



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH  
of Champaign-Urbana

*Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.*

## Celebration of Worship

August 23, 2026

Ten Commandments  
**LOVE GOD • LOVE OTHERS**

Centering chimes (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

Prelude

Call to Worship (*from the website MinistryMatters*)

Leader: Hear the voice of God calling us together. Which commandment is the greatest of all?

**People: To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind.**

Leader: And the second is like it: to love our neighbor as ourselves.

**People: On these two commands hang all the law and the prophets.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of love, whose Spirit moves us to compassion and justice.

**All: We open our hearts to praise God today. Let us worship God together! Amen.**

\*Gathering hymn #545

"Here I Am, Lord"

Welcome & Prayer

\*Praising Hymn #138

"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

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

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

Scripture

Exodus 20:12-17 & Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon

\*Response hymn #831

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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 #816

"Guide My Feet"

\*Benediction

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\*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave 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.

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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.

**There is no Sunday school in August.**  
**Fall Sunday school begins on September 6.**



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

**TODAY – Safe Church training in the FMC sanctuary at 11:15a. Everyone is invited to stay for the training; attendance is required for all Sunday school teachers and nursery/childcare volunteers.** All FMCers age 13+ are strongly encouraged to attend; child care will be provided. If you need Safe Church clearance and can't attend, please contact Pastor Michael for alternative options.

**Coffee is back on the agenda of the Hospitality and Fellowship Committee and they would appreciate your feedback.** We know people value different things and would like to understand what matters most to our congregation. Please fill out the anonymous survey online or fill out a paper version, available in the foyer. **Please respond by August 30.**

**There is a copy of each Fall Sunday school book in our FMC library: "So that We and Our Children May Live" and "Sacred Parenthood."** The books are currently in the office to check out of the library if someone wants to use a book for the Fall Sunday school class.

**Tomorrow, Aug 24 at 2:30 pm in the Activity Center at Clark Lindsey (Urbana) - Janet Elaine Guthrie speaks on "Intertwined Legacies: My Settler Forebears and our Potawatomi Trail of Death."** All are welcome.

**This Wednesday, August 26, 5:30 pm at 1112 W. Church St., Urbana - Dedication ceremony for the completed 2026 Interfaith Habitat Build of the Davidson family home.** The Interfaith Alliance of Champaign County will offer a blessing and present the keys to the family.

**This Saturday, August 22, 10a - 1p, Hopedale Mennonite Church (5192 Hopedale Rd, Hopedale IL) - IL Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Annual Meeting.** Lunch is provided. Hear updates on the unit's responses to regional disasters. Questions? Contact Lamar Miller, IL Unit Chair: [m77yoda@gmail.com](mailto:m77yoda@gmail.com).

**This Friday & Saturday, August 28-29 at the Otto Center (1/2 miles south of Arthur) – 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale to benefit the work of MCC and also local nonprofits.** Visit [www.arthurreliefale.org](http://www.arthurreliefale.org) for details about the sale.

**Next Sunday, August 30:**

- **Interfaith Alliance Picnic at the large pavilion at Crystal Lake Park, 4-6p.** Grilled food is provided; bring a side to share if you can, or just bring yourself. All ages are welcome.
- **Deadline for September Vine submissions.** Email items to Cindi Schieber.

**Sunday, September 6 at 9:15 am at FMC – Outdoor worship in our fenced yard (green space); bring a lawn chair.** The service will be available in person only (no Zoom/YouTube). Nursery care will be in a corner of the green space. Fellowship and Fall Sunday school will be held indoors after the service.

**September 18-20 at Camp Friedenswald (Cassapolis, MI) – Annual Women's Retreat, featuring speaker Amanda K Gross.** Visit [www.friedenswald.org/retreats/](http://www.friedenswald.org/retreats/) for details or pick up a flyer from the table near the church office.

**Lynne Sancken is taking orders for our FMC "God's Love is for Everyone" Pride T-shirts (image to the right) through the end of September.** There is flexibility for sleeve length, color and neck shape. Cost depends on the number of shirts ordered.



### 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.

### First Mennonite Church of Champaign Urbana

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## FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

### Today

- Fellowship after worship, but no Sunday school
- Safe Church training in sanctuary 11:15a

### Tuesday

- Professional carpet cleaning at FMC (9a-3p)

### Wednesday

- Zoom Bible Study 8a

### Friday

- Spiritual Leadership Team 1p
- Arthur MCC Relief Sale (Fri eve & Sat)

### NEXT SUNDAY (Aug 23)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship; No Sun. school
- Vine articles due to Cindi Schieber
- Interfaith Picnic at Crystal Lake 4p

## THANKS TODAY TO:

**Greeters:** Rhonda Gibson & Cindi Schieber

**Worship Leader:** Tim Clink

**Song Leader:** Melissa Shungu

**Pianist:** Ruth Stoltzfus

**Children's Story:** Bruce Miller

**Scripture Reader:** Rebecca Bare

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Zoom:** Timothy & Geoffrey Herman

**Audio:** Randy Nelson

**Worship Nursery:** Skylar U'Ren & Mary Hines

**Stewards:** Greg Sancken & Mark Evans

**Visuals:** Lynne Sancken

**Refreshment Servers:** Bob King & Emerson Nafziger

## NEXT WEEK (August 30) AT FMC:

**God's Shalom for our Common Home:**  
**Living in Relationship**

**Worship Leader:** Randy Nelson

**Song Leader:** Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

**Pianist:** Janet MacLean

**Children's Story:** Tammie Bouseman

**Scripture Reader:** Rosalee Otto

(Scripture: Isaiah 55:3–5; Matthew 5:17–20)

**Sermon & Congregational Sharing:** Pastor Michael

**Zoom:** Phil Martens

**Audio:** Chuck Gibson

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