

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Levi Horst Lehman (SAT)

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TODAY – Deadline for ordering FMC T-shirt “God’s Love is for Everyone”. Sign-up downstairs (indicate T-shirt size). A picture of the T-shirt is available by the order form. The shirts cost approximately \$20, but Lynne Sancken will notify you of the final cost once she has the total count. Payment is due upon receipt of the shirt.

TODAY 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. Your presence is desired!

This Saturday, 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. Sign-up downstairs or via Signup Genius link included in this past Tuesday’s prayer/announcement email.

Next Sunday, November 5, Noon – Small group discussions will be held immediately following Sunday school to discern FMC council leadership for 2018. The positions of chair-elect, elder, and one council member need to be filled. Active participants ages high school and older are invited to gather in the sanctuary at Noon. A light snack will be served. Childcare will be provided in the nursery.

The Christian Education Committee is collecting items for our undergraduate CARE packages. A list of items is in the brochure rack next to the collection box (near water fountain). **Please bring items by Thursday, November 9.** Students greatly appreciate the CARE packages!

Sunday, November 19 – Join us during worship for Pastor Deb’s ordination. Stay after church for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck (at Noon), with special desserts provided to celebrate Pastor Deb’s special day.

Sunday, November 19, 3 pm at I Hotel, 1900S. First St, Champaign - 2nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration. This year’s theme is "Tapestry of Faith and Community: our lives are woven together." People of all ages are invited to celebrate our relationships with one another and the world in which we live. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods to donate to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank and strips of fabric, string, or other weavable material to be used in our woven community art project.

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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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Celebration *of* Worship

October 29, 2017

Reformation Sunday (500th Anniversary)

GATHERING

Centering chimes

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

Prelude

Welcome & prayer

***Call to worship**

Leader: Today is Reformation Sunday, a day when we consider the sacrifices and risks made by Menno Simons and other reformers before us.

People: We celebrate the Church that was, the Church that is and the Church that will be.

Leader: We give thanks for the opportunities we have to experience the freedom of religious belief, gathering and expression.

People: O God, help us strengthen our own faith, and strengthen our acceptance of those who worship differently than we do.

Leader: The differences that exist among us prove the extravagant mosaic beauty of God’s creation.

People: We are all children of God, creatures of a Creator that knows and loves each and every one of us.

Leader: History has shown that we may never be able to predict where our journey through life may take us, but that our journey will always be filled with God’s grace.

People: Let us journey together.

Leader: That journey together starts right here.

People: Let us worship God!

***Hymnal #173**

“Savior of the nations, come!”

***Passing the peace**

PROCLAIMING

***Hymnal #133**

“Out of the depths I cry to you”

***Hymnal #407**

“We are people of God’s peace”

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

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

Scripture: Psalm 46 (page 506) & John 15:12-17 (page 986)

Sermon *Embracing grace and diversity*

RESPONDING

“A mighty fortress is our God”

*Hymnal #165

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)

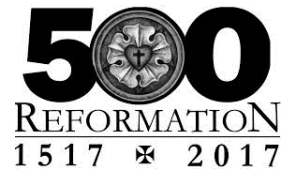
*Hymnal #118

“Praise God from whom”

*Benediction

Postlude

**Stand if you are able*



Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

Worship leader – Sheryl Dyck
Song leader – Rafael Luquis
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 – Bev Hertle & Cheryl Koranda

Next Sunday at FMC:
Service of Remembrance

Worship leader – Chuck Gibson
Song leader – Rudy Litwiller
Piano – Pastor Deb/Lesley Deem
Children’s story – Peter Dyck
Scripture reader – Tammie Bouseman
Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael
Greeters – Bob King, Jan Sabey, Greg Sancken
Sound system – Phil Martens
Stewards – Phil Martens & Ken Moyer
Visuals – Junior High Fellowship (JYF)
Worship nursery – Abby Crosby & Mary Krick
Refreshments – Bruce & Oleta Miller

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.



This Saturday, November 4

Set your clocks back one hour before bed.

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 5

THIS WEEK at FMC

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

SUN	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	5:45 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
	7:00 PM	From Standing Rock to Standing with the Sapara
SAT	8:00 AM	FMC Work Day (until Noon)

UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship at FMC (Service of Remembrance)
5	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	12:00 PM	Leadership Discernment Circles
WED	6:00 PM	FMC Council
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THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
9	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible study
	5:30 PM	Christian Education Committee
SAT	1:00 PM	FMC reserved for recital
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