



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

February 9, 2025



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship (handout on chairs)

***Gathering hymn #38** "Life-Giver, Maker, God of All"

Welcome and prayer

***Praising Hymn #59** "Father God, You Are Holy"

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 Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

***Response hymn #644** "Healer of Our Every Ill"

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 #566** "We Will Follow"

***Benediction**

*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons during the hymns.

Thank you to today's guest preacher, Dr. Jeffrey Trask, founder of the Champaign Urbana Reparations Coalition (CURC), founder and current Operations Director of the Champaign County Christian Health Center (CCCHC), Adjunct Professor at Tulane University, and Adjunct Pastor at New Covenant Fellowship (Champaign).

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



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

Thanks to all who donated in support of our participation in CU at Home's One Winter Night fundraiser. If you wish, it's still possible to make a donation at: <https://p2p.onecause.com/own2025/rebecca-bare>.
– Rebecca and Rea

January 26 – March 16 – East Central IL Medical Debt Relief Campaign. Information about how to give, other ways to become involved, and information about the auction are on the campaign table in the foyer and links are in the Tuesday emails.

Tuesday, February 18th at 5:30 pm – FMC Taco Tuesday. An RSVP to attend is not needed. Help with main items and set-up/clean-up for the meal is appreciated. To help, use the signup link so that you can see what is needed and the amount to bring.

February 21 - 22, University of Illinois campus - Annual Illinois Interfaith Conference, featuring Dr. Allison Briscoe-Smith, Psychologist and Senior Fellow at University of California, Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center. The Illinois Interfaith Conference is a FREE opportunity for students and others in the community to engage in questions about interfaith engagement on the college campus. All people of religious and non-religious philosophical traditions are welcome! Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2025InterfaithConference>.

In 2 weeks, February 23 – Potluck at Noon, followed by our medical debt relief auction. The auction will be in-person with no silent auction items. We welcome more donations to the auction; signup online or contact coordinator Michelle Moyer-Litwiller with your donation information. Donation deadline: February 20th.

Saturday, March 1, 10a-3p at Camp Menno Haven – Illinois Mennonite Conference annual meeting. The meeting will feature Drew Strait, Associate Professor of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, speaking on "Mennonite Public Faith and the Rise of Religious Nationalism". Dr. Strait is the author of the recent book, *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism*. He has addressed many congregations, retreats, conferences, and seminaries, and will be giving two presentations at the MC USA Convention this summer. The meeting is open to all; FMC is allotted up to 5 delegates. Please let Pastor Michael or Randy Nelson know if you are attending.

March 1-2 - FMC hosts *The Sacred Circle: Native American Spirituality & Christian Friendship*. On Saturday at FMC, there will be a workshop (10 am - 4 pm) 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. Registration is limited to 35 participants. Sunday morning worship at FMC with Dayspring Native American Church friends. Pick up a flyer from the table near the FMC office.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY

- Monday Spiritual Direction Group (6:30p)

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY, February 16

- Worship (9:15a), followed by refreshments & Sunday school
- Sun. Spiritual Direction Group (3:30p)
- Deadline to sign up to help with 2/18 Taco Meal

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Rosalee Otto & Laura Lasater

Worship Leader: Phil Martens

Song Leader: Pastor Deb

Piano: Janet MacLean

Children's Story: Lesley Deem

Scripture Reader: Tammie Bouseman

Sermon: Dr. Jeff Trask, CU Reparations Coalition

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: John MacLean

Audio: Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Tom Sutter

Stewards: Mark Evans & Laurence Koehn

Visuals: Donna Evans

Refreshments: Rhonda Gibson & Lindsey Preston

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 16 AT FMC:

Greeters: Marcia E. Nelson, Karla Woodson,
and Naima Shungu (assist)

Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson

Song Leader: Danielle Beard

Piano: Pam Peña Martin

Children's Story: Cathy Schneider

Scripture Reader: Geoffrey Herman

Scripture: Matthew 18:23-34

Words of Witness: Donna Evans, Earl Kellogg,
and Pastor Michael

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Mary Krick

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Bob King

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Jan Sabey

Visuals: Donna Evans

Refreshments: Mary Hines, Melissa,
and Malia Shungu

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