

WELCOME TO



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

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

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP HOUR – 10:30 am
(Location: fenced lawn west of FMC)

No Education Classes in August

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Celebration *of* Worship

August 1, 2021

“The Joy and the Disappointment of Regathering”

Centering chimes

Lighting of the solidarity lamp – *Symbolic of our Sister Church relationship with IELEDIR (formerly EDR)*

Prelude

*Call to worship (*Voices Together #851*)

*Voices Together #22 “What is this place”

Welcome & prayer

Children’s story and offering for the Crisis Nursery

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

Scripture Nehemiah 8:1-12

Sermon

*Voices Together #585 “Faith Begins by Letting Go”

Offertory and prayer (*please place offerings in the baskets by the doors as you leave at the end of the service*)

Congregational sharing & prayer⁺

Work of the church⁺

*Voices Together #832 “The Lord Lift You Up”

*Benediction

**Stand if you are able*

⁺Please text or email prayers and announcements to Pastor Deb or Pastor Michael.

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, political affiliation, 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 large print hymnals are available from the greeters.
Childcare (birth – preschool) is not being provided in August.

AFTER WORSHIP

Join us in the fenced lawn west of the church after worship. Refreshments won't be served in August, but you may bring your own beverage.



FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY

Worship 9:15am
Fellowship on lawn 10:30am
Interfaith Picnic @ Hessel 4pm

WEDNESDAY

Property & Finance Cmte 5pm

THURSDAY

Early Morning Bible Study 7am
Racial Justice Working Group 3pm

Scan or visit www.fmc-cu.org/events/ for details on upcoming events.



Welcome back to worship at FMC! We are grateful for the incredible ways that God's love has held and shaped us over the past 70+ weeks and continues to be with us as we re-gather.

TODAY – Early Registration Deadline for FMC Retreat | September 3-5 | Camp Menno Haven | Forms are on information table near FMC office. Final registration – August 15.

TODAY – Interfaith Alliance Potluck Picnic | 4 – 6 pm | Large Pavilion @ Hessel Park

This week – Pastor Deb is out of the office Wednesday, Aug 4 – Tuesday, Aug 10.

MCC Weekend at FMC | August 21 – 22 | MCC Dignity Kit service project & immigration presentation by Saulo Padilla, MCC immigration education coordinator | Details and Supply Sign-up in Tuesday email announcements and on FMC events calendar (www.fmc-cu.org/events/).

Note: First Mennonite strives to be a good steward of the environment. During our time apart, we adapted to communicating exclusively through email and used very little paper. As we regather, changes have been made to be more mindful of our paper usage:

- A new user-friendly online calendar, displayed prominently on the homepage. Click on any event and see detailed information. Bookmark the events page to access the most up-to-date information about upcoming meetings and events. The calendar link will be in the Tuesday email for your convenience. Detailed announcements and birthdays will continue to be highlighted in the Tuesday emails.
- New simplified bulletin design that fits on a double-sided letter-sized paper. Only basic information about events will be highlighted, since detailed information is easily accessible in the online calendar and in Tuesday emails.
- Printed copies of ongoing documents such as the monthly calendars (with the service list for the month printed on the back) will be available on the table near the office but won't be placed in mailboxes. Even pre-pandemic, many papers were left in mailboxes and ultimately ended up in the FMC recycling bin.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH TODAY'S SERVICE:

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Karen McKenzie
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Pastor Deb
Song Leader: Matt Yoder
Pianist: Kathy Springer
Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
Sermon, Sharing & Prayer: Pastor Michael
Offertory: Lesley Deem
Visuals: Banner (Lynne Sancken)
Sound System & Tech: Laurence Koehn & Phil Martens
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Bruce Miller

HELPING OUT NEXT WEEK AT FMC:

Greeters: Kate Falk & Karen McKenzie
Worship Leader/Scripture Reader: Martha Moore
Song Leader: Rafael Luquis
Pianist: Jan Kellogg
Children's Story: Rebecca Bare
Sermon, Sharing & Prayer: Pastor Michael
Offertory: Pete Shungu
Visuals: Banner (Lynne Sancken)
Sound System: Chuck Gibson & Phil Martens
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Chuck Gibson
Scripture: 1 Kings 3:3-14