

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Carmen Goering (TODAY), Rafael Koehn (SAT)

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This Saturday, December 2nd at 10 am – Deck the Halls of FMC. Help decorate the church for Christmas and enjoy holiday treats. We welcome help from all ages!

Next Sunday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm – 25th Annual FMC Chrismon Service. Come decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life while singing hymns and carols and listening to scripture. A special offering will be taken for Anne Garber Kompaore's work in Africa. *The service is for all ages and friends are welcome.*

Wednesday, December 6 – Community Meal & Taizé Service at Uni Place (403 S. Wright, C). The meal begins at 6 pm, followed by a Taizé service at 7 pm. Join us!

Saturday, December 9, 6:00 pm – Progressive Dinner. This FMC tradition for high school youth and older is a 3-part moving potluck with small gatherings in homes for appetizer and main course with dessert for all in one location. *Sign up downstairs by November 28.* Questions? Call Marcia E. Nelson at 359-0034.

December 24 & 31 – Join us for fellowship and refreshments at 9 am. Sunday morning worship will start at 10 a.m. No Sunday school will be held.

December 24 at 6:30 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service for all ages.

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN URBANA
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Celebration of Worship

November 26, 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** *(based on Psalm 100 from the People's Companion to the Breviary)*

Leader: All the earth cries out to you with shouts of joy, O God,

**People: Serving you with gladness,
coming before you, singing for joy.**

Leader: You, Creator of all, are God.

**People: You made us, we belong to you,
we are your people, the sheep of your pasture.**

**We enter your gates with thanksgiving,
and your courts with songs of praise!**

Leader: We give you thanks and bless your name.

**People: Indeed, how good you are,
enduring, your steadfast love.
You are faithful to all generations.**

***Purple songbook #113**

"I will stand in the congregation"

***Passing the peace**

PROCLAIMING

***Hymnal #166**

"I'll praise my Maker"

***Hymnal #599**

"He leadeth me"

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

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

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-25 *(page 788)*

Sermon

Shepherding justice

RESPONDING

***Purple songbook #39**

Offering (*prayer cards collected*)

Offertory

Sharing and prayers of the people

“Will you come and follow me”

SENDING

Introduction of guests

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

***Hymnal #352**

“Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us”

***Benediction**

**Stand if you are able*

Thanks to our worship and welcome teams

Worship leader – Matt Yoder

Song leader – Cindy Breeze

Piano – Andrea Welty Peachey

Children’s story – Phil Martens

Scripture reader – Laurence Koehn

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Deb

Greeters – Bob King, Karla Woodson, Greg Sancken

Sound system – Emerson Nafziger

Stewards – Phil Martens & Ken Moyer

Visuals – Jeri Lake

Worship nursery – Chuck Gibson & Pam Peña-Martin

Refreshments – Janet Guthrie & Mary Hays

Next Sunday at FMC: December 3 Advent 1 – Let it Be

Worship leader – Peter Dyck

Song leader – Bev Birkey Potts

Piano – Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez

Children’s story – Keith & Kathy Springer

Scripture reader – Courtney & Doug Malcolm

Sermon, sharing & prayer – Pastor Michael

Greeters – Denny & Nancy Seaman, Sam Cox

Sound system – Laurence Koehn

Visuals – Rachel Horst Lehman

Worship nursery – Tom Sutter & Sheryl Nisly-Nagele

Refreshments – Greg & Lynne Sancken

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 at FMC
	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages

Articles for December Vine due to: fmcvine@gmail.com.

Vine in boxes December 3rd.

WED	6:00 PM	Spiritual Leadership Team
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THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
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SAT	10:00 AM	Deck the halls of FMC – Christmas decorating at FMC
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UPCOMING

SUN	9:15 AM	Worship
3	10:45 AM	Fellowship & refreshments
	11:15 AM	Sunday school for all ages <i>(first Sunday of winter quarter)</i>
	6:30 PM	25 th Annual Chrismon service

TUE	8:00 AM	FMC reserved all morning
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WED	5:45 PM	Service & Outreach Committee
6	6:00 PM	Community meal & Taizé service at Uni Place

THU	6:45 AM	Early morning Bible study
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7	5:00 PM	Property & Finance Committee
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Sat	6:00 PM	FMC Progressive Dinner
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9	6:00 PM	FMC reserved (6-9 pm)
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