

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Phil Martens (TODAY), Emily Gibson (TUE), Sarah Lake-Rayburn (WED), George Hardebeck (THU), Nancy Seaman (FRI)

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**TODAY during fellowship time** - Mary Hays will have a display of Knitted goods for sale to raise money for the Habitat retreat project.

**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. **Please turn in money by next Sunday, October 2.**

**Attending the FMC retreat October 7-9?** Meals at the Retreat will be provided by Menno Haven with the exception of Saturday breakfast which will be provided by the Hospitality & Fellowship Committee. We asked that as your food donation for the weekend you provide **EITHER** a snack or a breakfast bread. Due to severe nut allergies in the congregation, please **do not bring** foods containing **nuts and do not bring** nut-free snacks that are processed in facilities which also process nuts (read labels for a warning). Look for a sign-up sheet downstairs.

**TODAY from 4-5:30 pm at the Living Yoga Center (212 S 1<sup>st</sup> St., Champaign) - Join us for a donation based "Yoga Gives" class where all proceeds benefit our Habitat for Humanity Retreat Project.** Bev Hertle will lead us through this session. All are welcome! Please wear comfortable clothing. Equipment is provided, but you may bring your own yoga mat if you prefer.

**Next Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Sunday.** Our guest preacher, Kathy Bergen, will share her extensive experience working for peace in Israel/Palestine. MCC representative, Krista Dutt, will also join us. Read the insert for more information about opportunities to hear Kathy speak at FMC next weekend.

**Mennonite College Scholarship Funds Needed** – 469 dollars are still needed to meet our scholarship fund obligations for FMC students attending Mennonite colleges this year. Please note "college scholarship fund" in the memo line. Checks are payable to FMC.

**Young adults – Mark your calendars for the following events:**

- October 15: Cookout and pumpkin carving
- October 30: Progressive Dinner

- ?** **New section in the bulletin: "Did you know?"** Each week we will highlight something about FMC that may be unfamiliar to attendees, especially newer folks. Look in the box below the Sunday school listings to discover something you may not know about our church.

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## Celebration of Worship

September 25, 2016  
*Season of Creation: Cosmos*

### GATHERING

**Centering chimes**

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

**Prelude**

**\*Call to worship** (*based on Psalm 19:1-4*)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God:

**People: The skies proclaim the work of God's hand.**

Leader: Day after day they pour forth speech;

**People: Night after night they reveal knowledge.**

Leader: They have no speech, they use no words;

**People: No sound is heard from them.**

**All: Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

**\*Hymnal #414**

"God, who stretched"

**\*Passing the peace**

### PRAISING

**\*Song** (*insert*)

"God of wonders"

**\*Hymnal #155**

"O God, great womb"

### PROCLAIMING

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

**Scripture: Psalm 8** (*page 482*) and **Colossians 1:15-20** (*page 1074*)

**Sermon**

*Mystery & connection*

## RESPONDING

### \*Hymnal #325

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

**Offertory**

**Sharing and prayers of the people**

“Creating God, your fingers trace”

## SENDING

**Introductions of guests**

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

### \*Purple songbook #122

“Let all creation dance”

### \*Benediction

*\*Stand if you are able*

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

**Worship leader** – Beth Rempé

**Song leader** – Matt Yoder

**Piano** – Pam Peña Martin

**Children’s story** – Randy Nelson

**Scripture reader** – Mary Hays

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

**Greeters** – Donna Nelson Evans, Earl Kellogg, Barb Shenk

**Sound system** – Emerson Nafziger

**Visuals** – Kasja Herrstrom

**Refreshments** – Matt Klopfenstien & Amanda Heinsman

**Worship nursery** – Megan Cox & Bob King

**Stewards** – Jan Sabey & Greg Sancken

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite (Oct. 2)

**Worship leader** – Chuck Gibson

**Song Leader** – Andrea Welty Peachey

**Piano** – Phyllis Croisant

**Children’s story** – Marcia Nelson

**Scripture reader** – Phil Martens & Caden Green

**Scripture** – Habakkuk 1:1-4; Lamentations 3:19-26

**Sermon** – Kathy Bergen

**Sharing & prayer** – Pastor Michael

**Greeters** – Tom Anderson, Mary Biddle, Greg Sancken

**Sound system** – Randy Nelson

**Refreshments** – Greg & Lynne Sancken

**Worship nursery** – Rhonda Gibson & Janet Liechty

**Stewards** – Earl Kellogg & Dan Schreiber

## 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.

**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 current children’s offering benefits the Jubilee Partners community for refugees in Comer, GA.**

## 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 provided for children birth through preschool)*

**Did you know?** FMC has a Mutual Aid Fund to support each other in times of need. If you or anyone in our FMC family has a serious financial need, talk to a pastor or elder about how we can help.

## THIS WEEK at FMC

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

**SUN** 9:15 AM Worship

10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments

11:00 AM Music for children & youth (sanctuary)

11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages

4:00 PM Yoga Gives session at Living Yoga Cntr.

**TUE** 7:00 PM Worship Committee

**WED** 6:00 PM Spiritual Leadership Team

**THU** 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study

9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study

6:00 PM Interfaith peace camp steering cmte.

**SAT** 5:30 PM Kathy Bergen presentation

Refreshments provided.

## UPCOMING

**SUN** 9:05 AM Pre-service singing

**2** 9:15 AM Worship

10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments

11:00 AM Music for children & youth (sanctuary)

11:15 PM Sunday school for all ages

*VINE articles due to Amber Anderson*

4:00 PM Kathy Bergen presentation

**WED** 5:45 PM Property & Finance Committee

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**THU** 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study

**6** 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study

6:00 PM Service & Outreach Committee

**FRI** 7:30 AM Men’s coffee at Panera (Old Farm)

**7** *FMC all-church retreat (Fri PM – Sun Noon)*

*No service at FMC on October 9*