



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

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

## Celebration of Worship

September 22, 2024



### Centering chimes

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

Hymnal #851

#### \*Gathering hymn #157

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

#### Welcome and prayer

#### \*Praising Hymn #399

“The Word of God is Solid Ground”

#### Children’s story and offering for SIM Bangladesh Arsenic Poisoning Prevention Program ([www.simbd.org/appp](http://www.simbd.org/appp))

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

#### Scripture

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

#### Sermon

#### \*Response hymn #298

“What is the World Like”

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

#### Reception of new members: **Alyscia & David Needham** (*congregational response below; read in unison*)

As siblings in the body of Christ and members of First Mennonite Church, we welcome you, Alyscia and David.

We promise to encourage you in faith, to embrace the gifts the Holy Spirit is creating in you, to rejoice with you in joy, and to support you in times of suffering.

We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel and to offer and accept forgiveness.

We joyfully partner with you in the care of our church family and in our mission to the world.

#### Congregational Sharing & Prayer (*use the mic or text prayers to pastor Michael*)

#### Introduction of visitors

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

#### \*Sending hymn #621

“My Hope is Built”

#### \*Benediction

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\*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)

Tomorrow, September 23 – September 30 – Pastor Deb will be out of the office. Contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care needs.

Today – Tuesday, September 24 – Faith in Place Green Team Summit. Online and at the University Y in-person watch party. Details at: <https://aes-summit.org/>.

Next Sunday, September 29 – Deadline October Vine submissions. Email them to Cindi Schieber.

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

The Hospitality & Fellowship Committee is extending the signup to provide the meals or restaurant gift cards to the Malcolms not having to cook is so helpful! Slots are still available now through October 2. To provide a meal or gift card, signup using the link in the email announcements.

In October & November during Sunday school – Pastors Michael and Deb will lead “Mennonites 101: An introduction to the Mennonite Church and the roots of the Anabaptist movement”. All are welcome; if you are new to the Mennonite Church or are interested in becoming a member at FMC, then this class is especially for you.

Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 1 & 2 – Camp Menno Haven Fall Work Day ([www.mennohaven.com/work-day](http://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. To learn more or to join the FMC team, go to our team page: <https://tinyurl.com/FMCCROP24> 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.

Saturday, November 2, 6:30 pm at FMC – Alice Di Micele benefit concert for the Red Cloud Renewable's Lakota Thiyuha “Dome House” project. Flyers are on the table near the church office. Tickets are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/ADiMiceleNov2Concert>. Invite family, friends and neighbors to this family-friendly concert!

## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### MONDAY

- Pastor Deb out of office until Oct 1

### WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Interfaith Alliance at University Y (12p)

### THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Election Season Contemplative Prayer at FMC (12:15p)
- Service & Outreach Committee (3:30p)

### FRIDAY

- Repair Network Prayer/Action-Zoom (3p)

### SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup>

- October Vine submissions due; email to Cindi Schieber

## THANKS TODAY TO:

**Greeters:** Clark Breeze & Cindi Schieber

**Worship Leader:** Mary Biddle

**Song Leader:** Bev Birkey Potts

**Piano:** Kathy Springer

**Children's Story:** Tammie Bouseman and Cindy Breeze

**Scripture Reader:** Martha Moore

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:**  
Pastor Michael

**Zoom:** Rachel Miller-Haughton

**Audio:** Emerson Nafziger

**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren and Bob King

**Stewards:** Laurence Koehn and Keith Springer

**Visuals:** Donna Evans

**Refreshments:** Dianna Black & Sarah Little

## NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 AT FMC:

**Theme:** Wisdom & the Church

**Scripture:** Ephesians 3:7-13; Acts 6:1-6

**Greeters:** Rhonda Gibson and Cindi Schieber

**Worship Leader:** Eliza Crosby

**Song Leader:** Rafael Luquis

**Piano:** Pam Peña-Martin

**Children's Story:** Tammie Bouseman and Cindy Breeze

**Scripture Reader:** Chuck Gibson

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:**  
Pastor Michael

**Zoom:** Megan Cox

**Audio:** Chuck Gibson

**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren and Sheryl Dyck

**Stewards:** Laurence Koehn and Keith Springer

**Visuals:** Donna Evans

**Refreshments:** Mary Hines & Karla Woodson

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