



Celebrate! The Joy of The Lord Is Your Strength!

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

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

August 9, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

08/09/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Back to School Sunday
08/12/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
08/13/26 @ 9:30 a.m.	WMS ~ Offering - School Kits
08/15/26 @ 10:00 a.m.	When Women Pray at FMC
08/19/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
08/19/26 @ 1:00 p.m.	COFFEE Small Group
08/22/26 @ 10:00 a.m.	OWLS Small Group
08/23/26 After Church	Potluck & Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
08/26/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
08/30/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Love Offering for Andrew Mosher Family
09/02/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
09/06/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday
09/10/26 – 09/11/26	Lifeline Coalition Banquet
09/16/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
09/20/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Church and Potluck Picnic at The Dakota Park

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...

When Women Pray

FREEPORT MENNONITE CHURCH

We pray with faith.

We trust with hope.

We give thanks with joy.

Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.

COLOSSIANS 4:2

*This gathering offers a
dedicated hour for women
to seek God's presence,
pray for one another, and
intercede for our world.*

*All women are welcome to join us every
first and third Saturday of the month.*

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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Things to know...

Faith Starts at Home—and Grows Everywhere:

Faith formation is not limited to Sunday mornings. It grows through the ordinary rhythms of our lives—in our conversations, prayers, celebrations, acts of service, learning, and worship.

For the next few weeks, we will explore *Shine Everywhere: Six Practices That Grow Faith*, a worship series designed to help people of every age nurture an everyday faith in Jesus Christ.

Each week will focus on one faith-growing practice:

Talk — Have honest conversations and welcome meaningful questions.

Pray — Develop simple rhythms of prayer for everyday life.

Celebrate — Mark milestones, traditions, and moments of joy.

Serve — Meet Jesus as we show kindness and care for others.

Learn — Grow in curiosity and explore God's Word together.

Worship — Gather as a community for encouragement, connection, and praise.

These practices are for every household and every stage of life—including families with children, couples, single adults, and empty-nesters. Together, we will discover how faith can take root at church, at home, and everywhere in between.

Come grow with us as we answer Jesus' call to make disciples—starting right where we live.

Back to School Photos:

Students, teachers, and anyone working for a school, please send photos of your first day of school to freeportmennonitechurch@gmail.com

All ages, preschool through college are encouraged to submit photos.

The photos will be displayed on the front bulletin board. Thank you.

Things to know...

Large Print Hymn Copies:

Six binders of larger print version of hymns are now located beside the offering box for use by individuals that desire availability of hymns in larger print. We will be adding large print versions of hymns selected each week building the selection of hymns in the binders over time.

Hymns will be placed in the binder in numeric order. Please feel free to pick up one of these binders as you enter the sanctuary if you wish to have the larger print version. We ask that you return the binder to its' location near the offering box after each service.

Love Offering:

On Sunday, August 30th, we will take up a Love Offering for a former canner boy, Andrew Mosher. Andrew was married with two young children. Sadly, his wife died from cancer, and he is struggling to make a living as a vegetable farmer and care for his children. Andrew and his family attends Crown Hill Mennonite Church. Any financial help we can give him would be appreciated.

*Carry each other's burdens and this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2*

AWANA Registration:

Awana begins Wednesday, September 2nd from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
All kids Kindergarten – 6th Grade are welcome! We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month (September – April).
Registration forms are in the annex hall, or you may register online www.freeportmennonite.com/connect/youth-registration

FREE:

If anyone could use a two drawer and/or four drawer steel filing cabinet, please see Janet Lubbers.

Bible and Prayer Groups:

Sign up sheets for Bible Study Groups and Prayer Groups are on the table in the connecting hall and will be there for the month of August.
Please review them and make any changes or corrections.

Things to know...

Freeport Mennonite Church

Invites You To...

Church In The Park



Bring your family, friends, & neighbors!

All are welcome!

**Sunday,
September 20th**

**10:30 a.m.
Worship Service**

Dakota Park

Please join us for a morning of worship and fellowship!

~ Potluck to follow ~

Please bring two dishes to pass.

Prayer Requests

Health

- † Karen Harbach
- † Rosemary Zissler
- † Vicki Zimmerman's son, Jason
(spine surgery on June 29th – recovery 3 months)
- † 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
- † Young Adults: Adrian Delgadillo, Caleb Moss,
JJ Pineda & Lucas Pineda
- † AWANA sponsored MICS students: Jane, Namushi (Lucky),
Joshua, Chipeco, Alvin, Estelly, Pritinah & Charity

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

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## *Let's Celebrate*

### *Birthdays*

8/9 Dean Cooke  
8/9 Ken Shrock  
8/12 Christie Moss  
8/12 Luna Bastian  
8/14 Karen Shoemaker  
8/15 Adrian Delgadillo

# *August 9, 2026 ~ Order of Service*

## **Opening Song**

*VT #103 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (verses 1-3)*

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

## **Invocation**

## **Scripture Reading**

*Nehemiah 8:9-12*

## **Prayer**

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

*VT #375 Joys Are Flowing like a River (verses 1, 2 & 4)*

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

*VT #340 Lift Your Glad Voices*

## **Message**

*Pastor Rosalind Young*

*Shine Everywhere Series ~*

*Celebrate! The Joy of The Lord Is Your Strength!*

## **Camp Reflection**

## **Blessing of Backpacks, Students, Teachers, Families, and MCC School Kits**

### **Leader:**

Today we celebrate new beginnings. We celebrate students eager to learn,  
teachers called to guide, families who encourage,  
and children around the world whom we may never meet.

### **Congregation:**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

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



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### **Leader:**

Students, as you begin this new school year, may God fill you with wisdom, curiosity, kindness, and courage. May your backpacks carry what you need, and may your hearts always carry God's love.

### **Congregation:**

God goes with you wherever you go.

### **Leader:**

Teachers, administrators, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, counselors, custodians, cafeteria workers, coaches, and all who serve our schools—May God strengthen you, give you patience, renew your joy, and remind you that your work shapes lives.

### **Congregation:**

May God bless your work and give you peace.

### **Leader:**

Parents, grandparents, guardians, and caregivers—When the days are busy, when homework feels endless, when schedules become overwhelming, may God grant you patience, wisdom, and rest. May your homes be places where love grows, faith is nurtured, and encouragement is freely given.

### **Congregation:**

Lord, strengthen every family with Your love.

### **Leader:**

Today we also dedicate these MCC School Kits. Though they contain simple supplies, they carry extraordinary hope. May every notebook become a place where dreams are written. May every pencil help tell a child's story. May every ruler, pair of scissors, and box of crayons remind a child that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved. Though we may never meet those who receive these gifts, bind us together through Your love.

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### **Congregation:**

May these gifts become signs of Christ's compassion throughout the world.

### **Leader:**

As we celebrate together today, remind us that joy is more than happiness. Joy remembers Your faithfulness. Joy shares generously. Joy welcomes everyone. Joy proclaims that You are with us.

### **Congregation:**

The joy of the Lord is our strength!

### **Leader:**

People of God, will you encourage these students, pray for these educators, support these families, and continue sharing God's love with children near and far?

### **Congregation:**

With God's help, we will.

### **All:**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

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

*Rejoice (Getty)*

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

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

## PRAYERS

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## NOTES

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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.**



**Scan the QR Code for more information about our church  
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