



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

September 15, 2024



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship (from [Ministry Matters](#), Worship Elements: September 12, 2021)

Leader: Wisdom cries out in the streets. For mercy and justice she calls.

People: Come and listen to the words of life and love.

Leader: We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

People: Let us worship the God of life and wisdom whose words guide our feet on the path of righteousness.

***Gathering hymn #56** "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #809** "Sing a New World into Being"

Children's story and offering for SIM Bangladesh Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Program (www.simbd.org/app)

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

Scripture Proverbs 1:1-3 and Isaiah 11:1-9

Sermon

***Response hymn** (handout) "Wisdom Calls Us to Her Mission"

Prayer & Offertory (*Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows*)

Congregational Sharing & 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 #771** "We Have Been Sent by God"

*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

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall - Fellowship, refreshments and children's snacks (for ages 1 year through Grade School). Parents, please assist your children during snack time.

Education opportunities for all ages from 11:15am-12pm (unless noted otherwise).

ADULT CLASSES (SEP – NOV) (upstairs/downstairs)

Painting Through the Scriptures (11a-12p): Library (*Guests welcome in this class as space allows*)

Engaging with Our Neighbors in Divisive Times: Sanctuary

Coffee & Conversation: Room 13, Downstairs

Young Adult (high schoolers welcome): Room 5, Downstairs

CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Ages 2-5 years: Room 6

Grades K-2: Room 10/11

Grades 3-5: Room 3

Grades 6-8: Room 7



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

TODAY:

- **Deadline for Work of the Church Volunteer forms (located on a table near the rear sanctuary door).**
- **Deadline to rsvp for our September 17th Taco Tuesday Dinner at 5:30 pm in the FMC fellowship hall.** RSVP to attend and to help out.

This Saturday, September 21 at 1 pm – FMC is marching in the CU Pride Parade; all are welcome to participate. We have a truck people can ride in if they choose. The route will be significantly shorter than in the past. Questions about where to meet? Contact Lynne Sancken (lynne.sancken@gmail.com).

Saturday, September 14, 21 and 28 from 1:30 - 4:30 pm - Visit the U of I Pollinarium (608 W. Windsor Rd, Urbana). Lesley Deem will be there to answer questions and give tours.

Sunday, September 29 – Deadline for submissions for the October Vine. Email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

Monday, September 30 – Deadline for sending Pastor Deb a hymn suggestion for the October 27th hymn sing, along with 1-2 sentences about why it's a favorite.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 & 2 - Fall Work Day at Camp Menno Haven. Read details and rsvp at: www.mennohaven.com/work-day.

Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5 at FMC:

- Visitation for Tom Anderson on Friday, October 4 from 5-7 pm.
- Memorial Service for Tom Anderson on Saturday, October 5 at 10:30 am, followed by a light lunch.

Sunday, October 6 at 2 pm - 2024 Church World Service Champaign-Urbana CROP walk, which raises money for CWS' worldwide hunger relief. This year's walk begins and ends at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (2200 S. Philo Rd, U) following a 6 mile loop with shortcuts if desired. To learn more or to join the FMC team, go to our team page or contact Chuck Gibson.

Sunday, October 13 after Sunday school – FMC Discernment Circles. Small group discussions lasting 20-30 minutes will be held immediately following Sunday school to discern FMC Council leadership for 2025. Active participants who have attended for 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.

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Office Hours: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Tuesday-Friday

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FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

(Details at: www.fmc-cu.org/events)

TODAY

- Work of Church Volunteer forms due
- Signup deadline for Taco Tuesday

TUESDAY

- Hosp. & Fellowship Committee (4p)
- Taco Tuesday Meal (5:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Christian Ed. Committee (10a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Election Season Contemplative Prayer at FMC (12:15p)
- Facilities Committee (4:30p)

FRIDAY

- Spiritual Leadership Team (1:30p)

SATURDAY

- CU Pride Parade (1p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Clark Breeze & Rhonda Gibson

Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus

Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman & Cindy Breeze

Scripture Reader: Lynne Sancken

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Mary Krick

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Karla Woodson

Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Keith Springer

Visuals: Donna Evans

Refreshments: Thom & Martha Moore

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 AT FMC:

Theme: Wisdom & Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27; Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Greeters: Clark Breeze & Cindi Schieber

Worship Leader: Mary Biddle

Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts

Piano: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman & Cindy Breeze

Scripture Reader: Martha Moore

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

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