WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

October 4, 2026

WORLD Communion Sunday

Centering chimes *(Lighting of the Christ candle)*
Prelude
Call to Worship
One: We gather to remember.
Many: So that we can receive what has been given and pass it on.
One: We gather to connect.
Many: So that we can be mindful of others, close and distant.
One: We gather to hear.
Many: So that our lives may be enriched by good news.
One: We gather to worship.
Many: So that we may be strengthened by our awareness of God's presence.
***Gathering hymn #473** "Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona (Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises)"
Welcome & Prayer
***Praising hymn #751** "There Is in Every Person"
Children's story and children's offering *(for the FMC Tanzania College Scholarship Fund)*
Congregation sings as children come forward. (Voices Together #512)
Scripture John 13:1-17 & Philippians 2:5-11
Sermon
***Response hymn #719** "Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace"
Communion
All are welcome at the Lord's Table; come and partake as the Spirit leads. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate near the back of the sanctuary or the offering plate on a chair near the communion table.
Communion hymn #461 "Come to the Table of Grace"
Congregational Sharing & Prayer *(use the mic or text prayers to Pastor Michael)*
Mission Moment: Tanzania College Scholarship Fund, Maiga Muga and Cindi Schieber
Introduction of visitors
Work of the church *(come forward to the podium mic to make an announcement)*
***Sending hymn #778** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"
***Benediction**

*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave 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-upstairs/downstairs (Sep - Nov)

So We and Our Children May Live - Sanctuary
Sacred Parenthood – FMC Library
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)



CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)
Nursery (birth – 2 years): Nursery
Preschool & Kindergarten (ages 3-5 years): Room 3
Grades 1 - 5: Room 10/11
Middle & High school (grades 6-12): Room 7

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

TODAY:

- **Work of the Church volunteer forms are due.** Paper forms are on the table near the water fountain.
- **Men's Night Out at 5:30pm at the home of Sam Cox.**
- **We are updating the FMC directory over the next few weeks.** A copy is on the table near the water fountain for you to review and to make corrections if needed. If you are new to FMC and are not yet in the directory, there is space for you to add your information.

This Friday, October 9 – Sunday, October 11 – Pastor Michael will be out of the office. Contact Sarah Zabel with any pastoral care needs.

Thursday, October 15, 6:30 pm at New Covenant Fellowship (124 W. White, Champaign) - Roads to Reparations, presented by the Champaign-Urbana Coalition on Reparations and CU Ubuntu Project. Guest speakers include N'nanba (Robin Rue Simmons) of Evanston and Rep. Carol Ammons. Educate, activate, and celebrate with Shannon McFarland, Noah Brown, and the DREAAM Praise Dancers. Free parking across the street from New Covenant Fellowship.

Saturday, October 17 at 1 pm - Join FMC as we walk in this year's Pride Parade, stepping off in downtown Urbana. Wear your pride t-shirt or a colorful shirt. There will be a car available for those who need a ride. Details about when and where to meet are coming soon.

On October 17 and 18, FMC Fellowship meals will be held in homes. Periodically our FMC community gathers in homes to share a potluck meal. Sign up to be a host or a guest. Hosts contact guests with details regarding time, location and menu. Details and a signup are coming soon.

Tuesday, October 20, 5:30 pm at FMC - Taco Tuesday meal. Sign up by October 18 if you can help bring a main item meal. No signup is needed to attend the meal.

Sunday, November 1 during worship – Annual Service of Remembrance. We will recognize loved ones close to us who have died since our November 2, 2025 Service of Remembrance. If you wish to include someone close to you, please email the office (office@fmc-cu.org) with the person's full name, relationship to you, date of birth and death, and picture (if possible). Submissions are due by Friday, October 23.

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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
- Worship; then fellowship & Sunday school
- Men's Night out at the home of Sam Cox (5:30p)

Tuesday
- Racial Justice Working Group-hybrid (1p)

Wednesday
- Zoom Bible Study (8a)
- Advent Committee, in library (6p)

Thursday
- Thurs. AM Bible Study (9:30a)

Friday
- Friday small group, in FMC library (10:30a)

NEXT SUNDAY (October 11)
- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Hospitality & Fellowship Comte-Room 5 (12n)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Norma Nelson & Earl Kellogg
Worship Leader: Randy Nelson
Song Leader: Melissa Shungu
Music: Worship Band
Children's Story: Annie Crawford
Scripture Reader: Phil Martens (John 13:1-17; Philippians 2:5-11)
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: David Needham
Audio: Emerson Nafziger
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Karla Woodson
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Mary Krick
Visuals: Lynne Sancken
Refreshments: Mary Hines & Laura Lasater

NEXT WEEK (October 11) AT FMC:

Greeters: Earl Kellogg & Bev Hertle
Worship Leader: Bob King
Song Leader: Danielle Beard
Piano: Jan Kellogg
Children's Story: Mary Biddle
Scripture Reader: Laura Lasater (Psalm 44:22-26; 1 Samuel 1:9-11; 2:1-8; Job 3:1-10)
Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Sarah Zabel
Zoom: Megan Cox
Audio: Chuck Gibson
Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Hannah Needham
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Mary Krick
Visuals: Lynne Sancken
Refreshments: Randy & Marcia E. Nelson

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