



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

August 21, 2022

Centering chimes

Prelude

***Gathering hymn #30** "Jesus Calls Us"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship *Voices Together #853*

***Praising hymn #638** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Children's story and offering for Feeding Our Kids

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

Scripture Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

***Response hymn #636** "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Offering prayer

Meditation music (*offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the ushers come by to collect offerings*)

Congregational sharing and prayer (*use a mic or text/email prayers and announcements to Pastors Michael or Deb*)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

***Sending hymn #644** "Healer of Our Every Ill"

***Benediction**

*Stand in body or in spirit; kids are welcome to stand on the floor in front of the chairs and wave a ribbon during singing.

Today's Visual – *This quilt belongs to Tom Sutter. It was quilted by Merna Louise Ringenberg Sutter, his 97 year-old mother who was born in Flanagan, Illinois and farmed all her life in that community. She currently lives at Autumn Fields retirement center in Savoy. The cross stitch part was done by Tom's father's mother, Marie Litwiller Sutter from Hopedale, Illinois.*

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 and 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 provided in the nursery downstairs.



TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship is welcome (no refreshments served); please remain masked.

There is no Sunday school for adults, youth or children during August.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit www.fmc-cu.org/events for event details)

TODAY

Worship 9:15a; CDC Listening session in the sanctuary after worship.

TUESDAY

Season of Creation Planning Cmte Mtg. (9a)

THURSDAY

Service & Outreach Cmte Mtg-Zoom (4p)

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

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP - Central District Conference (CDC) Sacred Listening at FMC. All ages are invited to participate as we share with the CDC team stories of how God is calling FMC. Child care is available in the nursery.

The month of August - This is the final month in our current children's offering for Feeding Our Kids. About \$418 has been collected so far. Children and adults are invited to contribute this month so that we can help feed more of our hungry neighbors.

August 1 - September 11 – Collection of items to make 10 complete MCC Relief Kits. You are invited to sign-up so that we have the appropriate number of each item to complete the 10 kits. Look for a sign-up link in Tuesday's email or scan the QR code to the right. Please read descriptions of items closely, since MCC requires specific sizes, numbers of items/package, etc. Place donations in the box near the church office no later than September 11. Thank you!



August 26 - 27 - Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale at the Otto Center, 1/2 mile south of Arthur, IL. 80% of the proceeds from this annual sale benefit Mennonite Central Committee. The other 20% benefit local organizations that deal with food insecurity. Brochures are on the FMC communications table.

Spiritual direction small groups offer an opportunity for sharing together; the groups re-form each Fall. Information is posted on the bulletin board; also, feel free to talk to Pastor Deb to learn more. Please let Pastor Deb know by **TOMORROW** (August 22) if you are interested in being a part of a group beginning in September.

September 4, 11 and 18 – Outdoor Sunday morning worship at 9:15 am as we celebrate the Season of Creation. This year's theme is: "Listening to the Voices of Creation." Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If it rains, worship will be held in the sanctuary.

September 16-18 at Camp Friedenswald (Cassopolis, MI) - 2022 Women's Retreat. The theme is "Embodying Courage: Healing Connections" and the speaker is Samantha Lioi, former interim pastor at FMC. More information and registration link can be found at: <https://friedenswald.org/retreats>. FMC may be able to help cover some of the cost of the retreat; talk with Pastor Deb if interested.

FMC Food Pantry Update - The food cupboard containing staples used for our food delivery requests from Empty Tomb is once again ready for donations. Please donate the specific items needed, which can be found on the revised 2022 Food Pantry Donation List. Copies of the list are on the communications table and [on our church website](#). You can place your donations in the cupboard in basement room #3. Thanks for considering this as your grocery shop.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Karen McKenzie
Worship Leader: Cindy Breeze; Children's Story: Rebecca Bare
Song Leader: Pastor Deb ; Piano: Bev Birkey Potts
Scripture Reader: Lynne Sancken
Sermon: Sarah (Lake-Rayburn) Zabel
Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Andrea Welty Peachey; Sound System: Laurence Koehn
Visuals: Quilt (Lynne Sancken, coordinator)
Worship Nursery: Rebecca Bare & Courtney Malcolm
Stewards: Clark Breeze & Emerson Nafziger

NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 28 AT FMC

Greeters: Tamie Bouseman & Karen McKenzie
Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson; Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; Piano: Cheryl Koranda
Scripture: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Luke 14:1, 7-14; Scripture Reader: Nancy Seaman
Sermon, Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Phil Martens; Sound System: Randy Nelson
Visuals: Quilt (Lynne Sancken, coordinator)
Worship Nursery: Mary Biddle & Marcia E Nelson
Stewards: Clark Breeze & Emerson Nafziger

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