



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 13, 2025

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymnal #855

*Gathering hymn #9

"Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

Welcome & Prayer

*Praising Hymn #703

"Rain Down"

Children's story and offering for Immigrant Services of CU

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

Dedication of Arlo Moyer-Litwiller

Congregational blessing – read in unison (*handout on chairs*)

*Hymn #510

"Today Earth Is Singing"

Scripture

Jeremiah 36:1-8; 21-23, 27-31 and John 5:31-38

Meditation and Mission Moment

*Response hymn #802

"Draw the Circle"

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.

Reception of New Members: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller, Christine and Geoffrey Herman

Congregational blessing – read in unison (*reverse side of handout on chairs*)

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 #830

"Go, My Children"

*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 during 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:

- During intergenerational Sunday school class – Geoffrey & Christine will lead "Fitness for All", a fitness/stretching class for all ages and levels. Wear comfortable clothes.
- In the sanctuary after Sunday school - Informal congregational discussion and info session to accommodate expressed interest for further dialogue regarding the plans for the July 15 events.
- Signup deadline to help with main items for Taco Tuesday meal.

Signup to help provide a meal for Mary K.

This Tuesday, July 15, 5:30 pm at FMC – Taco Tuesday meal. Come and eat, no signup needed. Bring a topping or side to share if you wish.

This Tuesday, July 15 before and after Taco Tuesday:

- 5pm: Prayer and banner unfurling on the FMC lawn (alongside Springfield Ave)
- 6:30pm in the sanctuary: Panel discussion featuring local speakers Al Mytty, who visited Hebron with Community Peacemaker Teams, and Dua Aldasouqi, director, CU Muslim Action Cmte.

Pastor Deb is on vacation through July 28. Contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care needs.

TODAY through August 17 – The Service & Outreach Committee invites you to participate in a MCC school kit supply drive. We hope to collect supplies to complete 40 kits. Pick up a copy of the supply list on the table near the church office and place supplies in the labeled bin.

Next Sunday, July 20 during intergenerational Sunday school - Maisie Sparks will present on "photo albums, the digital publication way – a blessing for family and friends."

Thursday, July 31 at 5:30 pm - FMC All-Church Read of *Christ in the Rubble: Faith, the Bible, and the Genocide in Gaza* by Munther Isaac, a Palestinian and Lutheran pastor in the West Bank. You are invited to read the book then come to the open discussion at FMC.

FMC Quarterly Financial Update: April - June*

2025 Approved Spending Plan (Income & Expenses) \$334,171

Year-to-Date Income	\$166,356
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$143,609
Needed by End of Year to Meet Spending Plan	\$167,815

**The congregation receives quarterly financial updates as requested by our FMC Council.*

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FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Sunday, July 13)

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school
- Informal congregational meeting in sanctuary after Sunday school (12p)
- Deadline for signing up to help with Taco Tue.

TUESDAY

- Banner unfurling at FMC along Springfield (5p)
- Taco Tuesday (5:30p)
- Panel discussion in the sanctuary (6:30p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wed. Zoom Bible Study (8a)

NEXT SUNDAY, July 20

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship and intergenerational Sunday school.
- Facilities Committee in FMC library (12:15p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Rhonda Gibson & Karen McKenzie

Worship Leader: Cindy Breeze

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

Piano: Janet MacLean

Children's Story: Lynne Sancken

Scripture Reader: Greg Sancken

Meditation & Congregational Sharing:

Pastor Michael

Mission Moment: Karen McKenzie

Zoom: Megan Cox

Audio: Phil Martens

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Dianna Black

Stewards: Chuck Gibson & Cynthia Nafziger

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Mary Hines & Karla Woodson

NEXT SUNDAY, July 20 AT FMC:

Greeters: Sam Cox, Kate Falk, Alexandra P.
(youth assistant)

Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck

Song Leader: Cindy Breeze

Piano: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Laura Lasater

Scripture Reader: Mark Evans

Scripture: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; & John 4:34-38

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: John MacLean

Audio: Emerson Nafziger

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Chuck Gibson

Stewards: Bob King & Laurence Koehn

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Janet Elaine Guthrie & Mark Jaeger