

Kathy Bergen has worked with a variety of organizations seeking justice in the Middle East, having lived there 16 of the last 32 years. From her first visit to Jerusalem in 1982, Bergen felt a strong connection. "I felt like it was my home, that this was my city. It is a place that I resonate with and feel totally at home in." In 1991, she served from Geneva, Switzerland as director of the International Coordinating Committee for NGOs on the Question of Palestine. Then she spent 12 years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as the National Coordinator of the Middle East Program of the Peacebuilding Unit in the national office of the American Friends Service Committee. In 2006, Bergen moved to Ramallah, a Palestinian city north of Jerusalem, where she was the Program Coordinator for the Friends International Center in Ramallah, a Quaker ministry that has worked for peace and justice in Palestine since the 1850s. Bergen holds three undergraduate degrees, a pre-Master's degree in educational psychology, a Master of Divinity, and has received multiple awards for her 32 years of work on Israeli-Palestinian issues.

# WHERE First Mennonite Church 902 W. Springfield Ave, Urbana

Free and open to the public.

# SATURDAY OCTOBER 1 5:30-6:45 PM

Jerusalem:
A city of conflict,
A city of peace

#### **Co-sponsors:**

- First Mennonite Church
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Refreshments provided.

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 2 9:15 AM

Singing the Lord's song together: what does it mean? Guest preacher at First Mennonite Church

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 2 4-5:30 PM

What is happening in Palestine/Israel and what can I do about it?

Katherine Crosby will also share her reflections about her recent experience with a CPT delegation in Palestine.