



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

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

September 20, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

09/20/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Church and Potluck Picnic at The Dakota Park
09/23/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
09/26/26 @ 8:00 a.m.	Church Work Day
09/26/26 @ 10:00 a.m.	OWLS Small Group
09/30/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
10/03/26 @ 10:00 a.m.	When Women Pray
10/04/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday
10/07/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
10/14/26 @ 5:00 p.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
10/17/26 @ 10:00 a.m.	When Women Pray
10/21/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
11/11/26 @ 5:00 p.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
12/09/26 @ 5:00 p.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
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.**

Things to know...

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

AWANA Registration:

Awana has begun! All kids Kindergarten – 6th Grade are welcome!

We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month (September – April).

You may register online www.freeportmennonite.com/connect/youth-registration

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.

Things to know...

Drive Thru Pork Chop Meal:

Freeport Church of the Brethren is having a Drive Thru Pork Chop Meal on **Sunday, September 27th, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** \$10 Meal includes: Harbach's Grilled Boneless Pork Chop, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Pie Bar or Pumpkin Bar. Just drive thru the parking lot off Pleasant Street and take your meals home to eat!

Meat Canning:

This year's Canning dates will be December 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15. If you would like to donate to this project you can do so at any time. Donations can be placed in the offering box clearly designated for the "Canning Project" or can be given directly to Dean. The current balance in the Canning fund is trending behind last year's giving with the possibility of needing a higher level of funding this year due to the project being a five-day project. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this very important project. For planning purposes, it is helpful to receive donations or pledges by mid- November. If pledging for a later donation, please communicate your pledge to Dean.

CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, September 26th
8:00 a.m. -
as long as your schedule allows

help is needed to trim the bushes...

bring your favorite tools to get the job done!

Contact Jan Pfile with any questions



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
- ✝ Alan Byler
- ✝ Caryl Horstmeier

Misc

- ✝ 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*

9/26 David Flood  
9/27 Jeremy Fortner  
10/1 Carole Nafziger  
10/2 Ellen Fortner  
10/3 Cindy Shrock

### *Anniversaries*

9/27 Merle & Karen Shoemaker  
10/1 Steve & Jan Pfile  
10/2 Lowell & Carole Nafziger

# September 20, 2026 ~ Order of Service

## \*\*\* Opening Song

*HWB #154 This is my Father's World*

## \*\*\* Call to Worship

## Invocation

## Prayer

## Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 55:6-9; Matthew 6:7-13*

## Children's Story

## \*\*\* Song

*HWB #156 All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## \*\*\* Song

*HWB #145 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)*

## Message

*Pastor Rosalind Young*

*God's Shalom for Our Common Home ~*

*Return to the Garden: Cultivating God's Peace in a Wounded World*

## Intercessory Prayer

**Leader:** God who planted the first garden, you created a world of beauty, abundance, connection, and life.

**People:** God of peace, make us faithful gardeners

**Leader:** We confess that the garden has been wounded. We confess the harm caused by violence, greed, domination, indifference, and fear.

**People:** God of peace, make us faithful gardeners

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

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## *Order of Service Continued*

**Leader:** For nations and communities torn apart by war, conflict, occupation, terror, and the loss of innocent life—

**People:** God of peace, make us faithful gardeners.

**Leader:** For refugees, migrants, displaced families, and all who seek safety, shelter, welcome, and a place to belong—

**People:** God of peace, make us faithful gardeners.

**Leader:** For children whose lives are shaped by hunger, fear, violence, neglect, or uncertainty—

**People:** God of peace, make us faithful gardeners.

**Leader:** For neighborhoods and cities where gun violence, racial injustice, poverty, addiction, and isolation diminish the life you desire for your people—

**People:** God of peace, make us faithful gardeners.

**Leader:** For the earth itself: for rivers and soil, forests and fields, creatures and communities harmed by pollution, waste, extraction, and climate disruption—

**People:** God of peace, make us faithful gardeners.

**Leader:** For families, friendships, congregations, and workplaces marked by resentment, misunderstanding, estrangement, or unresolved pain—

**People:** God of peace, make us faithful gardeners.

**Leader:** For all who carry private grief, illness, anxiety, loneliness, or fear; for those who are weary from holding too much for too long—

**People:** God of peace, make us faithful gardeners.

**Leader:** For the places in our own hearts where peace has been broken, and where you are inviting us to forgive, to seek forgiveness, to release resentment, or to begin again—

**People:** God of peace, make us faithful gardeners

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## *Order of Service Continued*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Reflection** ~ *Lord, Make me an Instrument of your Peace*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace  
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow Your love.  
Where there is injury, let me bring pardon.  
And wherever there is doubt, bring faith.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there's despairing, let me bear Your hope.  
Where there is darkness, may I be light.  
And wherever sorrow is, always joy,

Oh, divine master, grant that I may seek,  
not to be consoled, but to console.  
Oh, not to be understood, but to understand,  
Not to be loved, but to love.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
For it is in giving we receive.  
And in forgiving, we are forgiven.  
And in dying, we are raised to new life.  
Oh, wherever there is need, let Your love be.  
Lord make me an instrument of your peace.

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

*HWB #119 Doxology (verse 1)*

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

### **Prayer for Meal**

**\*\*\* 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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