



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

January 26, 2025



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: There is no scarcity. There is no shortage. No lack of love, of compassion, of joy in the world. There is enough.
There is more than enough. Only fear and greed make us think otherwise. No one need starve.

People: There is enough land and enough food.

Leader: No one need die of thirst.

People: There is enough water.

Leader: No one need live without mercy.

People: There is no end to grace.

Leader: And we are all instruments of grace.

People: The more we give it, the more we share it, the more we use it, the more God makes.

ALL: There is no scarcity of Love.

*Gathering hymn #715

"Longing for Light"

Welcome and prayer

*Praising Hymn #124

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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

Matthew 25:35-36 & Leviticus 25:8-17, 23-24

Sermon

*Response hymn #712

"Beauty for Brokenness"

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

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

Blessing for the 2025 Council and Committees

Introduction of visitors

Mission Moment: East Central IL Medical Debt Relief Campaign

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

*Sending hymn #811

"Use Us, God"

*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.

ADULT CLASSES (DEC – FEB) (upstairs/downstairs)

The Great Rewiring: Sanctuary
Turning to the Mystics: Library
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Ages 2-5 years: Room 6
Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 3
Grades 3 – 5: Room 10/11
Grades 6-8: Room 7



FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY

- FMC Potluck (12n), followed by Congregational Annual meeting (1p)
- Deadline for Feb. Vine submissions

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Morning Bible Study (9:30a)
- Lent Committee (11:30a)

FRIDAY

- Spiritual Leadership Team (10:30a)

SATURDAY

- CDC Zoom Gathering (8:30a)

NEXT SUNDAY, February 2

- Worship (9:15a), followed by refreshments & Sunday school
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3:30p)

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

TODAY, January 26:

- **Potluck at 12pm** - you are invited to bring a nut-free dish to share.
- **Annual Congregational meeting at 1 pm in person and on Zoom** (use same link as for worship). Printed copies of materials will be available at the meeting. Please join us for this important time of decision-making. All are invited to attend; those high school age or older who have actively participated at FMC for at least 6 months are encouraged to vote.
- **Deadline to submit articles for the February Vine to Cindi Schieber.**

January 26 – March 16 – East Central IL Medical Debt Relief Campaign. Packets with detailed information and details about the auction are on the campaign table in the foyer.

February 1, 8:30-11a CT - Annual Central District Conference Mid-Year Zoom Gathering. No registration is needed. The link to join the meeting is in the Tuesday email.

Friday, February 7 - CU at Home's annual One Winter Night fundraiser. Participants Rebecca Bare and Rea Koehn hope to raise \$2,600. To contribute, visit: <https://p2p.onecause.com/own2025/rebecca-bare>.

February 16 in FMC worship - We're looking for several FMCers to share about reciprocity in your life.

Do you have an experience of giving or receiving financial relief, or another form of reciprocity? How did it change you, your life, or your relationships? The service is part of our 5-part series on "Jubilee Living," focusing on how reciprocity, mutual aid, and debt relief are part of God's plan for a just, life-giving economy. If you have an idea for a 3-5 minute personal story / word of witness, please [contact Pastor Michael](#).

Sunday, February 23 – Potluck at Noon, followed by our medical debt relief auction. We are simplifying the auction by limiting the number of donations to 30 and asking people not to bring additional unexpected items the day of the auction. The auction will be in-person only and there will be no silent auction items. Signup online by Feb. 20 or contact coordinator Michelle Moyer-Litwiller with your donation information.

Saturday, March 1 at Camp Menno Haven – Annual Illinois Menn. Conference meeting. All are welcome to attend; we can have up to 5 delegates. Talk to Pastor Michael if you plan to attend.

March 1-2 - Mark your calendars as FMC hosts *The Sacred Circle: Native American Spirituality & Christian Friendship*. Saturday workshop (10 am - 4 pm) at FMC facilitated by Ken Hayden (Lenape) and Shauna Summers (Mohawk), featuring hands-on learning, storytelling, songs, dialogue, a community meal, and ceremony. Designed for ages 16 and older, and by registration (details forthcoming). Sunday morning worship at FMC with Dayspring Native American Church friends. with Pastor Patty Johansen guest preaching and a Dayspring drum circle providing the music.

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Kate Falk & Wilmer Otto

Worship Leader: Rhonda Gibson

Song Leader: Pastor Deb

Piano: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Rebecca Bare & Rhonda Gibson

Scripture Reader & Mission Moment:

Clark Breeze

Sermon/Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Phil Martens

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Rebecca Bare

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Tim Clink

Visuals: Donna Evans

Refreshments: Randy & Marcia E. Nelson

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 2 AT FMC:

Greeters: Rosalee Otto, Laura & Alexandra Lasater

Worship Leader: Bob King

Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Children's Story: Earl Kellogg

Scripture Reader: Lynne Sancken

Scripture: Micah 4:1-5

Sermon/Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Phil Martens

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Sheryl Dyck

Stewards: Mark Evans & Laurence Koehn

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Refreshments: Thom & Martha Moore

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