

*Come and See...
and Sometimes Go Another Way*



Freeport Mennonite Church
3416 East Brick School Road
Freeport, Illinois 61032

*Always moving one step closer towards
Christ, community, and each other.*

Epiphany Sunday

January 4, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

01/04/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday
01/07/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
01/07/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
01/08/26 @ 9:30 a.m.	WMS- Offering for MWUSA General Fund
01/11/26 After Church	Meal, Q & A, Vote
01/14/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
01/18/26 After Church	NFC Small Group - APR
01/21/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
01/21/26 @ 1:00 p.m.	COFFEE Small Group
01/21/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
01/24/26 @ 10:00 a.m.	OWLS Small Group
01/28/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
02/01/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday
02/04/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
02/18/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
03/01/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday
03/04/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
03/18/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
04/01/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
04/05/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday
04/15/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA

Contact the Church Secretary to add your event to the calendar.

Sunday bulletins are finalized on Thursday of each week.

**Please submit your requests by Thursday,
to ensure it makes the Sunday bulletin. Thank you.**

Things to know...

Winter Warmth Drive:

This season, we are collecting hats, gloves, and scarves to share God's love with those in need. Please bring your donations to the church now through Sunday, January 25th. There is a box in the overflow room for your donations. See Caleb Moss for more information and thank you for helping keep our community warm this winter!

Free Community Meal:

Freeport Church of the Brethren has free community meals the second Saturday of each month, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Advent Is Here – Be Amazed!

This Advent, alongside congregations across the nation, we explore the theme “Be Amazed!” through the symbol of a star, reminding us of God's mysterious and guiding presence—distant yet near, powerful yet gentle. Just as the magi followed the star to find Christ, we too are invited to look up, notice, and be amazed.

We will reflect on biblical stories of exile, the first disciples, and the incarnation—from dry bones and a fiery furnace to the birth and ministry of Christ. What do all these stories have in common? They reveal God acting in powerful and astonishing ways, evoking awe in us as readers.

May this season of hope, peace, joy, and love prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Christ.

There is an At Home series intended for all ages and life stages to deepen the experience of the season. The resource is free for all congregations and families by using the following link:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/advent-at-home-2025/>

(Source: Leader Fall 2025 Advent Worship Resources: Be Amazed!)

Things to know...

Nursery Schedule:

1st Sunday of the month: Misty & Kinzy DeHaven and Carole Nafziger

2nd Sunday of the month: Dottie Delgadillo and Jan Pfile

3rd Sunday of the month: Janet Lubbers and Janice Byler

4th Sunday of the month: Sherrill Oyer and LaVonne Arendsee

5th Sunday of the month: TBD

Congregational Potluck and Vote:

On Sunday, January 11th, we will vote on whether to invite Rosalind to be our church pastor. There will be a meal following the Worship Service, followed by a Q & A, then a vote. If you need an absentee ballot, please see Steve Pfile. For the meal, hot sandwiches and dessert will be provided. Please bring a salad if convenient.

MICS Update:

Our three new students are Pritinah, Estelly and Ketiwe. Their stories are located on the small table in the overflow room. Their stories will touch your hearts. They are in dire need. If you would like to help make a difference in their lives, please mark your contributions for the Awana fund. Thank you very much!

There are also updates from our current students. They are all very thankful to us for being their sponsors. We are making a difference! Thank you!!!

Prayer Requests

Health

- † Karen Harbach, Roxanne Salivar, Rosemary Zissler,
- † Vicki Zimmerman, Amber Fortner's brother, Ryan,
- † Betty Metz's daughter, Carolyn Zuck,
- † Marlene Hardaway's great niece, Elly Siebert

Misc

- † Caryl Horstmeier
- † Janice Byler
- † Paul and Jennifer Boyes
- † David Graybill and his family
- † School-Age Children, as well as our teacher and bus driver
- † Young Adults: Adrian Delgadillo, Caleb Moss, JJ Pineda & Lucas Pineda
- † AWANA sponsored MICS students: Jane, Namushi (Lucky), Joshua, Chipego, Alvin, Estelly, Pritinal & Ketwie. Please continue to pray for Beverly and Emmanuel since they graduated.

Contact the Church Secretary to add your prayer request to the bulletin.

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## *Let's Celebrate!*

### ***Birthdays***

1/5 Steve Pfile  
1/8 Julio Delgadillo  
1/10 Janice Byler  
1/15 Cheralyn Wolf  
1/22 Kinzy DeHaven  
1/25 Ben Fortner  
1/26 Suriah Howard

### ***Anniversaries***

1/23 Gary & Karen Pfile

# *January 4, 2026 ~ Order of Service*

## **Focus**

### **\*\*\* Call to Worship**

### **Scripture Reading**

*John 1:43, 45-51 NRSVue*

### **Opening Prayer**

### **\*\*\* Song**

*VT #775 I Will Follow*

### **Children's Story**

### **Candle Lighting**

### **Prayer**

*Sharing of Praises and Concerns*

### **\*\*\* Song**

*VT #277 As with Gladness*

### **\*\*\* Song**

*VT #273 Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

### **Message**

Pastor Rosalind Young

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### **Communion**

**Communion Song ~ *The Lord's Prayer***

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **\*\*\* Closing Song**

*VT #297 You Are Salt for the Earth*

### **\*\*\* Benediction**

**\*\*\* Please stand if you are able and willing**

# NOTES

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we commit ourselves to lovingly reach out to all people  
and to bring them into a growing relationship with  
God our Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.**



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