

BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Sarah Sutter & Doug West (TODAY), Alex Negromo-Osagie, Dutch Potts, & Anja Schrag (TUE)

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Join us this Lent in creating a shared online journal of the things that make us feel alive. Our Lenten theme is *Enliven Us, O God*, with a different emphasis each week. Access the journal at: <https://enliven-fmc.tumblr.com/>

This Saturday, April 1, 6 pm at Yoder's Kitchen, Arthur, IL – Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-Off Dinner and musical program. For dinner reservations contact Cynthia Nafziger by March 26.

Next Sunday, April 2 and Sunday, April 9 at 12:15 pm at FMC - Choir rehearsals for Palm Sunday and Easter. Come join us!

Thursday, April 6 – Faith in Place Advocacy Day at the IL State Capitol. Voice your concerns about environmental issues affecting Illinois to your representatives. A bus taking people from C-U will leave from the FMC parking lot. More information and sign up at www.faithinplace.org/events/advocacy-day-state-capitol. Please let Beth Rempe know if you plan on going; the Green Team wants to send letters or petitions along from other FMCers who are unable to attend.

Friday, April 7, 5:30 pm at Sinai Temple (3104 Windsor Rd in Champaign) - Interfaith Community Seder hosted by Sinai Temple. This gathering will bring the Muslim, Mennonite, and Jewish communities together. Guests of all ages are welcome. **Please RSVP if you plan to attend. The link to RSVP is:** <https://sinaicu.wufoo.com/forms/m1cz1xl818sgo4y/>

Our Maundy Thursday meal (April 16, 6:15 pm) and Easter Brunch (April 16, 9 am) are shared meals. Please check the sign-up sheets downstairs for needed contributions of food or to help serve the meal. If you are bringing food for Maundy Thursday, it would be helpful if you could bring it early - either Sunday April 9 or by 5:45 prior to the 6:15 service.

The church office has 25 additional "welcome your neighbor" signs available for purchase (\$10/each). Stop by the office to get one. The signs are available to anyone in the community, so feel free to direct friends and neighbors to the office if they want a sign.

Next Sunday at First Mennonite (Lent 5 - We breathe)

Worship leader – Randy Nelson

Song leader – Cindy Breeze

Piano – Bev Birkey Potts

Children's story – Peter Dyck

Scripture readers – Tina Huang & Matt Yoder

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Visuals – Matt Yoder

Greeters – Bev Hertle, Greg Sancken, & Karla Woodson

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Refreshments – Seth & Claire Morgan

Worship nursery – Mary Biddle & Rhonda Gibson

Stewards – Peter Dyck & Rebecca Moyer

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Celebration of Worship

Lent 4

Enliven us, O God: We see

March 26, 2017

Slide show

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship hymn**

“Come, Light of the world” (*purple songbook #3*)

Confession and words of assurance

Leader: O God, you open our eyes to see what is true.

People: We admit that it is unsettling to fully accept what you want us to see.

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations,
and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the way.

(Pause for silent confession)

People: You remove the cataracts from our eyes.

You quicken our minds and soften our hearts.

Leader: You lift our blindness so that we might truly see all of your creation
and all those in it.

Passing the peace

***Purple songbook #5**

“Open my ears, open my eyes”

***Green songbook #29**

“You are all we have”

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

Scripture

Ephesians 5:8-14 (*page 1069*)

John 9:1-41 (*page 978*)

Sermon

Faith in focus

***Purple songbook #65**

“Open my eyes” (verses 1,2,3,5)

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

Sharing and prayers of the people

Introduction of guests

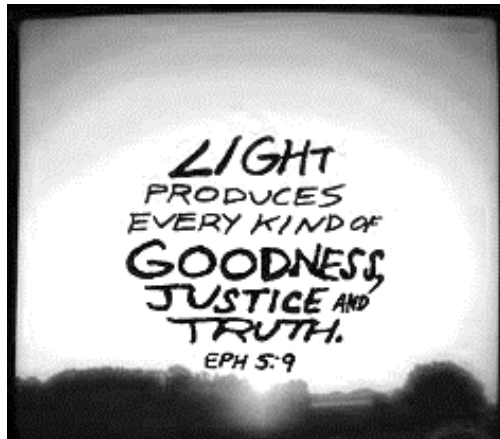
Work of the church (please come to the front if you have an announcement)

*Hymnal #401

"This little light of mine"

Benediction

*Stand if you are able



Thanks to our worship and welcome teams...

Worship leader – Laura Brenneman

Song leader – Rafael Luquis

Piano – Tina Huang

Children's story – Tammie Bouseman

Scripture readers – Lynne Sancken &

David Horst Lehman

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Visuals – Matt Yoder

Greeters –Rebecca Bare, Greg Sancken, &Karla Woodson

Sound system – Phil Martens

Refreshments – Ken & Rebecca Moyer

Worship nursery – Mary Krick & Beth Rempe

Stewards – Bruce Miller & George Ordal

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 NEW CHILDREN'S OFFERING benefits Sola Gratia Farm, a local community-based farm.

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 (March - May)

Every Creature Singing – sanctuary

Spirituality in the Third Third of Life – 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? The office sends out a weekly prayer and announcement email. Contact the church office if you want to receive it.

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN 9:15 AM Worship (Lent 4)
10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages

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

FRI IMC Annual Assembly at Camp Menno Haven
& **SAT**

UPCOMING

SUN 9:15 AM Worship (Lent 5)
2 10:45 AM Fellowship & refreshments
11:15 AM Sunday school for all ages
12:15 PM Easter Choir rehearsal
3:00 PM Young adult escape room/supper

TUE 7:00 PM Worship Committee
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THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
6 9:30 AM Thursday morning Bible study
5:00 PM Property & Finance Committee
5:30 PM Service & Outreach Committee

FRI 8:30 AM Coffee at Harvest Market on S. Neil
7 5:30 PM Interfaith Passover Seder at Sinai Temple

Sun Palm Sunday
9 12:15 PM Palm Sunday/Easter choir rehearsal
6:00 PM FMC sanctuary reserved until 9 pm
VINE submissions due to Alex Bidner

TUE 6:30 PM Taizé service of prayer and song
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