



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

September 29, 2024



Wisdom & the Church

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymnal #855

***Gathering hymn #89**

“Because You’re Holy”

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #131**

“Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”

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

Ephesians 3:7-13 and Acts 6:1-6

Sermon

***Response hymn #797**

“We Are People of God’s Peace”

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

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 #832**

“The Lord Lift You Up”

***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



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)

Pastor Deb is out of the office until Tuesday. Contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care needs.

TODAY, September 29 – Deadline October Vine submissions due to Cindi Schieber.

Tomorrow, 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.

Next Sunday, October 6 during worship – We will have communion in celebration of World Communion Sunday. We will also welcome into FMC membership: Tim Clink, Joyce Hurd, Janet & John MacLean and Maiga Muga.

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”. We'll explore the roots of the Anabaptist movement, the beliefs and practices of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite World Conference, and the particular expression of faith here at FMC. 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. We will meet downstairs in Room 5.

Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 1 & 2 – Camp Menno Haven Fall Work Day (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, to make a donation or to join the FMC walking team, visit our team page.

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)

MONDAY

- Pastor Deb out of office until Oct 1

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Worship Committee (11:30a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Election Season Contemplative Prayer at FMC (12:15p)
- Racial Justice Working Group-Hybrid (3p)

FRIDAY

- Visitation at FMC for Tom Anderson (5-7p)

SATURDAY

- Memorial Service for Tom Anderson (10:30a)

THANKS TODAY TO:

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

NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 6 AT FMC:

Theme: World Communion Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Greeters: Clark Breeze & Sharon Monday

Worship Leader: Pastor Michael

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Children's Story: Phil Martens

Scripture Reader: Janet MacLean

Communion Servers: Elders John MacLean & Kathy Springer

Sermon & Congregational Sharing:

Pastor Michael

Zoom: John MacLean

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren and Megan Cox

Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger & Greg Sancken

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Refreshments: Tammie Bouseman & Mary Krick

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