Sabey & Greg Sancken

Next Sunday at First Mennonite (Sept. 11): Animal & Plant Sunday

Worship leader – Laura Brenneman

Music – Cindy Breeze

Children’s story – Tammie Bouseman

Scripture reader – Kajsa Herrstrom

Scripture – Job 39

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Paul Duncum, Earl Kellogg, Barb Shenk

Sound system – Phil Martens

Worship nursery – Amber Anderson & Pam Peña Martin

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.

Children’s offering - Final 2 Sundays to collect money to help MCC provide aid to Syrians and Iraqis in response to the humanitarian crisis in these 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 (Sept - Nov)

Living the Anabaptist Story – sanctuary

Active Hope – 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)

New Classes

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 & ice cream social fundraiser
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:00 PM MYF retreat at Breeze cabin (through Monday)
Vine articles due to Amber Anderson

THU 6:45 AM Men’s Bible study
9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study begins
Pastor peer mtg. in Normal, IL (all AM)
6:00 PM Celebrating Abraham Interfaith Dinner at CIMIC. RSVP requested, see announcements.

UPCOMING



SUN 9:30 AM Worship
11 11:00 AM Potluck lunch
12:00 PM Games & activities
3:00 PM Habitat Interfaith Kick-off at 1212 W. Hill, Urbana

TUE 1:00 PM Retiree Game Day (see brochure rack)
13 6:30 PM Taizé service: Prayers for peace

WED 6:00 PM FMC Council
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THU 6:45 AM Men’s Bible study
15 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible study
6:30 PM Retreat committee at Breeze home
7:00 PM Christian Education committee

Friday – Sunday: Camp Friedenswald Women’s retreat
16-18

Wed 6:00 PM Prayers for peace (in peace garden)
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