

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH Open Hearts, Open Minds, Rooted in Christ

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Our Mission: God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as a community of grace, joy, and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Find **FMC Events, Announcements, and Information** at

firstmennoniteiowacity.org

FMC follows Safe Church practices:

<https://www.firstmennoniteiowacity.org/safe-church-policy.html>

Office hours: Mary (T – F, 8 AM – 1 PM) Karen (T-TH, 9-Noon) Terry (T, W, F, 9-Noon)

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Pastors: Terry and Karen Martens Zimmerly. Pastoral concerns may be shared with the pastors or one of the Elders: Erma Coppinger, Isaiah Goertz, Nancy Halder, Isaac Hooley, Roger Schrock, Maya Kehr Yoder.

This week at FMC

Sunday: 10 AM Hybrid Worship & Communion
5 PM Intergenerational Outdoor service
Tuesday: 5 PM Christian Formation Commission
Wednesday: 7 PM Elders

Attendance 8-1-2021	Online viewing: 29 /In person: 52
Offering	\$8,175.00 general fund

Birthdays

Saturday Ira Swartzendruber
Tuesday Phil Miller
Wednesday Carl Darby
Friday Natalie Graber, Stasia Majerick, Arden Miller
Saturday Heidi Willems

Sunday we'll celebrate Communion together using pre-packaged gluten free cup/bread elements. Please pick these up as you enter the sanctuary, or prepare the elements at home if joining via Zoom.

TONIGHT at 5 PM on the lower lawn: Intergenerational Worship in

Creation: Karen will lead an informal worship time which will include group gathering with singing, quiet time to reflect, and opportunity to explore our church grounds and learn from one another. Please bring a chair, **a blanket or beach towel**, and a water bottle.

Bible School Is Nearing! Youth ages 3 through 5th grade grads are invited to join us on August 21 from 8:45 - 11:45 AM to explore God's *Great Big Beautiful World* through songs, scripture, dramas, crafts, storytelling and games. Register **by August 14** at <https://tinyurl.com/firstmennonitevbs>

The Mission Commission would appreciate having as many as possible attend the Portillo's immigration hearing in Omaha, NE on Aug. 11. The address of the court is 1717 Ave H. Suite 100, Omaha, NE -- 8:30-11:30. The Portillos' would appreciate the support, and it is possible that a group of people present in support of them might influence the judge.

FMC Library NEWS: You can now search the FMC library catalog from the comfort of your home by going to: <https://17027.rmwebopac.com/search>. Access is open and does not require a password. The "sign-in" function in the upper right-hand corner is not functional yet, but you can still search the catalog by author, title, or keyword/subject. If you find an item you would like to borrow, just make a note to yourself to borrow the next time you are at the church or email your request to Ann Valenta at astevev@gmail.com or Jill Miller at djmiller1984@hotmail.com.

This is a work in progress. As the site develops, you will be notified of changes.

Mark your calendars for more summer worship gatherings:

- August 15 -- 6 PM **Outdoor hymn sing** using *Voices Together*
- August 22 -- 10 AM **Outdoor worship and baptism** service: If you wish to be baptized, having decided to follow the way of Christ in your life in partnership with those gathered as FMC Iowa City, please text/phone Terry at 319-512-8625.

The evening outdoor services will not be recorded. The regular morning worship service in the sanctuary and via Zoom will continue to be offered those days.

Thank-you for your patience as we live into hybrid worship. There will be a limited number of print bulletins available on Sunday on the Narthex table. Also, the **West section of pews** as you enter the sanctuary will continue to have marked off benches for socially distanced seating for households with children and others who may require distancing.

CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

The **Ecumenical Women's Bible Study (EWBS)** invites all women to join us as we begin our fall semester on Wednesday, September 1, 9:15-11AM. We meet at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church located off Camp Cardinal Road at 140 Gathering Place Lane, Iowa City. (Please park and enter on the lower level; handicapped accessible.) Wearing masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged for the safety of all, especially those with compromised immune systems. Our first meeting will be a gathering event to connect with each other, discuss plans for the upcoming 2021-2022 year of Bible Study, and share what we have learned over the last year and a half. We will then continue to meet on Wednesdays, 9:15-11AM to study:

- Genesis 41-50 (The Book of Genesis: In the beginning God...)
 - Our Genesis study was interrupted by COVID-19.
 - September 1 – October 6
- The Book of Acts: God Builds His Church
 - Beginning October 13
 - Concluding mid-May, 2022

This group is open to women of all ages and denominations, and new members are always welcome at any time. Contact Judy Bornkessel (913-205-4541) judybmk@yahoo.com or Connie Bryant (319-521-4416), cbryant@southslope.net for further information.

