



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship



September 14, 2025

Season of Creation: Humanity

Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship *(from Voices Together, #772 verse 1)*

Leader: God of Justice, Savior to all,

People: came to rescue the weak and the poor;

Leader: chose to serve and not be served.

People: Jesus you have called us.

Leader: Freely we've received, now freely we will give.

People: We must go,

Leader: live to feed the hungry, stand beside the broken,

People: we must go.

Leader: Stepping forward, keep us from just singing, move us into action,

People: we must go.

*Gathering hymn #549

"Be Thou My Vision"

Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn #556

"I Bind My Heart This Tide"

Children's story and children's offering for Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) crisis response in Gaza

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

Presentation of Bible to Audrey Boltinghouse

Embodied scripture

Genesis 1:26-28

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-8 and Mark 10:41-45

Sermon

*Response hymn #209

"We Dream of a Turning"

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 #297

"You Are Salt for the Earth"

*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 (September - November) (upstairs/downstairs)

Footsteps of Faith: A Global Anabaptist Devotional - Library
Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism - Sanctuary
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Nursery (birth – 2 years): Nursery
Ages 3-5 years: Room 6
Kindergarten – Grade 3: Room 3
Grades 4 – 6: Room 10/11
Grades 7-12: Room 7



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

TODAY:

- **Downstairs during Fellowship Time - Work of the Church "Information Fair."** Learn more about committee roles and other volunteer opportunities.
- **Change in location for adult FMC Fall Sunday school classes** – The "Footsteps of Faith" class will meet in the library and the "Strange Worship" class will meet in the sanctuary.
- **There are new key fobs for FMC back door access.**
- **Deadline for signing up to bring a main item for the Taco Tuesday meal.**

This Tuesday, September 16 at 5:30 pm at FMC - Taco Tuesday meal. Come and eat, no signup needed. Bring a topping or side to share if you wish. **At 6:15 pm, we will hold our annual FMC Safe Church Training.** The focus will be on accessibility.

This Wednesday and Thursday, September 17 and 18 – Rhonda will be out of the office.

This Saturday and Sunday, September 20 – 21 – Pastor Michael will be away.

Sunday, September 28 – Deadline for Oct. Vine submissions.

Lynne Sancken is taking orders for 'God's Love is for Everyone' T-shirts through September 28. The cost will range from \$25 to \$35, depending on the quantity ordered. Payment is due when you get your shirt; checks should be made payable to FMC with "T-shirt" in memo line.

Everence is offering free informative webinars on Sept 17 (Charitable Giving) and Oct 1 (Annuity Basics). Visit <https://tinyurl.com/Fall-2025-Ever-Webinars> for details and to register. Questions? Talk with Keith Springer, our Everence Advocate.

September 29-30 – Annual Environment & Spirituality Summit, sponsored by Faith in Place. FMC will host a watch party on September 30 at 5:45 pm. Flyers are on the table near the office or visit aes-summit.org for details and to register.

Tuesday, October 24-25 at Penn Station (122 E. Progress St.) in Arthur, IL - Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Region 2 Annual Meeting, hosted by the Illinois MDS Unit. You are welcome to attend the meeting. For more information and to register, pick up a flyer from the table near the office or visit: <https://mds.org/event/region-2-annual-meeting-3/>.

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MORE ABOUT FMC



New to FMC?

Scan the QR code to learn more about us or to let us know how you want to become more connected.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

TODAY (Sunday, September 14)

- Worship (9:15a), followed by fellowship & Sunday school
- Informational Fair during fellowship (10:30a)

TUESDAY

- Taco Tuesday (5:30p)
- FMC Annual Safe Church Training (6:15p)
- FMC library reserved for Courage School (7p)

WEDNESDAY

- Wed. Zoom Bible Study (8a)

THURSDAY

- Thursday Bible Study (9:30a)
- Christian Education Committee (1:15p)
- Facilities Committee-hybrid (4p)

NEXT SUNDAY (September 21)

- Worship (9:15a), Guest preacher – Josh Richardson; followed by fellowship & Sunday school

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Greg Sancken & Cindi Schieber
Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck
Song Leader: Danielle Beard
Piano: Ruth Stoltzfus
Children's Story: Cindy Breeze
Scripture Reader: Bev Hertle
Embodied Scripture: Rebecca Bare (Gen. 1:26-28)
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: John MacLean
Audio: Randy Nelson
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Marcia E. Nelson
Stewards: Kate Falk & Bruce Miller
Visuals: Rachel Horst Lehman
Refreshments: Mark Evans & Wilmer Otto

NEXT WEEK (SEP. 21) AT FMC:

Theme is Season of Creation – Planet Earth

Greeters: Cathy Schneider & Karla Woodson
Worship Leader: Randy Nelson
Song Leader: Geoffrey Herman
Piano: Kathy Springer
Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
Scripture Reader: Stephanie Thurston
Scripture: Luke 16:1-13
Embodied Scripture: Chuck Gibson (Gen. 1:1-13)
Sermon: Josh Richardson
Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Chuck Gibson
Audio: Emerson Nafziger
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Joe Crawford
Stewards: Randy Nelson & Tom Sutter
Visuals: Mary Krick
Refreshments: Janet Elaine Guthrie & Mark Jaeger