



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 12, 2026

Hospitality Series

Depending on the Hospitality of Others

Centering chimes (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who desire to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.

People: We are here to worship the One who first loved us.

Leader: Come, all who are yearning to learn what it means to love your neighbor as yourself.

People: We are here with willing hearts and open hands—to notice the hurting and extend mercy.

Leader: Come, let us quiet our busy minds and tune our ears to the Holy Spirit.

People: We are ready to listen, ready to worship, and ready to love.

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

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #392** "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

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

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

Scripture Luke 10:25-37

Words of Witness Rhonda Gibson, Karen McKenzie, Sharon Monday & Jacki Rand

***Response hymn #722** "Help Us to Help Each Other"

Congregational Sharing & Prayer (*use the mic or text prayers to Pastor Michael*)

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 #777** "Seeds"

***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

Intergenerational class in which people share about one of their passions. (fellowship hall or sanctuary, depending on presentation)

ADULT

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 12 during intergenerational Sunday school (11:15a) in the sanctuary - Eliza Crosby and Hannah Needham will lead a baking activity in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Michael will be out of the office this Wednesday, July 15 – Monday, August 3. Please contact Sarah Zabel, Elder Kate Falk or Elder John MacLean with pastoral care needs. **Sarah Zabel's office hours this week: Wed – Fri 9:30a-2:30p**

This Friday – The office will be closed. Contact Sarah Zabel if you need assistance. The bulletin will be printed on Thursday; please send Rhonda any announcements/worship service information by Wednesday afternoon.

Next Sunday, July 19:

- During intergenerational Sunday school - David Needham will present, "How Hollywood Shoots Movies (And How You Can Too!)." Meet in the sanctuary.
- Sign up deadline to help bring a main item for the Taco Tuesday meal on July 21, 5:30

Now through August 9 – The Service & Outreach Committee is 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.

Sunday, July 26 – Deadline to submit articles for the August Vine. Send submissions to Cindi Schieber (cindschieber@me.com).

Sunday, August 2 at 11:15 am – Jonathan Gibson's presentation about his recent severe weather trip for those interested in staying (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) – A 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 - Women are invited to Women's Night Out. Come to the circus! Food, entertainment, good cheer. Bring a salad or dessert to share. RSVP to Marcia E. Nelson.

FMC Quarterly Financial Update from Council (Apr-June)

2026 Approved Spending Plan (Income & Expenses)	\$ 351,958
Year-to-Date Income	\$ 141,082
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 146,073
Needed by end of year to meet spending plan	\$ 210,876

First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

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MORE ABOUT FMC



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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)

Wednesday

- NO Zoom Bible Study; Pastor Michael is away

Friday

- The FMC office is closed.

NEXT SUNDAY (July 19)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee 12n
- Sign up deadline to help provide main items for the July 21 Taco Tuesday meal at FMC (5:30p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Rosalee Otto

Worship Leader: David Needham

Song Leader: Geoffrey Needham

Piano: Jan Kellogg

Children's Story & Scripture Reader:

Courtney Malcolm; **Scripture:** Luke 10:25-37

Words of Witness: Rhonda Gibson, Karen McKenzie, Sharon Monday, Jacki Rand

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Megan Cox

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Rebecca Bare; Chuck Gibson

Stewards: Rebecca Bare & Lynne Sancken

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Tim Clink & Christine, Caleb & Arianna Herman

NEXT WEEK (July 19) AT FMC:

Greeters: Karen McKenzie & Rosalee Otto

Worship Leader: Marcia E. Nelson

Music: Worship Band

Children's Story: Sarah Zabel

Scripture Reader: Keith Springer (Luke 10:38-42; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24)

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Sarah Zabel

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton

Audio: Randy Nelson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Dianna Black

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Tim Clink

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Mark Evans, Mary Hines & Malia Shungu

