



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

September 8, 2024



wisdom & nature

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymnal #866

***Gathering hymn #39**

“As We Rise, O God, to Meet You” (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #44**

“We Long to Know Her”

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 8:1-4 and Sirach 24:1-12

Sermon

***Response hymn #550**

“God Who Touches Earth with Beauty” (verses 1, 3, 5 use our/us)

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 #838**

“The Peace of the Earth Be with You”

***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).

CLASSES THROUGH NOVEMBER (upstairs/downstairs)

Painting Through the Scriptures (11a-12p): Library
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



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

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sunday Spiritual Direction Group (3:30p)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)Prayer Service for Apache Stronghold (5:30p)FMC Council (6p)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)Election Season Contemplative Prayer at FMC (12:15p)

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

Thank you to all who contributed to the Spring/Summer Children's offering. A total of \$ 1071.98 was sent to Champaign County Habitat for Humanity.

Work of the Church Volunteer forms are located on a table near the rear sanctuary door. Please complete a paper form or use the online link in the Tuesday email. Forms are due by next Sunday, September 15.

This Wednesday, September 11, 5:30 pm in the fenced yard (green space), just west of FMC – We will host a prayer gathering to support Apache Stronghold's effort to save Oak Flat. Apache Stronghold is on a two month prayer journey across the country, and September 11th is the day they present their petition to the U.S. Supreme Court to stop Resolution Copper from destroying their sacred land. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors. The gathering will be held in the sanctuary if it rains.

This Thursday, September 12, 9:30 am in the FMC library - Thursday Morning Bible Study begins. The group will study Ecclesiastes and Proverbs. There will also be a time for sharing and prayer. All are welcome. Facilitator: Pastor Deb.

Next Sunday, September 15 - Deadline to RSVP for our September 17th Taco Tuesday Dinner at 5:30 pm in the FMC fellowship hall. RSVP to attend using the link in the email. You can also sign up to help or bring a main item.

Saturday, September 21 at 1 pm – FMC is marching in the CU Pride Parade; all are welcome to participate. The staging is in the parking lots on E. Illinois between Broadway and Vine. We have a truck people can ride if they choose. The route will be significantly shorter than in the past. Questions? Contact Lynne Sancken.

Saturday, October 6 in the morning - 2024 Church World Service Champaign-Urbana CROP walk. The local C-U walk is one of many internationally which raise money for CWS' worldwide hunger relief programs. This year's walk begins and ends at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Urbana following a 6 mile loop with shortcuts if desired. To learn more or to join the FMC team, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/champaignil> or contact Chuck Gibson.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Maiga Muga & Rosalee Otto
Worship Leader: Randy Nelson
Song Leader: Pastor Deb; **Piano:** Cheryl Koranda
Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman & Cindy Breeze
Scripture Reader: Amber Anderson
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Chuck Gibson; **Audio:** Laurence Koehn
Visuals: Donna Evans
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Tom Sutter
Stewards: Mark Evans & Lynne Sancken
Refreshments: Janet Elaine Guthrie & Mark Jaeger

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT FMC:

Theme: Wisdom & Justice; **Scripture:** Proverbs 1:1-3; Isaiah 11:1-9
Greeters: Clark Breeze & Rhonda Gibson
Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson
Song Leader: Danielle Beard; **Piano:** Ruth Stoltzfus
Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman & Cindy Breeze
Scripture Reader: Peter Dyck
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Mary Krick; **Audio:** Randy Nelson
Visuals: Donna Evans
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Karla Woodson
Stewards: Laurence Koehn & Keith Springer
Refreshments: Thom & Martha Moore

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