



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 6, 2024



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

***Gathering hymn #409** "For We Are Strangers No More"

Welcome and responsive prayer (*from Words for Worship, edited by Arlene M. Mark*)

Leader: Let us gather with the faithful from every race, nation, people and language, to worship the God made known to us in Christ Jesus.

People: To God, the ruler of the universe, and to Jesus the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might forever and ever.

Leader: Let us gather in God's presence, singing songs of praise and joy, with the people of God in every place and time.

People: Holy, holy, holy, great God of Love! The whole earth is full of God's glory. Glory be to God most high.

***Praising Hymn #7** "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"

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 Isaiah 2:1-5

Reception of new members: Tim Clink, Joyce Hurd, Janet and John MacLean and Maiga Muga

Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. The bread is gluten-free. The juice is grape juice (water is also available). Come and partake as the Spirit leads. Note: We will not pass the offering plates this morning. Offerings can be placed in the plate when you come forward for communion or in the plate at the back of the sanctuary after the service. Prayer cards can also be brought forward.

Communion hymn #461 "Come to the Table of Grace"

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

Note: No open mic sharing today; please text your prayer request to pastor Deb or write it on an index card to bring forward and place in the basket during communion.

Introduction of visitors

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

***Sending hymn #209** "We Dream of a Turning"

***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 at 2 pm - 2024 Church World Service Champaign-Urbana CROP walk, which raises money for CWS' worldwide hunger relief. The walk begins and ends at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Urbana. To make a donation, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/FMCCROP24> or contact Chuck Gibson.

Next 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.
- **Deadline for registering to attend Taco Tuesday (5:30 pm at FMC on October 15).** To attend, register online.

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

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. Sharing a meal offers us the chance to know each other better and deepen relationships that are foundational to community. Please sign-up by October 20 using a form in the foyer or the online form. You will be contacted by the host regarding time and menu. Questions? Contact Marcia E. Nelson.

Sunday, November 3 during worship - Annual Service of Remembrance. We will recognize loved ones who have died since our November 5, 2023 Service of Remembrance. If you wish to include someone close to you, please email the office (office@fmc-cu.org) 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. 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!

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. Please pray for the people impacted by the hurricane and the volunteers as they respond. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort. Visit [MDS.org](https://www.mds.org) to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write "Hurricane Helene" on the memo line.

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FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY

- Sunday Spiritual Direction Group (3:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- FMC Library Reserved (12p)
- FMC Council (6p)

THURSDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Discernment Circles after church (12p)
- Deadline to RSVP for Taco Tuesday

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Clark Breeze and Cindi Schieber

Worship Leader: Pastor Michael

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Children's Story: Phil Martens

Scripture Reader: Janet MacLean

Communion Servers: John MacLean & Tammie Bouseman

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Chuck Gibson

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren and Megan Cox

Stewards: Cynthia Nafziger and Greg Sancken

Visuals: Bev Birkey Potts

Refreshments: Tammie Bouseman & Mary Krick

NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 13 AT FMC:

Scripture: TBD

Greeters: Chuck Gibson & Sharon Monday

Worship Leader: Tim Clink

Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts

Piano: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Cindi Schieber

Scripture Reader: Laurence Koehn

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Joyce Hurd

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

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