



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

June 1, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship: Hymnal #877

***Gathering hymn #6** "Let's Walk Together"

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #399** "The Word of God Is Solid Ground"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Scripture Acts 16:16-34

Sermon

***Response hymn #412** "My Soul Cries Out"

Prayer & Offertory

Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows; "sharing" index cards may be placed in the plates. Blank index cards are available on the greeter stand and in holders on the back of chairs throughout the sanctuary.

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 #434** "O God, Our Refuge"

***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.

JUNE & JULY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES (11:15AM-12PM)

(No Sunday school in August)

Intergenerational Summer Class

Theme: Sharing how we use our passion, gifts, interests or skills to care for others.

Location: Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

Coffee & Conversation (for adults)

A fellowship group open to all, with topics arising weekly from within the group. This is a "brave space" that invites thoughtful sharing about faith from a range of perspectives and experiences.

Location: Downstairs in Room 13



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

TODAY – We begin an intergenerational June & July Sunday school, focused on sharing how we use our passion, gifts, interests or skills to care for others. There are still open dates. To lead a session, sign up downstairs in the fellowship hall or use this QR code.



TODAY – Registration opens for our FMC All-Church Retreat at Camp Menno Haven, Aug. 29-31. The June Vine has information about the retreat. More details will be available in the coming weeks. Note that we are using a different payment approach; details are on the registration form and in the Vine. Registration forms are on the retreat table display.

Volunteer opportunity for people knowledgeable or willing to be trained to operate Zoom and/or our audio system. We hope to expand the number of volunteers so that our current short list of Zoom/Audio operators can be scheduled a little less frequently. Contact the church office to volunteer.

This Thursday, June 5, 7 pm at Church of the Living God (312 E. Bradley Ave, Champaign) - Reparations Town Hall. Join Champaign-Urbana Reparations Coalition for a panel with amazing reparations activists, and a Q & A on what reparations could look like in Champaign Urbana. Free child care is available. Space is limited, rsvp at: <https://tinyurl.com/CURC-Town-Hall>.

Next Sunday, June 8 – Pastor Michael will be guest preacher at Roanoke Mennonite Church. Pastor Deb will lead us in a Pentecost service of music and scripture.

Sunday, June 15 immediately after worship – FMC potluck picnic at Hessel Park in celebration of Father's Day. Bring a nut-free dish to share, your table service, and lawn chairs or blankets. We hope for lawn games afterwards, so bring any you enjoy. Drinks will be provided. Look for us in one of the small shelters. The picnic will take place in the FMC fellowship hall in the event of rain.

Tuesday, June 17, 5:30 pm at FMC – Taco Tuesday meal. Come and eat, no signup needed. Bring a topping to share if you wish. Help providing main items for the meal are appreciated; please signup to know what main items are still needed and how much to make.

Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 pm after the Taco Tuesday meal - FMC will host Abdul Alkalimat and Kate Williams- McWorter. They will speak about and answer questions related to the New Philadelphia, IL historic district. Founded in 1836, [New Philadelphia, IL](#) was the first community in America started by an African American. Abdul is a descendant of the founder Frank McWorter. Abdul and Kate are professors at the University of Illinois and are leaders of the New Philadelphia Association.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Sunday, June 1)

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school.
- Sunday Spiritual Direction Group (3p)

TUESDAY

- Racial Justice Working Group-Hybrid (1p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wednesday AM Zoom Bible Study (8a)

FRIDAY

- Friday Spiritual Direction Group (10a)

SATURDAY

- Worship Committee Retreat at Pastor Deb's home (10a-2p)

NEXT SUNDAY, June 8

- Pentecost Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school.

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Janet Elaine Guthrie & Mark Jaeger

Worship Leader: Bob King

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Pastor Deb

Children's Story: Rhonda Gibson

Scripture Reader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Chuck Gibson

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Megan Cox

Stewards: Scott Bidner & Bruce Miller

Visuals: Tammie Bouseman

Refreshments: Tammie Bouseman & Norma Nelson

NEXT SUNDAY, June 8 AT FMC:

Pentecost Service of Scripture & Music

Greeters: Janet Elaine Guthrie & Mark Jaeger

Worship Leader: Pastor Deb

Song Leaders: Cindy Breeze & Pastor Deb

Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus

Children's Story: Cindy Breeze

Scripture Readers: Courtney & Doug Malcolm

Scripture: Excerpts from Acts 2, John 14, John 16, Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 & Galatians 5

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: Phil Martens

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Karla Woodson

Stewards: Scott Bidner & Bruce Miller

Visuals: Tammie Bouseman & Mary Krick

Refreshments: Sarah Little & Christine Herman & Arianna Herman (youth assistant)

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