



WELCOME TO

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

*Following Christ.
Nurturing Community.
Seeking Peace with Justice.*

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP HOUR & KIDS' CORNER— 10:30 am

Currently no adult Sunday school classes

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Celebration of Worship

October 31, 2021



Centering chimes

Prelude

In Memory by *Jeanne Cotter*

*Call to worship: (adapted from *Voices Together #983*)

Leader: Eternal Strength,

People: hold us. Eternal Hope,

Leader: show us new life. Eternal Compassion,

People: comfort us in our grief. Eternal Goodness,

Leader: grant us your grace. Eternal Peace,

All: soothe us when loss overwhelms, and we feel alone. Amen.

Welcome & prayer

Children's story and offering for the United Front Against River Blindness

Congregation sings as children come forward (*Voices Together #512*)

Scripture

Ruth 1:1-18

Sermon

Response Hymn #653 (instrumental only)

Offering and prayer (please place your offering in the baskets at the doors as you leave the sanctuary)

Offertory

How Can I Keep From Singing *arr. Mark Hayes*

Remembering our loved ones (booklet)

Congregational sharing and prayer (please text or email prayers and announcements to Pastor Michael)

Introduction of Visitors

Work of the church

*Voices Together #660

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

*Voices Together #653

"Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God"

*Voices Together #671

"The Hand of God Shall Hold You"

*Benediction

Postlude

Joysong by *Mark Hayes*

*Stand if you are able

We welcome, without exclusion...

all who seek God's love and grace. You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status, political affiliation, physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.
Childcare (birth – preschool) is not currently being provided.

AFTER WORSHIP:

Kids' Corner will be held in the fellowship hall and fellowship is welcome on the lawn west of the church building.



FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY

Worship 9:15am
Youth Sunday school – after worship

WEDNESDAY

Property & Finance Cmte (zoom) 5:30pm

THURSDAY

Early Morning Bible Study (zoom) 7am
Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30am, FMC Sanctuary
Racial Justice Working Group (zoom) 3pm

FRIDAY

Spiritual Leadership Team 3pm

SATURDAY

Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte 9am



Scan or visit
www.fmc-cu.org/events
for details on upcoming events.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (more announcements in the email sent each Tuesday)

Pastor Deb is out of the office through November 6. Please contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care concerns.

TODAY After Worship – Another opportunity for input into 2022 FMC Council leadership selection. Sheryl Dyck will be available to meet with people who were not able to take part in the discernment circles last week. Active participants who have attended at least six months who are high school age and older are invited to participate. Meet at the front of the sanctuary immediately after worship.

TODAY - Deadline for submissions to the next Vine. If you have articles to submit, please email all relevant material to Cindi Schieber. Let Cindi know if you're interested in being interviewed for our periodic "Meet the Congregant" series. Contact her by email or by phone.

Items needed for our Undergraduate Care Packages - Each year before finals, FMC sends our undergraduate students Care Packages containing items and cards. The Christian Education Committee invites you to bring suggested items from the list (available on the hallway table and in the Tuesday email) and place them in the collection box outside the FMC office. **Please bring your donations by November 14. No nuts please, since at least one student lives in a nut-free household. There is a card for each student in the FMC library and you are invited to sign them.**

Saturday, November 13, 8 am – Noon - FMC Fall Workday. The Property and Finance Committee invites you to help spruce up the FMC building at grounds. Masks should be worn in the building and outside when social distancing isn't possible. A list of tasks and a sign-up are in Tuesday's email.

The church roofing project will continue for 1-2 more weeks. Parking may be more limited during this time.

Beginning next Sunday, November 7 and continuing through December – Family time after worship. Young children and their parents are welcome to gather in the nursery and fellowship hall after worship for crafts and to play. Craft materials will be provided, but parents will need to present to supervise.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Dave & Neta Jackson
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Laura Brenneman-Fullwood
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze
Piano: Jan Kellogg
Children's Story: Cindy Breeze
Sermon, Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Michael
Sound System & Tech: Laurence Koehn & Bharat Patel
Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Lynne Sancken
Kids' Corner: Pastor Michael

NEXT SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 7) AT FMC:

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Mark 12:38-44
Greeters: Sheryl Dyck & Clark Breeze
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Thom Moore
Song Leader: Matt Yoder
Piano: Bev Birkey Potts
Children's Story: Neta Jackson
Sermon, Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Michael
Sound System & Tech: Emerson Nafziger & Phil Martens
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Greg Sancken