

BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Malia Shungu & Jasmine Schreiber (TODAY), Matt Klopfenstein (TUE), Caden Green (WED), Michelle Matthews (FRI), Bob King (SAT)

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/>

TODAY, April 2 and Sunday, April 9 at 12:15 pm at FMC - Choir rehearsals for Palm Sunday and Easter.

Monday, April 3, 5:30pm - Faith in Place is hosting a forum at FMC on Community Solar. Come learn about: creative initiatives for providing solar energy to low and moderate income families in C/U; new projects resulting from the Illinois 2016 Future Generations Jobs Bill; and how to generate more solar energy than y/our roof-top array can produce.

This 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/>

Sunday, April 9, 2 pm at FMC - Dannie Otto will give a slide presentation entitled, "Two Weeks in Palestine: People I met, stories I heard". These stories grow out of a 16 day trip to Palestine in late February. During this time Dannie and his daughter, Sophia Shenk, met Israelis and Palestinians who told their stories about the challenges of living in this land under current political conditions. They came away from this trip deeply concerned about the situation of Palestinians and yet inspired by the number of persons who are committed to working for justice and a civil society using non-violent methods.

Two opportunities to support local immigrants and refugees:

- 1) Purchase a ticket to attend the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (ECIRMAC) annual fundraising banquet Saturday April 15. Forms are available on the rack by the church office.
- 2) Join other FMCers at the University Y fundraising dinner April 8 to learn about their New American Welcome Center initiative, establishing a welcome center for immigrants and refugees settling in C/U. There are four seats remaining at a table of six. Contact Pastor Michael ASAP if interested in attending, supporting, or both.

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 about 20 "welcome your neighbor" signs available for purchase (\$10/each).

May 7, Noon, FMC fellowship hall – The high school youth will hold a lunch and auction to raise funds for their upcoming trip to the Youth Convention in Orlando. A donation sign-up link for the auction will be included in the prayer/announcement email on Tuesday.

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Celebration of Worship

Lent 5

Enliven us, O God: We breathe

April 2, 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**

"The Lord's my shepherd" (purple songbook #99)

Confession and words of assurance

Leader: We know that there are things in our lives that are not life-giving.
Whether trials we are facing or circumstances of our own making,
we lose that which gives us life.

People: Can these bones live again?

Leader: There are times where we look for you and feel absence,
when we may say in our hurt that if you were here
we would not be losing life like this.

People: Do you believe this?

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again.

People: I am calling you forth to new life.

ALL: I am bringing resurrection.

***Passing the peace**

***Purple songbook #121**

"Nothing is lost"

***Purple songbook #86**

"Thank you for the night"

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

Scripture

John 11:1-45 (*page 980*)

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (*page 791*)

Sermon

***Green songbook #61**

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*)

***Green songbook #29**

Benediction

Prophecy unto the breath

“How can we be silent”

“You are all we have”

Come out: a poem by Lynne Sancken

**Stand if you are able*



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

Worship leader – Randy Nelson

Song leader – Cindy Breeze

Piano – Beverly 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 & Phil Martens

Stewards – Peter Dyck & Rebecca Moyer

Next Sunday *at* First Mennonite (Palm Sunday)

Worship leader – Pastor Deb

Song leader – Rudy Litwiller

Piano – Andrea Welty Peachey

Children’s story – Jeri Lake

Scripture readers – Tammie Bouseman &

Keith Springer

Sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Visuals – Matt Yoder

Greeters – Rebecca Bare, Chuck Gibson, Bev Hertle

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Refreshments – Janet Liechty & Kajsa Herrstrom

Worship nursery – Rhonda Gibson & Tina Huang

Stewards – Peter Dyck & Rebecca 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 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? A variety of Mennonite periodicals can be found in the library in the magazine rack. There is usually at least one new periodical in the rack each week.

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN 9:15 AM Worship (Lent 5)
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

THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
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
5:30 PM Interfaith Passover Seder, Sinai Temple

UPCOMING

SUN 9:15 AM Worship (Palm Sunday)
9 12:00 PM JYF mini-golf (bring lunch)
12:15 PM Easter Choir rehearsal
2:00 PM Dannie Otto’s Palestine presentation
Vine articles for May due: vineditor@gmail.com

TUE 6:30 PM Taizé service
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WED 6:00 PM FMC Council
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THU 6:45 AM Early morning Bible study
13 6:15 PM Maundy Thursday meal & service

FRI 12:15 PM Good Friday service
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Sun Easter Sunday
16 9:00 AM Easter Brunch
9:45 AM pick-up choir rehearsal
10:15 AM Worship & Communion
No Sunday school