



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

May 26, 2024

Leadings of the Spirit

Centering chimes

Prelude

Tanzanian & Kenyan Hymns

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are those who bear the Good News in these troubled times.

People: Welcome into our fellowship!

Leader: Holy Spirit, open our ears to the message of salvation.

People: Lift the veil of our preconceptions.

Leader: May we be ignited like our spiritual forebearers of the early church.

People: Swirl around us like a mighty wind.

Leader: Burn away our self-imposed barriers of language, distance and culture.

People: Reveal to us the tongues of fire over each one.

Leader: Blessed are those who bring hope and encouragement.

People: Come and be a part of us today!

***Gathering hymn #765** "Neno lake Mungu (Listen, God is Calling)"

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #79** "Sanna, sannanina"

Children's story and offering for Champaign County Habitat for Humanity (cuhabitat.com)

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

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

Words of Witness and Hope

***Response Hymn #390** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Prayer & Offertory

South African & Ghanaian Hymns (Ushers will come by with offering plates)

Slide Show

Congregational Prayer (*use the mic or text prayers to Pastor Deb*)

Introduction of visitors

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

***Sending hymn #845** "Bwana awabariki (May God Grant You a Blessing)"

*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 MAY (upstairs/downstairs)

Between the Dark & the Daylight: Library
Eating with Jesus: Practices of Communion: Sanctuary
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13, Downstairs

CHILDREN – COLLEGE AGE CLASSES (downstairs)

Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 10/11
Grade 3 - 6: Room 3
High school & College: Room 5, Downstairs



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

TODAY

- Final Sunday school classes this Spring
- Deadline to submit articles for June Vine

THURSDAY

- FMC Softball game at Dodds, Field 5 (8p)

SUNDAY (June 2)

- Worship at 9:15a, followed by refreshments
- Summer Sunday school begins
- Visit to Dayspring (10:30a)

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

TODAY - Deadline to submit articles for the June Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

Saturday, June 1, 10 am – 12 pm - Workday for Henry's yard. Plant flowers, mulch, weed, plant raised bed plants.

Sundays, June 2 – July 28 – All ages are invited to attend our summer Sunday school, *Share Your Passion!* A variety of ages at FMC will be sharing an activity-based passion with us and inviting us to take part in what has brought them joy. The class meets in the FMC fellowship hall.

Sunday, June 2 at Dayspring Native American Church (East Peoria) – We're invited for a noon potluck followed by worship with communion. It's an opportunity to appreciate and offer a blessing for Pastor Danira, as she prepares to retire. Our FMC group will leave Urbana at 10:30 am. A carpool sign-up is available downstairs in the fellowship hall, or contact Janet Elaine Guthrie by Friday, May 31st.

Coming in June - FMC will soon take pre-orders for a bulk purchase of the new [Anabaptist Community Bible](#), developed in celebration of 500 years of Anabaptist faith. The Bibles will be purchased at a reduced pre-order price and FMC will cover the cost of shipping. The Bibles will ship to FMC in early 2025 and will need to be picked up at FMC. Look for more information and a sign-up later this week in the Friday email.

On Thursday, June 13 - Participants and leaders from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will stop in CU on the seminary's "Trail of Death Pilgrimage," which follows the 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from northern Indiana to Kansas. We will host the pilgrims at FMC for a taco meal and evening program featuring stories of Indigenous restoration. We are also arranging overnight homestays for the pilgrims (bed, shower, breakfast). Contact Janet Guthrie (janet.elaine@att.net) if you can provide housing and/or assist in other ways with hosting.

Thursday, Jun 20 - Saturday, June 22 - All are invited to attend the 2024 Central District Conference annual meeting at Goshen College, College Mennonite Church. Registration is required to attend the delegate sessions. Worship services are open to the public. The meeting will be held in person and on Zoom. More information is available at the CDC website: <https://mcsacdc.org/>

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Greg Sancken
Worship Leader: Phil Martens
Song Leader: Danielle Beard; **Piano:** Pastor Deb
Children's Story: Cindi Schieber
Words of Witness: Kate Falk, Mary Krick, Thom Moore, Maiga Muga & Tom Sutter
Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Chuck Gibson; **Audio:** Emerson Nafziger
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Dianna Black
SS Nursery: Mary Hines & Doug Malcolm
Stewards: Lynne Sancken & Denny Seaman
Refreshments: Mark Evans & Donna Nelson Evans
Visuals: Sheryl Dyck

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2 AT FMC:

Scripture: Leading of the Spirit
Scripture Reader: Joyce Hurd
Greeters: Denny & Nancy Seaman
Worship Leader: Bev Hertle
Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; **Piano:** Janet MacLean
Children's Story: Rebecca Bare
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Mary Krick; **Audio:** Phil Martens
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Mary Biddle
Stewards: Bob King & Mark Evans
Refreshments: Tammie Bouseman & Sarah Little
Visuals: High School/Young Adult Class

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