

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Live stream: Wendy Kyser
Worship Leader: Van Vanderschaaf Audio: Marv Goossen
Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf PPT: Lori Thimm
Ushers: Daryl Riesen & Bryan Heinz Hosts: John & Zella Penner
Greeters: John & Lori Thimm

Last Sunday: Offerings: MTM: \$200, FMC \$ \$3,079

Attendance: 80

Offering today: MCC; **Offering next Sunday:** FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, August 13 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, August 15 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Thursday, August 17 Noon: Beatrice Ministerial meeting at FMC
 5:45 pm Worship Council meeting
 7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Sunday, August 20 9:15 am Round Table Discussions and PK-3rd
 grade Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship with Dave Stutzman

August Birthdays

1: Miles Esau 6: Steph Janzen, Rebekkah Stutzman
7: Mitch Williamson 11: Debbie Keeney
11: Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz 12: Abby Trantham
16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm 21: Kyle Baade
22: Gentre Lynn Esau, Henry VanderSchaaf
27: Pam Kunzman 29: Pat Penner
31: Samuel VanderSchaaf

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- **PDF of the church directory** is available from the church office.
- **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
- Mennonite **Camp Scholarships** are available through FMC. Register online and let the church office know you've registered.

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Church Chair: Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

August 13, 2023

Welcome

Van Vanderschaaf

Call to Worship

L: The Lord has heard your voice and the cries of your hearts.

P: Lord, bring us peace and healing.

L: Rejoice, and call upon the name of the Lord!

P: Praise be to you, O God, who has raised up our Savior Jesus Christ.

L: Bring your praises and your songs to the table of the Lord.

P: May our hearts and spirits rejoice in this day. Amen.

Prayer

Hymn: "Let's Walk Together"

VT 6

Prayer of Confession: Recognizing Jesus (Maira Laidlaw)

Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you?

When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives.

Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture that obscures the signs pointing to you.

Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart when we don't recognize you in our neighbor, or in the guise of the poor or the dispossessed.

Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice.

ALL: Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us. Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like those travelers on the road to Emmaus, we too, hasten to share this great good news with others. Amen.

Hymn: "Abide with Me"

VT 502

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: “Dinner To Go”

Pastor Josh

Hymn: “Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”

VT 485

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “Come, Walk with Us”

VT 23

Offering to Mennonite Central Committee

Welcome! We are glad you are here! The service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website fmcbeatrice.org; under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

Intergenerational Summer Sunday School’s last session is today, August 13. **Children’s Sunday School** begins August 20 for combined preschool through 3rd grade. 4th grade and up will be included in the Round Table discussions.

Please plan to attend the ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS next Sunday, August 20 at 9:15 a.m. to talk about the possibility of adding a Faith Formation Associate Pastor to FMC staff. Breakfast will be provided. We look forward to a meaningful discussion time together as a church and welcome questions. If you are unable to attend and have questions, please contact any of the deacons (Don Esau, Sue Gerber, Vicki Hinz-Ensz), church chair (Jerry Reimer), or Pastor Josh Janzen. ▼Two informational documents were distributed last week in mailboxes and via e-mail to read in preparation for our discussion.

A Special Congregational Meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2023 after church, (approximately 11:30 a.m.) to vote on the possibility of adding a part time Faith Formation Associate Pastor at FMC.

Peace Club and Prayer Partners meet Sunday, August 27 for lunch and then do trash pickup to raise money for MCC school kit supplies. No meeting on Aug. 30. Regular sessions begin September 6, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

Pastor Josh’s sermon series “Dinner with Jesus” explores the gospels as Jesus is frequently eating and sharing meals with people. And in pretty much every occasion where Jesus eats, some profound teaching comes with it. In his book, **“A Meal with Jesus”**, author and theologian Tim Chester argues that sharing a meal was a part of Jesus’ missional strategy for restoration and transformation, where grace and community abounded. So, all throughout the summer, we are going to take some time to slow down, explore these stories of scripture and have **“Dinner with Jesus.”**

If anyone would like to present a **Children’s Story** during August, please contact Worship Council, Amanda Thimm, Neal Trantham, or Kathy Casey.

We pray for Jan Reimer as she continues to recover at Bryan West from a serious bicycle accident.

The Decorating Committee invites you to share fresh flowers from your garden to decorate the church this summer.

Marlene Ann Wiebe Wizelman, 80, passed away June 22, 2023, in El Cerrito, CA, after a long battle with Alzheimer’s. Marlene was a member of First Mennonite and the daughter of Oscar and Maria Wiebe. A small family memorial is planned for a future date. To contact the family, email: familyofmarlene@gmail.com

For your calendar:

Church Picnic September 24, 5 pm at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle

MCC Meat Canning November 2 & 3 at Milford (a week earlier than usual)

Pancake Feed, Today, August 13, 7:30 am – 1 pm at the Veteran’s Club, 701 Dorsey by Homestead Early Risers Kiwanis Club to benefit the many children’s charities of our club. Adults \$9; children \$5; kids 3 & under free.

Ellis Methodist Church Ice Cream Social, Today, August 13, 4-6 p.m. Serving BBQ sandwiches, chips, drinks, ice cream and toppings, cakes, desserts. Free Will Offering.

The MCC School Kit Challenge of gathering 10,000 school kits in August is going strong! We are especially low on new blue or black ballpoint pens and notebooks. Please keep these needs in mind as you see them for sale this month. Buy online and ship it to MCC, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents is at mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.