

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

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

February 22, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

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
03/29/26 After Church	Meal and Congregational Meeting
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

Things to know...

Thank You:

Thank you all for the birthday wishes, cards, gifts, lunches, dinners, cakes and pies. You certainly made my first Illinois Birthday a wonderful celebration. I look forward to next year's celebration! :)

~Pastor Rosalind

Installation Service:

There will be an Installation Service for Pastor Rosalind late Spring. We will announce the date once it's determined.

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.

Mennonite Mission Network Announcements:

Please see the bulletin board in the overflow room for details about opportunities in Service Adventure, Service Adventure leaders, and Voluntary Service.

New Facebook Page for FMC:

Our church has recently launched a new Facebook page!

The new page is: **Freeport Mennonite Church – Freeport, IL**

We will be posting upcoming services, events and other information to this page. Please like and share this new page, as the old Facebook page can no longer be updated and used. The image below is the profile picture...



Things to know...

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.

Wednesday Evenings ~ Lenten Season:

We have been invited to join Freeport Church of the Brethren during the Lenten Season, on Wednesday evenings beginning February 25th at 6:00 p.m. continuing through the end of the season. This year in lieu of a traditional worship service, they will be watching "The Chosen" series. The time together will begin with a light dinner served at 6:00 and then the series will begin. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to freeportmennonitechurch@gmail.com or leave a message on the church phone (815-255-0943) by February 19th, so we can let Pastor Christina know how many to expect.

Things to know...

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

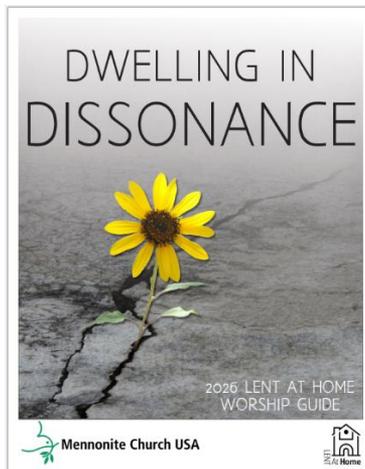
Friday, April 3rd, St. Paul Church of Epleyanna, Speaker Ralph Taylor
(Good Friday 6:30 p.m.)

2026 Lent at Home Worship Guide:

The theme for the “2026 Lent at Home Worship Guide,” taken from Leader magazine, is “Dwelling in Dissonance.” Many of the Sunday messages will be drawn from or reference this resource during the Lenten season.

The “At Home” series is intended for all ages and life stages to deepen the experience of the season. The resource is free for all congregations and families of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home-2026/>



Things to know...

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.

Interstate Center 1106 Interstate Dr. Bloomington, IL 61705

Menno Haven Summer Camp:

Registration is now open for Summer Camp at Menno Haven!

For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.mennohaven.com/summeryouthcamps.html>

Schedule:

Family Camp ~ May 22-25

Cottontail (Grades 3-5) ~ June 7-10

CROSS Camp (Grades 6-12) ~ June 14-18

****Sports & Crafts Tracks****

Junior High Camp (Grades 6-8) ~June 21-26

****Trailblazer & Adventure Tracks****

Blue Jay (Grades 4-6) ~ June 28 - July 3

High School Camp (Grades 9-12) ~ July 5-10

****Cardinal & Wilderness Tracks****

Grand Camp (Grandparents & Grandkids) ~ July 26-30

Prayer Requests

Health

- † Karen Harbach, Rosemary Zissler,
- † Vicki Zimmerman, Amber Fortner's brother, Ryan,
- † Marlene Hardaway's great niece, Elly Siebert,
- † Betty Metz's daughter, Carolyn Zuck
- † (Carolyn's address for those wanting to send her a card)
5775 N. Brown Rd.
Dakota, IL 61018

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, Pritinah & Ketiwe.

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

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## *Let's Celebrate!*

### *Birthdays*

2/24 Caleb Moss  
3/11 Vicki Zimmerman  
3/15 Amber Fortner

# *February 22, 2026 ~ Order of Service*

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

**Invocation**

**Scripture Reading**

*Psalm 130:1-8*

**Song**

*The Lord's Prayer (Lenten)*

**Prayer**

*Sharing of Praises and Concerns*

**Song**

*Just As I Am (CCLI #5635850)*

**Song**

*VT #163 Amazing Grace! (Verses 1-3)*

**Message**

*Pastor Rosalind Young*

*Tarrying with Jesus: Love, Grief, and Release*

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

*How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

**\*\*\* Benediction**

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

# *Trudging with Jesus:* **LOVE, GRIEF, AND RELEASE**

John 11:1-44



**1** **Jesus Tarried**  
*He delayed, but not abandoned.*

**Jesus Wept**  
*He shared in their sorrow.*

**Jesus Called**  
*"Unbind him, and let him go."*

**WAITING**

*Can I trust God's timing even when answers are delayed?*

**WEEPING**

*Do I allow myself to grieve and sit in the sorrow with Jesus?*

**RELEASE**

*What needs to be "unbound" in my life?*

*Where is Jesus calling me to step into new life and freedom?*

**FROM GRIEF TO GLORY**

*Even in the waiting, Jesus is at work.*



## PRAYERS

## NOTES

Please Join Us For Our

# SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Potluck in the APR,  
Following the Worship Service



Meeting to Follow  
the Potluck



**SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026**

For those submitting reports for the meeting,  
please email them to Amber Fortner  
[freeportmennonitechurch@gmail.com](mailto:freeportmennonitechurch@gmail.com)  
no later than March 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**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.**



**Scan the QR Code for more information about our church  
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Facebook ~ Freeport Mennonite Church – Freeport, IL

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