



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 26, 2026

Hospitality Series

Stories of Hospitality from Menno House in NYC

Centering chimes (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God rejoices at our presence here today

People: and welcomes us home with a celebration.

Leader: We come from different places bringing different needs

People: and God's love accepts and provides for us all.

Leader: God, help us extend your extravagant welcome

People: and share the gift of true Christian hospitality.

***Gathering hymn** (handout) "You've Got a Place"

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #49** "All Who are Thirsty"

Children's story and children's offering (*for Sola Gratia Farm in Urbana*)

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

Scripture Hebrews 13:1-2; Revelation 7:9

Word of Witness Greg Springer "The Ancient and Sacred Law"

***Response hymn #778** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Congregational Sharing & Prayer (*use the mic or text prayers to Sarah Zabel*)

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

Introduction of visitors

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

***Sending hymn #36** "Let Us Build a House"

***Benediction**

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

Note: Because worship is participatory and not a performance, instead of applauding please show appreciation for preludes, offertories and special music in other ways, such as ASL, silent applause, saying "Amen" or thanking musicians later.

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.



GRADE SCHOOL - ADULT

ADULT

Intergenerational Sunday school, in the sanctuary – Chuck Gibson Rebecca Bare & others will lead a session on *Embodied Scripture*.

Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL (downstairs)

Nursery (birth – 2 years): Nursery

Ages 3-5 years: Room 3

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

TODAY, July 26 during intergenerational Sunday school (11:15a) in the sanctuary – Chuck Gibson, Rebecca Bare and others will lead a session on “Embodied Scripture.” This is the final session of Summer Sunday school. There is no Sunday school in August.

TODAY, July 26 – Deadline to submit articles for the August Vine. Send submissions to Cindi Schieber.

This Week – Rhonda will have reduced office hours: 9:30a-12:30p Tuesday through Friday.

Pastor Michael will be out of the office through Monday, August 3. Please contact Sarah Zabel or one of our elders (Kate Falk and John MacLean) with pastoral care needs. **Sarah Zabel's office hours this week: Wed – Fri 9:30a-2:30p**

Now through August 9 – We are collecting specific school kit items for both Urbana Park District and MCC. A detailed list for both collections is available on the collection table near the office.

Next Sunday, August 2 at 11:15 am – There is no Sunday school. For those who are interested, Jonathan Gibson will present about his recent severe weather trip (he had technical difficulties on July 5 and wasn't able to share the presentation). Meet in the sanctuary.

August 4, 5-7:30 pm at the Arthur Community Center (120 E Progress, Arthur) – Annual dinner and ice cream social to benefit the August 28-29 Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale.

Friday, August 7, 5:30 pm at the home of Christine Herman (2403 Peppertree Place, Champ.) - Women are invited to Women's Night Out. Come to the circus! There will be food, entertainment, and good cheer. Bring a salad or dessert to share. RSVP to Marcia E. Nelson.

Looking ahead to Sundays in August:

- Sunday, August 9 - Backpack blessing during worship.
- Sunday, August 23 – Safe Church training at 11:15a (please plan to attend)
- Sunday, August 30 – Interfaith Alliance Picnic at the large pavilion at Crystal Lake Park, 4-6p



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FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Today

- August Vine articles due to Cindi Schieber

Wednesday

- NO Zoom Bible Study; Pastor Michael is away

Thursday

- Spiritual Leadership Team 10a

NEXT SUNDAY (July 19)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship; No Sun. school
- Jonathan Gibson presents about his recent trip (11:15a)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Randy & Marcia E Nelson

Worship Leader: Sheryl Dyck

Song Leader & Guitar: Geoffrey Herman

Prelude & Offertory: Cheryl Koranda

Children's Story: Rebecca Bare

Scripture Reader: Keith Springer (Hebrews 13:1-2; Revelation 7:9)

Word of Witness: Greg Springer

Congregational Sharing: Sarah Zabel

Zoom: Joyce Hurd; **Audio:** Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Sharon Monday

Stewards: Kate Falk & Tim Clink

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Keith & Kathy Springer

NEXT WEEK (August 2) AT FMC:

Greeters: Tim Clink & Norma Nelson

Worship Leader: Martha Moore

Song Leader: Danielle Beard

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Children's Story: Randy Nelson

Scripture Reader: Tammie Bouseman (Scripture: Matthew 4:12-17 & Colossians 1:15-20; 3:3-4)

Sermon: Sam Cox

Congregational Sharing: Sarah Zabel

Zoom: Chuck Gibson

Audio: Phil Martens

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Laura Lasater

Stewards: Mary Krick & Tammie Bouseman

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Joyce Hurd & Cynthia Nafziger



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