



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

Church Life Sunday - October 16, 2022



Centering chimes

Prelude

*Gathering hymn #390 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Welcome & prayer

Call to Worship Voices Together #874

Children's story and offering for Kino Border Initiative (KBI)

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

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Congregational Response

Your questions and thoughts are precious to us!

May the words in this book be like a flashlight that lights your path.

May they bring the peace of Christ into your life and the joy the Spirit into your hearts.

May they help you hear God's love with your ears and share God's love with your hands. AMEN.

*Praising hymn #1 "Summoned by the God Who Made Us"

Scripture Psalm 133 and Ezra 1

Sermon

*Response hymn #722 "Help Us to Help Each Other"

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 Pastor Michael*)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

*Sending hymn #374 "There are Many Gifts"

*Benediction

*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons at the front of the sanctuary during the hymns.

TODAY'S VISUAL: *This piece was shared by Neta Jackson, who writes, "When my mother passed away in 1994, we found a box of diamond-shaped quilt pieces. Since we weren't sure who she intended this quilt for, a quilter friend of ours turned the quilt pieces into three wall hangings for me and my two sisters. It's fun to go to my sisters' homes and see "our" quilts hanging on their walls too!"*

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. Education opportunities for all ages will be held from 11:15-Noon. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are available downstairs before Sunday school. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.

ADULT CLASSES:

How the Bible Actually Works: Sanctuary
Everything Happens for A Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved: Library
Coffee & Conversation: Room 5 (downstairs)

CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES:

Pre-K – Grade 2: Room 10/11 (downstairs)
Grades 3 – 5: Room 3 (downstairs)
Young Adult Sunday school (youth invited, too): Room 13 (downstairs)



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

TODAY

- Worship 9:15a, followed by Fellowship (until 11:15am) & Sunday school (11:15 am-Noon)
- Picnic at Meadowbrook (12:30p)
- FMC sanctuary reserved (1:30-4p)

TUESDAY

- FMC Sanctuary reserved (9a-Noon)

WEDNESDAY

- Wed AM Zoom Bible Study (8:00a)
- Property & Finance Cmte (5:30p)
- Christian Education Cmte-Zoom (7p)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Bible study (9:30a)

SATURDAY

- Memorial service for Carmen Goering (1p)

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

Pastor Michael will be away this Thursday, Oct 20 – Sunday, Oct 23. Pastor Deb will be away Monday Oct 24 – Monday, Oct 31.

TODAY

- During worship – Church Life Sunday.** Please consider volunteering to support a ministry at First Mennonite. Prayerfully consider the various ministries and opportunities alongside your own gifts, interests and availability. Pastors and committees may call on you to serve in some of your areas of interest. FMC Ministry Volunteer Forms (Work of the Church forms) are available on the pews or online (an email with a link will be sent after church). Paper forms can be left in the labeled return box in the foyer (by greeter stand). **Paper and online forms are due by next Sunday, October 23, 2022.**
- FMC All Church Picnic, 12:30 pm at Meadowbrook Park, Urbana.** Meet at the pavilion near the Race St. parking lot. Bring your own picnic lunch and meet with others to fellowship and enjoy the park.
- Final day for FMC special offering in support of the Salary Campaign for Sarah Augustine and the Anabaptist Coalition for Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery.**

This Saturday, October 22, 1 pm at FMC – Memorial service for Carmen Goering.

Sunday, October 30

- FMC Annual Service of Remembrance during worship.** We will recognize loved ones who have died since our last Service of Remembrance. If you wish to include someone close to you, please email the office (office@fmc-cu.org) with the following information: person's full name, relationship to you, date of birth and death, and picture (if possible). **Submission Deadline: October 23.**
- Discernment Circles after Sunday school.** Small group discussions lasting 20-30 minutes will be held immediately following Sunday school to discern FMC Council leadership for 2022. Active participants who have attended at least six months and are high school age or older are invited to participate in person or over Zoom. There will be child care to allow parents to participate in the circles.
- Articles for the next issue of the Vine are due to Cindi Schieber.**

Saturday, November 5, 3:30-5 pm at FMC – The Spiritual Leadership Team is hosting a panel presentation and Q & A on relationship building for couples of all ages; people who aren't currently in a relationship are also invited to attend. Child care will be provided. Register by November 1st using the link in the Tuesday prayer/announcement email.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Denny Seaman & Marcia E Nelson
Worship Leader: Danielle Beard; Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
Scripture Reader: Abby Crosby
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; Piano: Bev Birkey Potts
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael; Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Bharat Patel; Sound System: Laurence Koehn
Nursery: Worship - Taniya B. & Mary Biddle | SS - Taniya B. & Rachel HL
Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Greg Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT FMC

Fill Your Bucket Sunday

Greeters: Cynthia Nafziger & Marcia E Nelson
Worship Leader: Cindy Breeze; Children's Story: Lesley Deem
Scripture Reader: Bev Hertle; Scripture: Joel 22:23-29 and Luke 18:9-17
Song Leader: Rafael Luquis; Piano: Pam Peña Martin
Sermon, Sharing & Work of the Church: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; Sound System: Randy Nelson
Nursery: Worship-Taniya B. & Rebecca Bare | SS – Taniya B. & Courtney M.
Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Greg Sancken

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