

Don't Be Lazy...Be A Friend To The Lost



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

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

October 11, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

10/04/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	Communion Sunday
10/07/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
10/08/26 @ 9:30 a.m.	WMS
10/14/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
10/14/26 @ 5:00 p.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
10/14/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
10/17/26 @ 10:00 a.m.	When Women Pray
10/18/26 @ 10:30 a.m.	The Stories We Carry (See Details on Next Page)
10/18/26 After Church	Pastor Appreciation Potluck
10/21/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
10/21/26 @ 1:00 p.m.	COFFEE Small Group
10/24/26 @ 10:00 a.m.	OWLS Small Group
10/28/26 @ 5:00 a.m.	Men's Small Group
10/28/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
11/11/26 @ 5:00 p.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
11/11/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
11/20/26 @ 9:30 a.m.	CO Meeting
12/09/26 @ 5:00 p.m.	Ministry Team Meeting
12/09/26 @ 6:00 p.m.	AWANA
12/10/26 @ 6:30 a.m.	Meat Canning – All Day
12/11/26 @ 6:30 a.m.	Meat Canning – All Day
12/12/26 @ 6:30 a.m.	Meat Canning – All Day
12/14/26 @ 6:30 a.m.	Meat Canning – All Day
12/15/26 @ 6:30 a.m.	Meat Canning – All Day

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.**

The Stories We Carry

Who are your people? Where did you come from? How did you get here?

Every family has a story! Some of our families have lived in Freeport for generations, while others have traveled from different cities, states, countries, and cultures. Each journey has helped shape the community we share today.

On **Sunday, October 18th**, we invite you to join us for **The Stories We Carry**, a special worship experience where we will share our family histories, traditions, journeys, and the stories that brought us together at Freeport Mennonite Church.

Here's how you can participate:

- Share a family photograph: Send a current or historical family photo to the church office email or text to 815-238-8004 by **Thursday, October 15th**, to be included in our worship slideshow.
- Come prepared to share your story: Where are your family roots? What brought you or your ancestors to Freeport? What traditions or memories have shaped your family?
- Bring a dish that tells your story: For our potluck, we invite you to bring a favorite family recipe, a traditional cultural dish, or something that reflects your heritage. It might be a dish passed down through generations or something that reminds you of home. I encourage you to place a small card beside your dish identifying its name and family or cultural connection.
- Share the story behind your dish: Please include a small card with the name of your dish and a sentence or two about its family or cultural significance. These stories will help us learn more about one another as we gather around the table.

*You don't need an extraordinary story or a special recipe to participate.
Everyone is welcome to share!*

Come share your story, celebrate our differences, discover our connections, and grow together as a community of faith.

Every family has a story. Every journey matters. Every person belongs.

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

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.

Pastor Appreciation Potluck:

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We will be having a Potluck for Pastor Rosalind on Sunday, October 18th.

Menno Haven's Fall Work Day:

Join us Saturday, October 31st from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. for Menno Haven's Fall Work Day! Come volunteer, meet others who love camp, and enjoy a meal. For more information, see the flyer posted on the overflow room bulletin board, talk to David Graybill, and sign up at mennohaven.com/work-day. We'd love to see you there!

Things to know...

AWANA Update:

Awana has begun! All kids Kindergarten – 6th Grade are welcome! We will now meet every other Wednesday. Please see “Mark Your Calendars” for the dates.

IL Mennonite Relief Sale:

Please see the overflow room bulletin board for information on the Fall Fresh Sausage Sale.

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.

2026 Meat Canning

December 10, 11, 12, 14 & 15

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**Together We "Can" Help
Wipe Out Hunger In Our
Community and Worldwide!**



**Everyone Can Help!
Businesses, School and
Church Groups, Families,
Friends, and More!**



**Visit Our Website
For More Information and To Sign Up!**

<https://freeportmennonite.churchtrac.com/canningvolunteer>
or scan the QR Code to Register



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

10/29 Jan Pfile  
10/30 Derrick Young  
10/31 Sally Pfile

### Anniversaries

10/31 Steve & Christie Moss

## *October 11, 2026 ~ Order of Service*

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

*VT #34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

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

### **Invocation**

### **Land Acknowledgment**

### **Scripture Reading**

*Job 42:7-17; Luke 23:32-43 (NIV)*

### **Prayer**

*Sharing of Praises and Concerns*

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

*VT #387 We Are One in the Spirit*

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

*VT #397 The Church's One Foundation*

### **Message**

*Gary Pieper*

*Don't be lazy...be a friend to the lost*

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

*VT #545 Here I am, Lord*

### **\*\*\* 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.**



**Scan the QR Code for more information about our church  
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**Church Secretary:**

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