

*Come. Follow. Abide.*



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

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

January 11, 2026  
10:30 a.m.

## *Mark Your Calendars*

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...*

### Congregational Potluck and Vote:

Today (Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>) 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. For the meal, hot sandwiches and dessert will be provided. Please bring a salad if convenient.

### Thank You from Sherril Oyer:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our food drive for the Freeport FACC Food Pantry. The giving was extremely generous. Now that we are done with the food drive, we can concentrate on collecting items for our Winter Warmth Drive.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Nursery Schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month: Misty & Kinzy DeHaven and Carole Nafziger

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month: Dottie Delgadillo and Jan Pfile

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month: Janet Lubbers and Janice Byler

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: Sherrill Oyer and LaVonne Arendsee

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: TBD

## *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**

1/15 Cheralyn Wolf  
1/22 Kinzy DeHaven  
1/25 Ben Fortner  
1/26 Suriah Howard

### **Anniversaries**

1/23 Gary & Karen Pfile

# *January 11, 2026 ~ Order of Service*

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

## **Invocation**

## **Scripture Reading**

*Psalm 84:1-12*

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

*HWB #16 God is Here Among Us*

## **Prayer**

*Sharing of Praises and Concerns*

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

*VT #592 How Firm a Foundation (Verses 1-3, 5)*

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

*HWB #373 Thou true Vine, that heals*

## **Message**

Pastor Rosalind Young

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

*VT #522 O Blessed Spring (Verses 1 and 5)*

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

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

# Come. Abide. Follow.

Trusting the rhythm of discipleship taught by Jesus

## Scripture Snapshot

### • John 15:1-8

“Abide in me,” Jesus says. He compares himself to a vine and us to branches, promising that staying connected to him leads to true growth and fruitfulness.

- What stood out to you in this passage?
- What might abiding mean for your life right now?

## Ideas for Practice

- Listen deeply before acting.
- Spend a few moments in silent prayer each day.
- Walk slowly, noticing God's presence in the ordinary.

## Takeaways:

- Abiding means making our home in Christ.
- Growth comes from trusting God's timing, not rushing or forcing outcomes.
- Pruning is a loving act that helps us grow.

—When and where do you sense God inviting you to stay, to trust, and to grow?—

## For Kids & Families:

- When Jesus says “abide,” he is inviting us to stay close to him, like a branch stays connected to a vine.
- Just like plants need time and care to grow, we need to spend time with Jesus to grow in love.
- Trusting God means believing that God is taking good care of us, even when things take time.



## 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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