

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jonathan Gibson (TODAY), John Hines & Rachel Horst Lehman (TUE)

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TODAY at Noon – Small group discussions will be held immediately following Sunday school to discern FMC council leadership for 2017. The positions of chair-elect, elder, and two council members will need to be filled. Please plan on gathering in the sanctuary at noon. A light snack will be served. Childcare will be provided in the nursery.

This Tuesday, November 8, 6:30-7:15 pm, FMC sanctuary - Service of Prayer. Instead of our usual Taizé emphasis, this month we will have a prayer service for peace in our country and world; a world greatly in need of God's healing. On this election evening, consider joining others in prayer, singing, scripture, and meditation.

Advent is fast approaching. We would love to have special music for the Crismon service, the Advent services, Christmas Eve, Christmas, and Epiphany. All levels are welcome to share! If you have special music to share during Advent, please email Pastor Deb (debra.sutter@fmc-cu.org).

If you are interested in singing in a men's ensemble on Nov. 27th or Dec 4th, please email Pastor Deb.

November 15, 2-5 pm - Retiree Game Day at the home of Thom and Martha Moore, 2510 Prairie Ridge Place, Champaign. Please let Tammie Bouseman know if you can make it. Bring your favorite games and some kind of finger food to share. Martha and Thom will provide beverages.

November 20 at Noon – FMC annual Thanksgiving potluck. Please stay for a short time after the potluck to prepare the sanctuary for Advent.

Sunday, November 20, 3 pm at Krannert - 2016 Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration. The Interfaith Alliance (FMC is a member) is planning the program and Pastor Michael will be one of several speakers.

Sunday, November 27, 6:30 pm at FMC - Join us for our annual Crismon Service. Come decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life while singing hymns and carols and listening to scripture. The service is for all ages and friends are welcome.

Rehearsals for the 2016 Annual Handel's Messiah Concert (Canaan/Community choir) begin on November 8. All interested singers are invited to participate. Details about rehearsal dates and the main performance are on the bulletin board near the sanctuary.

Thursday, November 10, 5:30 pm, at Wesley United Methodist Church (1203 W. Green, U) - Join people of faith to learn about Faith in Place resources that connect, educate and advocate for a healthier community. This gathering will focus on Faith in Place's groundbreaking resource - Migration and Me - which involves communities of faith in restoring the Earth. Come find out how Migration and Me can enrich your faith community's impact!

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Celebration of Worship

November 6, 2016

GATHERING

Pre-service singing

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Call to worship

Leader: Our lives are filled with a thousand battles against false gods...

People: How do we stand up for the truth that we know?

Leader: One realm of belonging after another asks us to give our loyalty...

People: Country, employer, school, team, government, charity, family.

Leader: We come before you, our God, to acknowledge that you alone are worthy of trust.

People: Our God alone is worthy to be given our full allegiance.

Leader: Give us the grace to stand and make our membership in God's Kingdom known.

People: Praise God alone, whose claim on us is beyond and above any earthly thing.

Welcome

*Hymnal #323

"Beyond a dying sun"

*Passing the peace

PRAISING & PROCLAIMING

*Green songbook #19

"I will call upon the Lord"

*Hymnal #136

"From the depths of sin"

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

Scripture: Daniel 3 abridged (*page 807*)

Sermon

Seeds of resistance, seeds of hope

RESPONDING

*Green songbook #27

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

Sharing and prayers of the people

“God of the Bible” (vss. 1,3,4,5)

SENDING

Introductions of guests

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

*Hymnal #427

“You shall go out with joy”

*Benediction

*Stand if you are able

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Phil Martens

Music – Worship band

Children’s story – Janet Liechty

Scripture reader – Matt Yoder

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Tom Anderson, Tina Huang, Greg Sancken

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Refreshments – Earl & Jan Kellogg

Worship nursery – Megan Cox & Mary Krick

Stewards – Phil Martens & Ken Moyer

Next Sunday at First Mennonite (Nov. 13)

Worship leader – George Ordal

Song leader – Andrea Welty Peachey

Piano – Phyllis Croisant

Children’s story – Bruce Miller

Scripture reader – Laurence Koehn

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb

Greeters – Clark Breeze, Sheree Flannigan, Bev Hertle

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Refreshments – Ken & Sheryl Nisly-Nagele

Worship nursery – Chuck Gibson & Sheryl Nisly-Nagele

Stewards – Phil Martens & Ken Moyer

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? Each Sunday at 9:05 am people gather to sing before the service begins. Come and sing new songs as well as your favorites. Requests are taken.

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN VINE ARTICLES DUE TO AMBER ANDERSON

9:05 AM Pre-service singing

9:15 AM Worship

10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments

11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages

12:00 PM FMC leadership discernment circles

Pastor Deb on vacation through Friday

TUE 6:30 PM Service of Prayer (FMC sanctuary)

THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study

9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study

Pastor Peer meeting (Normal, IL) 9 am - Noon

SAT 1-3 PM FMC reserved for a recital

UPCOMING

SUN 9:05 AM Pre-service singing

13 9:15 AM Worship

10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments

11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages

2-5 PM FMC sanctuary reserved for a recital

TUE 2-5 PM Retiree Game Day at Moore’s home

15 *Pastor Michael is out of the office*

WED 6:00 PM FMC Council

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THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study

17 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study

6:00 PM Christian Education

7:00 PM Ten Thousand Villages Board