



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

January 28, 2024

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship,

People: for we are the people of God's pasture.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down,

People: for we are the sheep of God's hand.

Leader: Come let us worship and bow down before the Lord, our Maker.

All: We will worship God with pure and loving hearts.

We will seek to be faithful to the One who has called us here.

***Gathering hymn #11** "Mountain of God"

Welcome and prayer

Scripture Psalm 111 and Mark 1:21-28

***Praising Hymn #95** "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"

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

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

Words of Witness

***Response Hymn #647** "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Offering prayer

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

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

Hymn #682 "Lord, Listen to Your Children"

Introduction of visitors

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

***Sending hymn #830** "Go, My Children"

*Benediction

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

We give thanks to Minnie Pearson for sharing her story and words of witness with us today.

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)

Jesus & John Wayne: Sanctuary
Be Still and Know: Room 7, Downstairs
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13, Downstairs
High school & College: Room 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vine submissions due to Cindi Schieber	THURSDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)Spiritual Leadership Team (12p)	SATURDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">CDC Mid-year Zoom Gathering (8-10:30a)Council retreat at Kathy Springers (9:30a-12:30p)
WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">FMC office closed-staff cleaning & reorganization	FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Spring Friday Forum begins at University Y (12p)One Winter Nigh Outdoor Challenge (6p-6a)	SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">FMC 60th Anniversary Kick-off Worship Service

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

TODAY:

- Deadline to submit articles for the Feb Vine.** Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.
- Deadline for letting the office know you wish to subscribe or re-subscribe to our group subscription of Anabaptist World.** It is a monthly magazine that offers articles and news from an Anabaptist perspective. The reduced group rate is \$39 for 12 issues.

This Friday February 2 – Friday, April 26, 12-1 pm - University Y Friday Forum Conversation (1001 S Wright St, C). The theme is “Our Community in Action: Advancing Social Justice in Champaign Urbana and Beyond.” The Rev. Terrance Thomas kicks-off the series with a discussion of “Exploring the Radical Black Church.” FMC is a co-sponsor of the Forum. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SpringYForum> for details about speakers and topics.

This Friday, February 2 – One Winter Night Fundraising Outdoor Challenge, which benefits CU at Home. Rebecca Bare & Rea Koehn will represent FMC in the February 2 outdoor challenge. Donate to their fundraising page using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/OWN24-Bare-Koehn>.

This Saturday, February 3, 8-10:30 CDT - Mennonite CDC Mid-Year Zoom Gathering. Theme: Listen! Wisdom is Calling. Congregations are invited to participate in the gathering; no registration is necessary. The schedule and Zoom link are at: <http://tinyurl.com/24CDCMidYear>

Next Sunday, February 4 – Join us for a special worship service as we kick-off our 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Wednesday, February 14, 6 pm at FMC – Ash Wednesday service of song, readings and imposition of ashes.

February 23 – 24 - Illinois Interfaith Conference will explore how we welcome one another into community together, and the ways that our many faiths, experiences, and identities can bring us closer together. Registration is free. Keynote speaker is Nadia Bolz-Weber. For details about location of events and to register, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/Interfaith2024>.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Rosalee Otto & Randy Nelson
Worship Leader: Marcia E Nelson
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; **Piano:** Jan Kellogg
Children's Story: Lesley Deem
Scripture Reader: Joyce Hurd
Guest Speaker: Minnie Pearson, President, Champaign County NAACP
Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton; **Audio:** Laurence Koehn
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Chuck Gibson
SS Nursery: Mary Hines & Rebecca Bare
Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Keith Springer
Refreshments: Tim Clink & Sheryl Dyck

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT FMC:

Greeters: Tammie Bouseman & Bob King
Worship Leader: Randy Nelson
Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts; **Piano:** Kathy Springer
Children's Story: John MacLean
Scripture Reader: Lynne Sancken; **Scripture:** Matthew 5:1-16; Romans 8:31-39
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Mary Krick; **Audio:** Emerson Nafziger
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Karla Woodson
SS Nursery: Abby Crosby & Melissa Shungu
Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Keith Springer
Refreshments: Donna Nelson Evans & Mark Evans

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