

Light Rises In The Darkness



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

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

February 8, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

02/11/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
02/12/26 @ 9:30 a.m.	WMS ~ Offering: MWUSA Scholarship Fund
02/15/26 After Church	NFC Small Group ~ Canceled
02/15/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Family Sunday (More Info under Things to Know)
02/18/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
02/18/26 @ 1:00 p.m.	COFFEE Small Group
02/18/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
02/25/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
02/28/26 @ 10:00 a.m.	OWLS Small Group
03/01/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday
03/04/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
03/04/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
03/12/26 @ 9:30 a.m.	WMS
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.**

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

Meat Canning Pictures Wanted:

If you have any pictures from Meat Canning that you would like to share, please email to freeportmennonitechurch@gmail.com.

These pictures will be added to the front bulletin board. Thank you.

Things to know...

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.

Stateline Ministerial Alliance ~ Annual Lenten Worship Services:

The Stateline Ministerial Alliance invites you to join us for our annual Lenten worship services, a season of shared worship and fellowship. Services are held Sundays at 6:30 p.m. (except for the Good Friday Service.)

Food and childcare will be provided at each service.

February 22nd, Dakota UMC, speaker Christina Singh

March 1st, Freeport Mennonite Church, speaker Jim Brown

March 8th, Indian Grove Country Church, speaker Bob Kolb

March 15th, Dakota Presbyterian, speaker Rosalind Young

March 22nd, Calvary UMC - Davis, speaker Matt Mitchell

March 29th - Palm Sunday - No Lenten Service

Friday, April 3rd, Faith Community Church – Davis, Speaker Ralph Taylor (Good Friday 6:30 p.m.)

Tarry Here: The Spiritual Work of Waiting and Witnessing

A Worship Series for Black History Month and the Lenten Journey:

This February, we are invited to explore what it means to **tarry spiritually** ~ to wait on God with faith, courage, and communal hope. Rooted in Scripture, African American history, and Anabaptist peace witness, this four-week series reflects on how waiting has been both a spiritual discipline and a form of resistance in the struggle for freedom and justice.

Through worship, storytelling, communion, family-centered experiences, and communal meals, we will remember the faith of our ancestors, listen for the movement of the Spirit, and discern how God calls us to wait faithfully ~ and act courageously ~ in 2026. Come, tarry with us ~ for though the vision may linger, it will surely come.

Things to know...

Thank You:

Thank you to Caleb Moss for heading up our Winter Warmth Drive. The response from the congregation was very generous. Thank you all for reaching out!

Family Sunday:

Join us for a special Family Sunday on February 15th as our children lead worship! We are thrilled to welcome Horace McMillon, founder and director of Community of Hope, as our guest speaker.

After the service, enjoy a community meal ~ a perfect time to connect, share, and celebrate together.

Bring your friends and family ~ everyone is welcome! Let's gather for a morning of faith, fellowship, and fun

Illinois Mennonite Conference (IMC) Annual Assembly:

March 6 - March 7 - Lombard Mennonite Church

The 2026 IMC Annual Assembly will be a two-day gathering centered on the theme **"Christ Our Center, Connected as One."** This year the time and the opportunities are expanded to include worship, listening, discerning, and connecting more deeply as a conference family. Come join us as we seek Christ together and celebrate the many ways we are connected as one body. You can register on Eventbrite.

Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale:

March 20th (6:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.) and March 21st (7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Plan to join this annual community celebration of generosity to support the relief, development and peace work of Mennonite Central Committee.

There will be a general auction, activities for children, excellent food (including a pancake and sausage breakfast, a dutch market and butcher shoppe), booths selling flowers and handmade goods from around the world, lunch stands, wonderful quilts, a Trivia Night on Friday, and more!

Please visit the IMRS website <https://www.ilreliefsale.org/> for current updates.

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Prayer Requests

Health

- † Karen Harbach, 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
- † Young Adults: Adrian Delgadillo, Caleb Moss, JJ Pineda & Lucas Pineda
- † AWANA sponsored MICS students: Jane, Namushi (Lucky), Joshua, Chipego, Alvin, Estelly, Pritinal & Ketwie.

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

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## *Let's Celebrate!*

### ***Birthdays***

2/8 Kris Graybill  
2/9 Rosalind Young  
2/24 Caleb Moss

## *February 8, 2026 ~ Order of Service*

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

*HWB #660*

### **Invocation**

### **Song**

*HWB #48 All creatures of our God and King (verses 1, 2, 5 & 7)*

### **Scripture Reading**

*Psalms 112:1-9*

### **Prayer**

*Sharing of Praises and Concerns*

### **Song**

*HWB #226 You are salt for the earth*

### **Song**

*VT #793 Siyahamba / We Are Marching in the Light of God*

### **Message**

*Pastor Rosalind Young*

*Light Rises In The Darkness*

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

*This Little Light of Mine*

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

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

# Light Rises in the Darkness

## Sermon Takeaways

- Light rises when love becomes tangible.
- True worship leads to mercy and repair.
- Jesus calls us to be salt and light in the world.

## Reflection Questions

- Where did I notice light in the darkness this week?
- What does it mean for me to be salt and light today?
- Where might God be asking me to help repair what is broken?
- Who near me needs care, encouragement, or hope?

*Lord, make us gracious and generous. Help us shine your light in the darkness. Amen.*



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**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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