Gardeners often have extra of easily grown vegetables such as peppers, summer squash, zucchini, or tomatoes-- rather than letting this excess go to waste, Table to Table is asking gardeners to donate. We have been using the [Fresh Foods Connect](#) app to coordinate our individual gardeners, drop off times, and locations. We're only in our second year of this new program and we need more gardeners! **Will you consider signing-up as a T2T garden donor so that whenever you have an abundance, we won't let it go to waste?** Any questions about this initiative can be directed to gardenrecovery@table2table.org.

From Crooked Creek Christian Camp (CCCC):

- Another summer camp season has completed, but there's plenty more fun scheduled from now through the fall! Relive the wealth of activities from this summer and get the fall features on your calendar in the newsletter provided [by CCCC here](#).

From Hillcrest Academy:

- **Pray For Us** | The Hillcrest Academy Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) invites you to pray on campus with them during the final board meeting of the summer on Mon, Aug 16 at 7 PM. The group will meet in the foyer.

Please join us as we lift our students, staff, board, and the new school year (which begins on Aug 23) in prayer.

From the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Committee (MCC):

- The Board of the Iowa MCC Sale would like to THANK YOU as donors and volunteers for your efforts to meet the needs of those less fortunate, even in this unusual year for our Sale. Due to your efforts, the Board was able to send a check for \$100,000 to MCC. There is no mistake that we could not have done this without you! Please raise the Board in prayer as we endeavor to begin on next year's sale. Thank you! - Don Patterson, Co-Chair on behalf of the Iowa MCC Sale Board
- Read how funds and workers are impacting the world in *In Touch*, the monthly newsletter from MCC [here](#).

From Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA):

- **#BeTransformed:** At the close of MennoCon21, Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, announced the new theme for this biennium: "Be Transformed." Read more about what Guyton had to say here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/guyton-call-for-change>.
- A new video from Mennonite Church USA shows how the Justice Fund is supporting peace and justice work across the denomination through mutual aid. See how Justice Fund grants are helping congregations dismantle racism, uplift the oppressed, and promote peace: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-video>.
- **Menno Snapshots:** It is too easy for churches to adopt traditions and policies that pull us away from our foundation. In his blog, *The Rock*, Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton urges readers to "set our feet firmly on the rock that is Jesus." Read his blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-rock/>.
- **Menno Snapshots:** In his blog, *The hyphenated Anabaptist and the hyphenated college*, Brad Kohlman explains that in Mennonite colleges, it is common to find students who come from other church traditions. He shares how being able to marry people's faith traditions with their Anabaptist education creates value for the church and the individual's faith formation. Read more of Kohlman's thoughts here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/hyphenated-anabaptist-college/>.

From MennoMedia:

- **Staying Connected:** Read about new publications, the latest *-ing* podcast, and more of the latest from MennoMedia [here](#).

From Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):

- Read the latest from MMN in [Network News and Beyond here](#).

August 8 worship

9:55 Music & slides of Joy

10:00 Centering Music: Isaac Hooley

Welcome/Call to Worship VT #856

Christ is like a single body that has many parts.

It is still one body though every part is different.

Therefore the foot cannot say,

I am not part of the body;

nor can the ear say,

I am not part of the body.

The eye cannot say to the hand,

I don't need you;

nor can the head say to the feet,

I don't need you.

If one part suffers,

all parts share the pain;

If one part is praised,

all parts share the joy.

Together, we are Christ's body:

each one of us is a part of it.

Hymn: #716 God of Grace

Children's time

Meditative music: Isaac Hooley

Sharing & Prayers of the People

Scripture: Philippians 4: 1-9 Inclusive Bible

Message: *Joy Unites*

Hymn: #478 I come with joy

VT #937

Friends,

as we gather to eat the bread and drink the cup, let us respond with the pledge of love.

Will you love God before all things, in the power of God's living Word, and join yourself to God's way?

By the grace of God, I will.

Will you love and serve our neighbors, and lay down your life through the power of Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us?

By the grace of God, I will.

Will you support and challenge one another, speak and hear the truth, cease what causes harm to our neighbors, and do good to our enemies?

By the grace of God, I will.

May the Spirit of God who calls the church to Christ's Supper give us the grace, strength, and patience to live this pledge of love.

Amen.

Communion

Blessing

Sending song: #831 Blest be the tie that binds

Joy Music:	Shawn Kirchner
Centering/Prayer music/Song leader:	Isaac Hooley
Worship leader/Scripture reader:	Karen Martens Zimmerly
Children's time:	Showalter, Bartel, Brenneman families
Message:	Terry Zimmerly
Ushers:	Rosie & Bill Hochstetler
Flowers:	Faye Gerig
Greeters:	Cindi & Roger Schrock; Earl Gingerich
Technical support:	Katrina Schrock, Mark Gingerich