



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 13, 2024

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship (by Rev. Judy Aaron, Choctaw/Creek)

Leader: We have entered into a new day, You O God, have given us the breath of life.

People: We Rejoice

Leader: We breathe in the morning air, we hear the sounds of creation, we rise up to take our place in the circle of life.

People: We Rejoice

Leader: Today as we move in the world as a part of creation, may we be in balance with all life, using only what we need, respecting the presence of others, maintaining peace.

People: We Rejoice

Leader: You have given us the energy of the four as strength to overcome obstacles in our path, you have provided family and friends to encourage us, you have given us your powerful grace and mercy to sustain us.

People: We Rejoice

Leader: Our journey in the circle of life is one of a people, handed from generation to generation, tradition to tradition. Grant us the courage to take our place in the circle, to enter into harmony with creation, to continue our journey. We ask your blessing upon our lives.

People: We Rejoice. Amen.

*Gathering hymn #103 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Welcome and prayer

*Praising Hymn #514 "I Saw A Tree by the Riverside"

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

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

Scripture Hebrews 4:12-16

Sermon

*Response hymn #412 "My Soul Cries Out"

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 #414 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*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

Mennonites 101: 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

- **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. Child care for all ages under high school will be provided in the basement.
- **Deadline for registering to attend Taco Tuesday (5:30 pm at FMC on October 15).** To attend or to help, register using the links in the Friday email.
- **Middle school pizza lunch and service project with Cindi Schieber at 1 pm, in the fellowship hall.**

This Wednesday, October 16, 12:30 pm at 44 E. Main, Suite 205 in Champaign – Rep. Nikki Budzinski District Manager Brian Zilm will meet with members of FMC to discuss the Farm Bill and conservation legislation. Please email Sharon Monday if you are available to attend this meeting.

Rhonda will be out of the office this Thursday, October 17 – Tuesday, October 22.

Next Sunday, October 20 - New Illinois Mennonite Conference (IMC) pastor, Bryan Miller, will be our guest preacher and will engage in a discussion about our conference proposal during Sunday school.

Thursday, Oct. 24 and Friday, Oct. 25, at the University Y - Pastor Michael and Pastor Terrance Thomas (Bethel AME) are hosting a conversation on "Understanding White Christian Nationalism." All are invited to a showing of the film *Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy* at the University YMCA on Thursday the 24th at 7pm, followed by a Noon panel discussion on Friday the 25th at the Y's Friday Forum. The panel will feature UIUC Professors Leonard McKinnis and Stephanie Thurston.

Fellowship meals will be held the weekend of October 26 and 27. These are small potluck meals held in homes either with children or without and you can sign up to be a guest or a host. Sign-up by October 20 using a form in the foyer or online. You will be contacted by the host regarding time and menu. Questions? Contact Marcia E. Nelson at 217-359-0034.

Sunday, November 3 during worship - Annual Service of Remembrance, remembering loved ones who have died this past year. If you wish to include someone close to you, please email the office with the person's full name, relationship to you, date of birth and death, and picture (if possible). Submission Deadline: Tuesday, October 22.

Saturday, November 2, 6:30 pm at FMC – Alice Di Micele benefit concert for the Red Cloud Renewable's Lakota Thiyuha "Dome House" project. Tickets are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/ADiMiceleNov2Concert>. The Service and Outreach Comte would like some help with the concert. View options and sign up online.

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FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY

- FMC Discernment Circles (12p)
- Deadline for Taco Tue RSVP

MONDAY

- Mon. Spiritual Direction Group (6:30p)

TUESDAY

- Taco Tuesday in our fellowship hall (5:30p)

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- Advent Committee (6p)

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- Guest preacher, IMC Minister Bryan Miller

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Chuck Gibson & Sharon Monday

Worship Leader: Tim Clink

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Cindi Schieber

Scripture Reader: Laurence Koehn

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Joyce Hurd

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren and
Marcia E. Nelson

Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger and Greg Sancken

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Refreshments: Mark & Donna Evans

NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 20 AT FMC:

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Greeters: Sam Cox & Donna Evans

Worship Leader: Bev Hertle

Song Leader: Pastor Deb

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Lynne Sancken

Scripture Reader: Bruce Miller

Sermon: Bryan Miller, IMC Minister

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton

Audio: Phil Martens

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren and
Karla Woodson

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Tom Sutter

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