



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

August 28, 2022

Centering chimes

Prelude

***Gathering hymn #28** "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship *Voices Together #868*

***Praising hymn #209** "We Dream of a Turning"

Children's story and offering for Feeding Our Kids

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

Scripture Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

***Response hymn #549** "Be Thou My Vision"

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 #812** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

***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 is a double wedding band pattern. It belongs to Sheryl Dyck, who asked her grandmother to make it for her. Sheryl's grandmother made it using leftover fabrics from dresses Sheryl's Mom had made for Sheryl and her sisters!*

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; Deadline for Vine submissions

TUESDAY

Pastor Michael returns to the office
Rhonda is out of the office Tue & Wed

THURSDAY

Racial Justice Working Group-Zoom (3p)
Hospitality & Fellowship Cmte (5:30p)

FRIDAY

Spiritual Leadership Team (9a)

Next Sunday, September 4

Outdoor worship in fenced yard (9:15a)
Fall Sunday school quarter begins (see
handout for details)

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

TODAY:

- **Final Sunday to donate to our current children's offering for Feeding Our Kids.** Children and adults are invited to contribute this month so that we can help feed more of our hungry neighbors.
- **Deadline for submissions to the FMC newsletter, The Vine.** Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

Next Sunday, September 4, and also Sept. 11 and 18 – Celebrate the Season of Creation with outdoor worship at 9:15. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If it rains, worship will be in the sanctuary. Fall Sunday school begins (see flyer).

Sunday, September 11:

- **Fellowship Picnic Lunches at 12:30 pm.** Sign up to host an outdoor potluck picnic or to be a guest. Signup deadline: Next Sunday, September 4. More information and a signup link are in the Friday email (or scan the QR code to the right).
- **Final collection for MCC Relief Kits.** New bath towels and laundry soap bars are still needed. Please scan the QR code on the collection box near the church office to sign up and to view specific about sizes, packaging, etc required by MCC (or sign up using the link in the Tuesday email).
- **Green Team Watch Party at First Presbyterian (302 W Church, C) at 4:45 pm.** FMC and First Presbyterian Church invite you to gather to watch and discuss Keynote Session by renowned climate scientist Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. Register online to join the watch party: <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/watch-party> (scroll down to the bottom of the page). The Green Team Summit continues through September 14. Detailed information and registration at: <https://www.greenteamsummit.org/>.



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.

Saturday, October 1 - CU Annual Pride Parade. Lynne Sancken is ordering "God's Love is for Everyone" Pride T-shirts. **Sizes can be printed for all ages and are available in SHORT OR LONG-SLEEVED T-shirts.** The cost will depend on the number ordered. If you are interested in ordering one or more shirts, please let Lynne know by Sunday, September 11. Let her know size(s), quantity and whether you want short or long sleeved shirts. Talk to her in person or email Lynne (lynne.sancken@gmail.com).

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Karen McKenzie
Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson; Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; Piano: Cheryl Koranda
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: Denny Seaman & Emerson Nafziger

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 4 AT FMC (Theme: Ocean Sunday)

Greeters: Lesley Deem & Jon Welty Peachey
Worship Leader: Marcia E Nelson; Children's Story: Marcia E Nelson
Song Leader: Pastor Deb; Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus; Flute: Mary Krick, Danielle Beard
Scripture: Job 38:1-38; Luke 5:1-11; Scripture Reader: Chuck Gibson
Sermon, Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Phil Martens; Sound System: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Sheryl Dyck; SS Nursery: Taniya & Rachel HL
Stewards: Rebecca Bare & Chuck Gibson

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