



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

November 12, 2023

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship: #851

***Gathering hymn #48** "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #797** "We Are People of God's Peace"

Children's story and offering for Hungry World Farm (www.hungryworldfarm.com)

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

Scripture Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

***Response Hymn #298** "What Is the World Like"

Offering prayer

Offertory (*Offerings can be placed in the plates as the ushers come by*)

Mission Moment: CU Reparations Coalition

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

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (*please come forward to the podium mic to make your announcement*)

***Sending hymn #228** "Wait for the Lord"

***Benediction**

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

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 a large print hymnal & Bible are available from the greeters.
Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship and refreshments in the basement before Sunday school. Please keep drinks in the basement. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are also available. Parents, please assist your children during snack time. Education opportunities for all ages are held from 11:15am-12pm. Childcare for infants - preschoolers is provided in the nursery.



CLASSES THROUGH NOVEMBER (upstairs/downstairs)

Introduction to Islam: Sanctuary

Inspired: Library

Mennonites 101: Rm 7 Downstairs

Coffee & Conversation: Rm 13 Downstairs

Young Adults & High School Youth: Rm 5 Downstairs

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (downstairs)

Kindergarten – Grade 2 Grade 6: Room 10/11

Grade 3 - 6: Room 3

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

TODAY

- FMC sanctuary reserved for private event (2-5p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Facilities Committee (5:30p)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Reparations in Action at New Covenant (7p)

FRIDAY

- Friday Spiritual Direction Group (10:30a)

SATURDAY

- FMC Work Day (8:30a-12p)

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

TODAY

- **Final day to sign encouragement cards for our undergraduates (in the FMC library).** Thank you to all who generously donated funds in support of this project.
- **Community event at CIMIC, 2:30p** - Coming together to remember and honor the Gazan & Palestinian children who have died.

This Thursday, November 16, 7 pm at New Covenant Fellowship (124 W White St, C) - Reparations in Action: Uniting for Change. Special Guest Speaker Robin Rue Simmons, former Evanston Alderman and founder of [FirstRepair](http://FirstRepair.org). Robin will relate the story of Evanston's passage of the first municipally-funded reparations legislation for African Americans in the country. Sponsored by the C-U Reparations Coalition.

This Saturday, November 18, from 8:30 am – Noon: FMC Fall Work Day. Help spruce up the church building and grounds. Coffee and donuts are provided.

In November and December – 3rd Thursday Taco Dinners will not be held. Come to the Thanksgiving Potluck (Nov. 19) & the Progressive Dinner (Dec. 9)!

Next Sunday, November 19:

- **Final collection day for Styrofoam**
- **FMC Service of Thanksgiving. A special Thanksgiving offering will be collected for winter clothing for kids (see handout for details).**
- **Thanksgiving Noon potluck.** Join us for this annual event. Please bring a nut-free dish to share. Cards will be on the serving table for you to provide dietary information to help those with food allergies navigate the potluck.
- **Annual Interfaith Grateful Gathering at Spurlock (3p).** Join the Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County for prayers and reflections on gratitude. The gathering will feature local youth artists and Afro D and Global Soundwaves. Stay for some great fellowship over cookies, too!

Saturday, December 2 at 3 pm – FMC Advent Decorating, followed by a potluck at 5 pm. Pork roast is being provided by Marlin Sieber. Please sign up if you plan to attend the potluck.

Sunday, December 3 at 6:30 pm – 31st Annual FMC Chrismon service. All ages are invited to decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life while singing hymns and listening to scripture.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Cynthia Nafziger

Worship Leader: Mary Biddle

Song Leader: Pastor Deb; **Piano:** Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Lynne Sancken

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Mary Krick; **AV:** Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Sheryl Dyck

SS Nursery: Rebecca Bare & Abby Crosby

Stewards: Keith Springer & Greg Sancken

Refreshments: Janet E. Guthrie & Mark Jaeger

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT FMC:

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30; **Scripture Reader:** Cathy Schneider

Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Tammie Bouseman

Worship Leader: Eliza Crosby

Music: Worship Band

Children's Story: Megan Cox

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Phil Martens; **AV:** Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Mary Hines

SS Nursery: Pete Shungu & Abby Crosby

Stewards: Chuck Gibson & Mary Krick

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