

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

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Power point: Katie Jantzen

Ushers: Jake & Brandon

Worship Leader: Neal Trantham

Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier

Audio: Marv Goossen

Video: Lisa Goossen

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 68 **Offering:** FMC \$4,640; MTM \$50;  
MCC \$300

**Today's Offering:** MCC **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, Aug 10

9:30 am Adult Sunday School only

10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, August 12

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

Sunday, August 17

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Teacher Resource Workshop

**August Birthdays:**

1: Miles Esau

6: Steph Janzen, Rebekkah Stutzman

7: Mitch Williamson

11: Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz

11: Debbie Keeney

12: Abby Trantham

16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm

21: Kyle Baade

22: Gentre Esau, Henry VanderSchaaf

27: Pam Kunzman

29: Pat Penner

31: Samuel VanderSchaaf

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
  - **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
  - **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks may go in the offering plate.
  - **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
  - Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building.
  - Visit [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) to see what's new at Western District Conference.
  - **WDC Annual Assembly** August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church.
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**Deacons:** Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210),

Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)

Please let the office know of **members marriages and births** so it can be put in the bulletin and entered in the church historical book.



**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

August 10, 2025

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**L:** Come, all who seek the living Christ—

not only in joy, but in sorrow,

not only in clarity, but in mystery.

**P: We come like Mary, early in the morning, still in the dark, seeking Jesus.**

**L:** Come, all who have seen glimpses of grace,  
who carry stories of healing, of staying, of speaking truth.

**P: We come to witness, to remember, to proclaim: Christ is risen! We have seen the Lord!**

**L:** Let us worship the One who calls us by name  
and sends us to share good news with the world.

**P: We come with courage and joy, ready to follow Jesus with Mary Magdalene—disciple, witness, apostle.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"**

VT 30

**Confession and Assurance**

**L:** Risen Christ, we confess that we too often doubt the witness of others, especially those the world has overlooked.

**We fail to stay present in suffering.**

**We hesitate to speak good news when the world is still dark.**

**P:** Forgive us, heal us, and restore us.

**Call us by name, and send us again to be your disciples.**

**(Silent confession)**

**L:** Friends, hear the good news:

Christ meets us in the garden of our sorrow,

calls us by name, and sends us with joy.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Offering Hymn: “Blessed Be Your Name”**  
(Offering is for Mennonite Central Committee)

VT 637

**Scripture: Luke 8:1-3; John 20: 11-18**

**Sermon: “Faithful and First”**

Pastor Josh

**Hymn: “Lift Your Glad Voices”**

VT 340

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song: “As You Go Out From Here”**

VT 841

**Passing the Peace**

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**Welcome** to all worshipping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org) under the documents tab.

**We’ve been exploring** powerful stories of **women in Scripture this summer**—courageous, faithful, complex, and often overlooked. From prophets and peacemakers to mothers and outsiders, these women bear witness to God’s work in unexpected places. We have two more Biblical women to reflect on this summer: Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Come and be inspired by the fierce grace and quiet strength found in the **Women of the Bible!** Past services are on our YouTube channel.

**Summer Faith Formation Resources** to weave into your summer!

- **It’s a Party!** Sign up for **virtual WDC Library Summer Story Days** for ages 3-8 at [forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6](https://forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6). On Saturday, August 9, we’ll be celebrating WDC!
- **“Follow the Peace Path” Cards** are available by the mailboxes. Ideal for family time at home. 1 per family please.

If you had recorded an **August-December event** on the 2025 Master Calendar on the safe in the office, please put it on the calendar there again.

**Couches Needed-** To accommodate our growing youth group, this fall we will expand into two classrooms. We are looking for gently used couches for the senior high room. Contact Pastor Sarah to coordinate delivery.

There will be a **congregation business meeting following worship on August 24 for reelection of Pastor Josh**. Our constitution and bylaws read: *Reelection of pastor. The vote to extend the call of the pastor for another 3-year term may be taken on a Sunday morning prior to or after the Worship Service. (Must be present to vote.)*

Review forms are in mailboxes today, August 3, and were sent as an attachment in the weekly email of the bulletin. They must be **returned by Aug 17 in the box under the mailboxes**.

**Teacher Resource Workshop- next Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Sunday School Teachers are invited to stay after worship for a light lunch, brainstorm ideas for teaching, and learn about resources. There will be time for teachers to plan and create a schedule.

**Faith Formation Sunday- August 24<sup>th</sup>**. We will celebrate our children and youth by giving backpack blessings, presenting bibles, and blessing new prayer partners. We encourage children and youth to bring their backpacks!

**Welcome Back Peace Club and Prayer Partners!** We’ll meet on Wednesday, September 10 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm with an activity and snacks (no meal). Please RSVP to Sue Gerber, Barb Thimm, Kathy Casey, or Jane Esau. Hope to see you all there!

**Ellis Methodist Church Ice Cream Social** Sunday, August 17, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Serving BBQ Sandwiches, desserts, ice cream for a free will donation.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** - MDS is in need of up to 12 volunteers for a project in Conroe, TX for next week, Aug 10-16. Conroe is just outside of the Houston area. If you or someone you know is available to serve or have questions, contact Kaelan Swartley at (717) 929-4172 or [kswartley@mds.org](mailto:kswartley@mds.org)



The WDC Listening Process highlighted common themes and concerns shared by congregations, inspiring ideas for helpful resources from WDC! As one way to follow up, WDC will periodically hold Affinity Group forums for interested congregational members and leaders to engage a particular topic together. For the first forum, the WDC Resource Commission will host a **Voices Together mini webinar via zoom on Sept. 30 at 7:00-8:30 pm**, with Pastor Joanna Harader and musician and retired pastor Cynthia Neufeld Smith on worship resources and music that nurture all ages. We hope to see you on Zoom, but the webinar will also be recorded and posted on the WDC website. Registration coming soon!