



Heaven May Be Closer Than You Think

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

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

August 16, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

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
12/10/26 @ TBD	Meat Canning
12/11/26 @ TBD	Meat Canning
12/12/26 @ TBD	Meat Canning
12/14/26 @ TBD	Meat Canning
12/15/26 @ TBD	Meat Canning

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.

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...

Extracurricular Activities:

If your child is involved in any extracurricular activities at school (Sports, Band, Music, etc.) please send their schedules to freeportmennonitechurch@gmail.com

Pastor Rosalind and other members of the congregation want to support the youth of our church by showing up to their activities. The schedules will be posted on the calendars in the annex hallway.

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.

Blood Drive:

Dakota Methodist Church is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, September 15th. For more information, please see the flyer on the overflow room bulletin board.

Things to know...

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Invites You To...

Church In The Park



Bring your family, friends, & neighbors!

All are welcome!

**Sunday,
September 20th**

Dakota Park

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

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, Isaac Delgadillo,
Caleb Moss, JJ Pineda & Lucas Pineda
- ✝ AWANA sponsored MICS students: Jane, Namushi (Lucky),
Joshua, Chipego, Alvin, Estelly, Pritinah & Charity

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

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## *Let's Celebrate*

### *Birthdays*

8/20 Boe Bastian  
8/25 Tally Flood  
8/26 Matthias Flood  
8/28 JJ Pineda  
8/28 Theo Flood  
8/29 Lucas Pineda



## *August 16, 2026 ~ Order of Service*

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

*VT #27 Here to the house of God we come*

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

### **Invocation**

### **Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 25:31-46*

### **Prayer**

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

*VT #92 Build My Life*

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

*VT #775 I Will Follow*

### **Children's Story**

### **Message**

*Pastor Rosalind Young*

*Shine Everywhere Series ~*

*Heaven May Be Closer Than You Think*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

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

*VT #540 Will You Come and Follow Me*

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

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

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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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