



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

November 19, 2023



**Centering chimes**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

Voices Together #853

**\*Gathering hymn #111**

"10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord"

**Welcome and prayer**

**\*Praising Hymn #720**

"O God in Heaven"

**Children's story and offering for Hungry World Farm ([www.hungryworldfarm.com](http://www.hungryworldfarm.com))**

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

**Scripture**

Matthew 25:14-30

**Sermon**

**\*Response Hymn #124**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

**Offering prayer**

**Offertory**

*You are invited to bring your monetary and clothing donations to the front of the sanctuary. Monetary donations for the Thanksgiving offering can be placed in the provided envelope; checks for the special offering should note "Thanksgiving offering" in the memo line. If you wish for a greeter to bring your donation to the front for you, please signal to them.*

**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 #816**

"Guide My Feet"

**\*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.

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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:** Room 10/11

**Grade 3 - 6:** Room 3

## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit [www.fmc-cu.org/events](http://www.fmc-cu.org/events) for event details)

### TODAY

- FMC potluck (12p)
- Sun. Spiritual Direction (1:30p)
- Annual Interfaith Grateful Gathering at Spurlock (3p)

### WEDNESDAY

- Pastor Michael will be out of the office through Saturday. (No Zoom Bible Study)

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY

- FMC office closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

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

### TODAY

- In addition to our regular offering, a Thanksgiving offering of winter clothing and monetary donations for winter clothing will be collected.
- Final collection day for Styrofoam for now.
- 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.

### This week:

- Pastor Michael will be out of the office Wednesday through Saturday.
- The FMC office will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Next Sunday, November 26 - A group from FMC will visit Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church in East Peoria to participate in their Noon meal and early afternoon worship service. We'll also help to decorate their mitten tree, with contributions of new hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, and socks for elementary-school aged children. Bring mitten tree items to FMC in advance of the 26<sup>th</sup>. Cash contributions are requested by today, to allow for items to be purchased. If you wish be part of the group, let Janet Elaine Guthrie know today, so that carpooling can be arranged and background information shared ahead of the visit.

Saturday, December 2 at 3:30 pm – FMC Advent Decorating, followed by a potluck at 5 pm. Pork roast is being provided by Marlin Sieber. Please signup online if you plan to attend the potluck.

### Sunday, December 3:

- 31<sup>st</sup> Annual FMC Chrismon service at 6:30pm. All ages are invited to decorate the tree with symbols of Christ's life while singing hymns and listening to scripture.
- Deadline for December 2023/January 2024 issue of the Vine.

FMC Budget Update - General offerings to date have totaled \$230,329, an average of \$ 5,007 per week. This is about \$30,200 below the year-to-date expenses committed in our 2023 spending plan of \$300,814. To meet our end-of-year annual spending plan, an additional \$68,270 or \$9,750 per week is needed by year's end.

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

**Greeters:** Rhonda Gibson & Tammie Bouseman

**Worship Leader:** Eliza Crosby

**Music:** Worship Band

**Children's Story:** Megan Cox

**Scripture Reader:** Cathy Schneider

**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

**Refreshments:** Sheryl Dyck & Tim Clink; **Visuals:** Lynne Sancken

## NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT FMC:

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25:31-46

**Greeters:** Rhonda Gibson & Tammie Bouseman

**Worship Leader:** Tim Clink

**Song Leader:** Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; **Piano:** Pastor Deb

**Children's Story:** Marcia E. Nelson

**Scripture Reader:** Sheryl Dyck

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Zoom & AV:** Chuck Gibson

**Worship Nursery:** Taniya Boone & Tom Sutter

**SS Nursery:** Rhonda Gibson & Abby Crosby

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