

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Soren Rasmussen (WED), Dean Anderson (THURS)

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**TODAY – A prayer card is in each bulletin.** Please fill one out if you have specific praises or concerns to share with the congregation. The cards will not be read aloud today, but will be included on the email prayer list.

**TODAY – All are welcome to stay for the 11 am potluck. Activities and games start at Noon.**

**TODAY at 3 pm - Habitat Interfaith Kick-off at 1212 W, Hill (Urbana).** Directions are on the table inside the back door of the church building.

**This Tuesday, September 13, 1-9 pm - FMC Retiree Game Day at the home of Cindy & Clark Breeze** (2512 Prairie Ridge Place, C., IL 61822). Come and stay as long or little as you wish. Bring a board/card game, a snack or drink to share, and a salad to share if you are staying over the dinner hour. Pizza will be ordered for dinner, so donations to help defray the cost are also encouraged for those who are planning on eating dinner at. RSVP to [Tammie Bouseman](mailto:Tammie.Bouseman) today if you plan to attend.

**Next Sunday, September 18 – Deadline to register for FMC retreat!**

**Next Sunday, September 18, 12:15 - 2 pm - FMC youth car wash & lemonade stand.** The event will take place in the FMC parking lot and is open to the public. All proceeds benefit the Habitat retreat project. Encourage friends and neighbors to stop by.

**Next Sunday, September 18, 12:30 pm – First Followers brown bag lunch and presentation.** First Followers is a new community-based organization that builds strong and peaceful communities by providing support and guidance to the formerly incarcerated, their loved ones, and the community as a whole. The organization operates a drop-in center in the A.M.E. Church (410 E. Park St, C.) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-5 pm. Here, formerly incarcerated folks find a safe stigma free environment in which to receive peer mentoring, job readiness training, assistance with employment searches, and service referrals. First Followers also advocated for individuals with felony convictions and helps with family reunification. Visit <http://www.firstfollowersreentry.com/> for more information.

**Wednesday, September 21, 6 pm – Observe the International Day of Peace by gathering to pray in our peace garden.**

**Sunday, October 2 during worship (SAVE THE DATE) – World Communion Sunday.** The focus of our MCC guest speakers will be on Palestine/Israel. Details coming soon.

**Champaign-Urbana One-to-One mentoring program needs adult volunteers to pair with kids** ages 8 and older. Pairs meet on school grounds one hour/week during the school year. The pairs play games, talk, and simply hang out together. Mentor training is provided. Call Jubal Croegaert at 369-2649 or visit [cu1to1.org](http://cu1to1.org) if you are interested in volunteering. Mentor training begins soon. See the bulletin board for more detailed information about the program.

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## Celebration of Worship

September 11, 2016

*Season of Creation: Plants & Animals*

### GATHERING

#### Centering chimes

**\*Hymnal #46**

“I sing the mighty power of God”

**\*Call to worship**

**Leader:** We invite our animal family to worship with us.

**People:** **All our kin on this planet, from the busiest bee to the tallest giraffe.**

**Leader:** We remember our animal relatives who have become extinct,

**People:** **Dinosaurs, dodos, and Texas grey wolves, Oregon bison, and the woolly mammoth.**

**Leader:** We join our brothers and sisters in praising God,

**People:** **Gliding eagles and watchful cougars, gorillas in the mist and polar bears in the snow.**

**Leader:** We summon the kin we have come to love,

**People:** **The stray cat and the backyard dog, the goat, the pony, and the little lamb.**

**Leader:** Raise your voices to the skies in a family festival of praise.

Sing, family of the earth, sing!

**People:** **A song of praise for all creatures!**

**\*Hymnal #16**

“All creatures of our God and King” (vss. 1-4, 7)

**\*Passing the peace**

### PRAISING

**\*Hymnal #156**

“All things bright and beautiful”

**\*Hymnal #50**

“Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah”

## PROCLAIMING

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

**Song** *(insert)*

**Scripture: Job 38:39 – 39:30**

**Sermon**

If I were a butterfly

*When words fail*

## RESPONDING

**\*Hymn** *(insert)*

**Offering** *(prayer cards collected)*

**Offertory**

**Prayers for the world**

**Blessing for Katherine Crosby**

"Let all creation dance"

## SENDING

**Introductions of guests**

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

**\*Hymn** *(insert)*

**\*Benediction**

"When long before time" (vss. 1-3)

*\*Stand if you are able*

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

**Worship leader** – Laura Brenneman

**Music** – Cindy Breeze

**Children's story** – Tammie Bouseman

**Scripture reader** – Kajsa Herrstrom

**Sermon & prayers of the people** – 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

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite (Sept. 18)

**Worship leader** – Sheryl Dyck

**Music** – Worship Band

**Children's story** – Jeri Lake

**Scripture readers** – Bob King & Jong Min Philip

**Sermon, sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael

**Greeters** – Paul Duncum, Earl Kellogg, Barb Shenk

**Sound system** – Emerson Nafziger

**Worship nursery** – Tammie Bouseman & Mary Biddle

**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.**

**TODAY IS THE FINAL SUNDAY for our Children's offering to help MCC provide aid to Syrians and Iraqis in response to the humanitarian crisis in these countries. Our current total: \$734.27**

## Join us after the service for...

### POTLUCK LUNCH – 11 AM

All are welcome!

### GAMES & ACTIVITIES – Noon – 2 PM

All are welcome!

Bag toss

Basketball

Dunk tank

Face Painting

Origami

Paper airplanes

Ping-pong

Service project – school supply kit bags

Snow Cones

Walk the peace garden



## THIS WEEK at FMC

For a full listing of events, visit our website at [www.fmc-cu.org](http://www.fmc-cu.org)

**SUN** 9:35 AM Worship  
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  
6:30 PM Taizé service: Prayers for peace

**WED** 6:00 PM FMC Council

**THU** 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study  
9:30 AM Thursday morning 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**

## UPCOMING

**SUN** 9:15 AM Worship  
**18** 10:45 AM fellowship & refreshments  
11:15 PM Sunday school for all ages  
12:15 PM Youth car wash (Habitat fundraiser)  
12:30 PM First Followers brown bag lunch at FMC  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR FMC RETREAT

**TUE** 5:30 PM Worship Committee  
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**WED** 6:00 PM International Day of Peace - prayers in  
**21** our peace garden

**THU** 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study  
**22** 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study  
7:00 PM Ten Thousand Villages Board

**Friday** Pastor Deb at Menno Haven Fri & Sat for seminar  
**23** Pastor Michael out of office Fri - Sun