

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jon Welty Peachey (MON), Tina Huang, Melissa Shungu, Vern Zehr (WED), Chad Potts (SAT)

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Saturday October 28, 9:30-11:30 am - Parenting retreat at FMC. Come share your parenting joys and concerns! All parents are welcome; we may share in smaller groups according to the ages of children. Let Pastor Deb know today if you are coming; let her know how many are attending, your childcare needs, and if there are food allergies. Retreat leaders: Pastor Deb and Janet Liechty.

Next Sunday, October 29, after church – The Christian Education Committee hosts a “thank you” meal for teachers, helpers and sponsors of children/youth. We’ll spend time eating, listening and sharing together. Food is provided. RSVP to Bob King. Your presence is desired!

Lynne Sancken is taking orders for the FMC T-shirt “God’s Love is for Everyone”. Sign-up downstairs (indicate T-shirt size) no later than October 29. A picture of the T-shirt is available by the order form. The shirts cost approximately \$20, but Lynne will notify you of the final cost once she has the total count. Payment is due upon receipt of the shirt.

November 4, 8 am – Noon – FMC Fall Work Day. Help spruce up the grounds and take care of our building. All ages are welcome. Donuts, juice and coffee provided.

Sunday, November 5 – Service of Remembrance. We will recognize loved ones who have died since our Service of Remembrance last October. If you would like to participate, email office@fmc-cu.org by tomorrow. Please email the person's full name, relationship to you, and date of birth and death. To include a picture of the person in our insert, please email a picture.

Sunday, November 19, 3 pm at I Hotel, 1900S. First St, Champaign - 2nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

We give thanks for the special offering to help Mennonite Disaster Service provide relief and rebuilding to those affected by the recent hurricanes. \$2,230.66 was collected so far, and there will be more opportunities to give this fall and winter.

Joseph Omo-Osagie has donated his birthday to raising funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. If you are moved to help him reach his \$1,000 goal you may donate at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/1529016577192945/>

Note: Announcements regarding non-FMC sponsored community events are published weekly in the Tuesday prayer/announcement email. To subscribe to the email or to submit announcements (before Tuesday), contact the church office (office@fmc-cu.org).

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Celebration of Worship

October 22, 2017

GATHERING

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship (unison)**

**Christ, whose insistent call
disturbs our settled lives:
give us discernment to hear your word,
grace to relinquish our tasks,
and courage to follow empty-handed
wherever you may lead;
that the voice of your gospel
may reach to the ends of the earth. AMEN**

***Song insert**

“Let us build a house”

***Passing the peace**

PROCLAIMING

***Song insert**

“Great is your faithfulness”

***Song insert**

“Ya Rabba ssalami”

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

Congregation sings as children come forward (purple songbook #47)

Scripture: Esther 4 & 5 (*dramatized*)

Sermon

If not you, who? If not now, when?

RESPONDING

***Song insert**

“Sing a new world into being”

Offering (prayer cards collected)

Offertory

Sharing and prayers of the people

SENDING

Introduction of guests

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

***Song insert**

“As you go out from here”

***Benediction**

**Stand if you are able*

Next Sunday, October 29: 5th Sunday Schedule

8:30 – 10:30 am: 5th Sunday breakfast & Sunday school at Boys & Girls Club (201 E Park St., C)
9:30 – 10:30 am: Food & fellowship at First Mennonite (for those not attending Sunday school)
10:45 am: Worship at First Mennonite. No Sunday school at First Mennonite

Why a “5th Sunday” schedule? Several times a year we partner with Bethel AME, Salem Baptist and New Covenant Fellowship churches for a joint breakfast and Sunday school for ages 4 and up.

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

Worship leader – Keith Springer
Song leader – Andrea Welty Peachey
Piano – Pastor Deb & Anna Lubienski
Children’s story – Jeri Lake
Scripture readers – Tom Anderson, Laura Brenneman, Lesley Deem, Sheree Flannigan, David Horst Lehman, Matt Yoder
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Bev Hertle, George Ordal, Karla Woodson
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Stewards – Tom Anderson & Dan Schreiber
Visuals – Junior High Fellowship (JYF)
Worship nursery – Rachel Lehman & Tom Sutter
Refreshments – Sheree Flannigan & Kathy Springer

Next Sunday at FMC: 5th Sunday schedule

Worship leader – Sheryl Dyck
Song leader – Rudy Litwiller
Piano – Phyllis Croisant
Children’s story – Rebecca Bare
Scripture reader – Bob King
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb
Greeters – Bev Hertle, George Ordal, Karla Woodson
Sound system – Randy Nelson
Stewards – Tom Anderson & Dan Schreiber
Visuals – Junior High Fellowship (JYF)
Worship nursery – Phil Martens & Liesl Schrag
Refreshments – Kate Falk & Cheryl Koranda

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 Fall children’s offering will go to Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to help with hurricane relief efforts. All are welcome to give to the offering during the coming months.

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)

Shalom & the Active Struggle for Social Justice – sanctuary

Meditating on Scripture – 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/K – Room 6

Grades 5-8 – Room 3

Grades 1-6 – Room 10/11

Grades 9-12 – Room 7

(Nursery care provided for children birth through preschool)

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
WED	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team <i>Rhonda out of office Wed pm - Fri</i>
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Worship Committee
SAT	9:30 AM	Parenting retreat at FMC until 11:30 am

UPCOMING

SUN 29	8:30 AM	Breakfast & Sunday school at Boys & Girls Club
	9:30 AM	Food & fellowship at FMC for those not attending Sunday school
	10:45 AM	Worship at FMC
	12:00 PM	CE Luncheon <i>Articles for Vine due to fmcvine@gmail.com</i>
WED 1	5:45 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
THU 2	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
SAT 4	8:00 AM	FMC Fall Workday