

Announcements

FMC is a co-sponsor of the One Light, Many Lamps interfaith day of retreat, which will take place on **Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at St. Patrick's Parish Center (708 W. Main St., Urbana). For program details see www.stpaturbana.org or the announcement on the bulletin board downstairs or contact Laura Theby at 531-7003. There is a modest charge of \$5 per half day and \$5 for the vegetarian lunch. **Registration deadline is Monday, October 12.**

Volunteer Opportunity: A semi-skilled volunteer is needed to spray paint the wrought iron railings on the front steps of the church. Some additional preparation is needed (sanding and scraping). Cans of spray paint have already been purchased. Contact Clark Breeze, Chair of the Property and Finance Committee, if you would like to help the church with this task.

Balance Exercise Study

Participants are needed for a research study on the efficacy of the Nintendo Wii Fit balance games. You must be age 60 or older and able to walk without assistance. You would be given some balance tests, and then asked to play the balance games 2-3 times a week (~20 minutes per session) until you have completed 20 sessions. The balance tests will then be repeated to see if your balance has improved. The balance tests and the Wii Fit balance training sessions will take place at the Hays Senior Center on West Church Street in Champaign, or can be scheduled at FMC. Please contact Phyllis Croisant at 356-3867 if you want more info or know someone who might be interested.

Note from the office:

We are still taking any corrections for the church directory that was distributed last week. We will be issuing an addendum of all corrections and changes next Sunday, October 11, so please be sure to get them to Melissa in the church office by **this Wednesday, October 7th**. Thank you!

Happy Birthday!

Saturday, October 3rd - Blake Johnson, Reba King
Sunday, October 4th - Trish Combs
Tuesday, October 6th - Tom Anderson, Ken Moyer
Thursday, October 8th - Carrie Nelson

October 11th AT FIRST MENNONITE: 9:15 AM Preaching Text: Mark 2:1-12

Sermon – Janet Elaine Rasmussen
Worship Leader – Chuck Gibson
Music – Worship Band
Children's Story – Dannie Otto
Scripture – Kate Warfel

Prayer & Sharing – Janet Elaine Rasmussen
Greeters – Brett Bode, Kim Bode, Cynthia Nafziger
Worship Nursery – Mary Biddle, Chloe Schreiber
Refreshments – Phyllis Croisant, Jill Schreiber
SS Nursery – Knit & Nurture
\$tewards – Randy Nelson, Clark Breeze



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OCTOBER 4TH, 2009 WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE SOLIDARITY LAMP *The oil lamp at the front of the sanctuary symbolizes our Sister Church relationship with El Divino Redentor Church in Bucaramanga, Colombia.*

***GATHERING HYMN #54** (green)

“Longing for Light”

WELCOME PRAYER

WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (The call to Worship is from *Words for Worship 2*, edited by Dianne Zaerr Brennehan)

The congregation will repeat after each of the three readers:

Teach us how to find you, the Center.

OFFERING (Children's offering will go to “Operation Sleigh Bell”)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

JESUS IS THE CENTER OF OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE (page 1099)

Hebrews 12:1-3

CHILDREN'S STORY

***HYMN #31** (green)

“He came down”

READING

from Pilgram Marpeck (ca. 1542)

***HYMN #189** (hymnal)

“To us a child of hope is born”

COMMUNITY IS THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES

SCRIPTURE (page 994)

Acts 2:43-47

READING

from Ulrich Stadler (ca. 1537)

HYMN #71 (green)

“One is the body”

READING

from *Singing: A Mennonite Voice* (2001)

HYMN #420 (hymnal)

“Heart with loving heart united”

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

SHARING

PRAYER

RECONCILIATION IS THE CENTER OF OUR WORK

SCRIPTURE (page 1055)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

***HYMN #371** (hymnal)

“Let there be light, Lord God”

READING

from Menno Simons (1539)

COMMUNION

MUSIC

“He’s got the whole world in his hands”

READING

from Dirk Philips (1564)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN #105** (hymnal)

“Christ, we do all adore thee”

*Please stand if you are able.

Worship Leader – Mary Biddle

Song Leader – Cindy Breeze

Special Music – Gina Reynolds, Pam Martin

Pianists – Deb Sutter and Sarah Sutter

Children’s Story – Mary Biddle

Readers – Mary Biddle, Cindy Breeze, Peter Dyck,

Janet Elaine Rasmussen

Prayer & Sharing – Janet Elaine Rasmussen

Greeters – Brett Bode, Kim Bode, Cynthia Nafziger

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OUR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

10:45-11:15 Fellowship Time downstairs for all

11:00-11:15 Children’s Singing, pre-K to 5th grade **11:15-12:00** Sunday School

Christian Education Classes for Adults

Coffee and Conversation – Library

Biblical Pacifism – Room #6 (downstairs)

Knit and Nurture – Nursery

Eyes On Jesus: Discerning Our Welcome - Sanctuary

Young Adult Fellowship –Room #13 (downstairs)

Children/Youth Classes (downstairs)

Pre-School – Room #6

Middle School –Room #3

Multi-age – Room #11

High School - Room #7

Today

We are observing World Communion Sunday with the Lord’s Supper. The memorial meal will be celebrated with bread (including a gluten-free option) and grape juice in individual cups. Everyone is invited to come forward for bread and a blessing, sharing in the bread of life as a human family of all ages and stages in the faith journey. The cup reminds us of the new covenant in Christ and our call to discipleship. Baptized believers and those willing to walk with Christ and receive baptism are invited to drink the cup.

Church Discernment Double Feature (for high school and older; childcare will be provided)

5:00pm Leadership discernment for 2010; congregation gathers to discuss and nominate potential persons for elder, chair elect, and council members.

5:45pm Refreshment break

6:00 – 7:30pm Introduction to our process of discerning our congregation’s welcome for gays and lesbians. Come and hear more of the rationale for the discussion and help shape the subsequent sessions.

This Week

Wednesday, October 7th

SLT - 5:00pm

Property & Finance - 5:00pm

Christian Education - 7:15pm

Thursday, October 8th

Bible Study - 9:15am

Service & Outreach - 5:00pm

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, October 12th – *The Vine Deadline*

If you have any articles for our monthly newsletter, please email them by **Monday, October 12th** to Kaye Massanari at: kmassanari@yahoo.com

On Sunday, October 18th - the Parables worship team from Goshen College will present in our worship service. Reuben Sancken is one of the eight members (4 men, 4 women) of the group. We are asked to provide housing for the group Saturday evening and lunch on Sunday. Please let the church office know if your family is willing to host a couple of the students overnight. Is there a Sunday School class or small group that might wish to host the Sunday lunch? Thank you for giving attention to this request for hospitality.

Monday, October 19th - Women’s Night Out, 6:00pm at Dos Reales (1407 N. Prospect)

Tuesday, October 20th - Men’s Night Out, 6:00pm at Dos Reales (1407 N. Prospect)

Come and enjoy Mexican food as you catch up with old friends and get acquainted with new ones. Please sign up at the fellowship table in the basement. Contact Rosalee Otto or Dannie Otto for further details.

Our Fall Work Day will be October 24th from 8:00am-noon. Come and help with projects around the church as we prepare for winter.