

Follow Jesus; Mature in Faith; Carry the Good News at First Mennonite Church

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen Pianist: Karen Wiebe
Children's Story: Shana Ensz Audio: Marv Goossen
Hosts: Pat Penner & Elsie Riesen Power Point: Deb Goossen
Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Bill Thimm Video: Lisa Goossen
Last week: Offerings: FMC: \$3,370 **Attendance:**

Happening this week:

Sunday, July 25 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, July 27 1:30 p.m. WMS quilting & tying
 3:00 p.m. Devotions
Wednesday, July 28 10:00 a.m. Ernest Claassen funeral-BMC
July 30-31 WDC Annual Assembly – Virtual
Saturday, July 31 10:30 a.m. Committal Service for Hal
 Friesen, lunch to follow
Sunday, Aug 1 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 3:00 p.m. Committal Service for Alfred
 Claassen, refreshments to follow

Late July/Early August Birthdays

July 22: Zella Penner 25: Marjorie Epp
28: Lisa Goossen 29: Eli Scherling
Aug 1: Miles Esau 2: Kay Goossen
4: Neva Jantzen 6: Rebekkah Stutzman
7: Mitch Williamson 11: Deb Keeney, Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
 - We collect Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes
 - **Food Pantry donations** may be put in the box in the narthex or taken to the Community Food Pantry at St. John's. Donations are always needed. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
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Please contact the following with concerns or questions:

- **Special Needs: Deacons** Lori Thimm (402-239-3611), Vern Jantzen (402-230-0011), or Don Esau (402-223-9210)
 - **Church related concerns:** Chair Dorothy Zimmerman (402-239-9437)
 - **Bulletin items:** Vicki Frerking (402-239-5312 or the church phone/ email)
 - **Prayer Requests:** Pastor Roger, 785-220-1968 or rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com
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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
July 25, 2021



Welcome

Katie Jantzen

Call to Worship

VT 866

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your word.

L: Open our eyes

P: to see your presence.

L: Open our arms

P: to the embrace of community.

L: Open our minds

P: to the beauty of truth.

L: Open our hearts

P: to the joy of new life.

Prayer

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

VT 30

New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:3-5, 7-8, 12-14 NT pg 239

Children's Story

Shana Ensz

Hymn: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands (4x)

2. He's got my sister and my brother, in his hands (3x)

3. He's got everybody here in his hands (3x)

4. He's got the refugees in his hands (3x)

(Each verse ends with "He's got the whole world in his hands".)

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 137

OT pg 709

Hymn of Lament: “By the Waters of Babylon” VT 695

Sermon: “Songs of Devastation – and Hope”

Response Hymn: “O Healing River” VT 706

Sharing and Prayer

Blessing VT 1050
Congregational response to each petition: **“Jesus now lead on”**

Offering to Mother to Mother Ministry

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:

Guest speakers for the coming Sundays when Roger is gone are:
August 8th - Mark Jantzen
September 12th – Friends from Mosaic

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

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 committal service for Hal Friesen is being held in our church cemetery at 10:30 AM, Saturday July 31st. Hal passed away Aug 31, 2020 in Dunwoody, GA. Cathy (Reimer) Friesen is inviting family and friends of First Mennonite Church to attend the committal service and a reception to follow in the church basement.

A graveside service for Alfred H. Claassen of Lititz, PA will be held in the First Mennonite Cemetery Sunday, 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.

Memorial services for Ernest G. Claassen, age 99, of North Newton, KS will be held Wednesday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m. at Beatrice Mennonite Church. Ernie passed away on Saturday, July 17 Visitation is Tuesday, July 27, from 10-8:00 at the Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel with the family greeting friends from 5-7:00 pm. A memorial has been established to MCC with the funeral home in charge. Private family burial will take place in the Mennonite Cemetery.

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) held its first online Delegates Assembly on July 10. During the assembly, delegates voted on changes to the MC USA bylaws, confirmed nominees for churchwide boards and heard reports from the Resolutions Committee and racial ethnic and constituency groups. Read more at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/virtual-delegate-assembly>.

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