



Leader: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.

**People: You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.  
Were we to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.**

**Old Testament Reading: Psalm 73** OT pg 657

**Sermon: "Playing the Long Game"**

**Response Hymn: "My Life Flows On"** VT 605

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Blessing** VT 1050  
Congregational response to each petition: **"Jesus, now lead on"**

**Offering to First Mennonite Church**

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**Welcome!** Glad to have you worshiping with us! The service is also available on the FM transmitter 107.5 (heard in the parking lot) and on our face book page.

**FMC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Next Sunday, August 8, our guest speaker is Mark Jantzen** is a history professor at Bethel College in Newton, KS. He grew up in the First Mennonite Church, attended Bethel College, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and the University of Notre Dame. He has lived and worked extensively in Europe. From 1988-91, he studied theology at Humboldt University in East Berlin as part of the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) East Europe Study/Service Program, and from 1993-96, he worked at resource development for Bread of Life in Belgrade, Serbia, and as regional coordinator for MCC.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> – Friends from Mosaic will speak at FMC.

Mark your calendars! **August 15th @ 9:30 a.m.!** Plans are underway for a new year of Sunday School! Parents and others interested in nurturing

children's spiritual lives are invited to attend this session in the fellowship hall led by the education council. Ideas, techniques, and materials will be shared that can be used to help children learn to verbalize their faith and begin naming God's presence in their lives. Join us to find out how you can be part of nurturing our children's spiritual growth and faith.

**Tuition Fund Pledge sheets** were in your church mailbox and in the bulletin last Sunday. We ask you prayerfully consider contributing to the tuition fund which helps support students from our church attend Mennonite colleges and universities. At this time, we are excited to have Clairra Janssen attending Bethel College in North Newton, KS. Please have your pledge sheets along with your first half contribution turned in to Mike Goossen, Church Treasurer, **by August 8, 2021**. A more in-depth explanation will be given during sharing time on Sunday mornings. Thanks in advance for your contribution. - Tuition Fund Committee: Dorothy Zimmerman, Zella Penner, Brandon Esau

**Calendar Correction! There is Children's Sunday School on August 29** even though the calendar says there is not. Sorry for the mix up.

**The family of Bill Goossen thanks** all of you for the food, cards, memorial gifts, and expressions of sympathy.

Please keep **Sylvia and Gail Cross** in your prayers as Sylvia continues her recovery at home.

The **Church Picnic** will be held Sunday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m. at the Chautauqua Park Tabernacle. Your Shepherds will contact you about what to bring.

**If you have flowers to share in church**, please place them on the communion table or one of the wooden stands.

**Kiwanis Pancake Feed** to benefit the many children's programs in our community, Sunday, August 8, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey St, Beatrice. Adults \$8, Children ages 4-12, \$4.

**A graveside service for Alfred H. Claassen** of Lititz, PA will be held in the First Mennonite Cemetery today, August 1 at 3 p.m. Alfred passed away December 2, 2018. Alfred previously lived in the Beatrice area. Alfred's family invites you to join them for the service and refreshments following the service in the FMC fellowship hall.

**A private family committal service for Esther Schmidt, (Mrs. Walter)** will be held Wednesday morning, August 4 at First Mennonite Cemetery. Esther passed away November 16, 2020 in Wichita, Kansas at age 97.