

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

**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen                      Live stream: Kathy Casey  
Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen        Audio: Marv Goossen  
Piano: Kathy Casey & Karen Wiebe    PPT: Henry & Neal Trantham  
Ushers: Daryl Riesen & Bryan Heinz   Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber  
Greeters: John & Lori Thimm

**Last Sunday: Offerings:** MCC: \$2,860, FMC \$ \$1,400

**Attendance:** 79

**Offering today:** FMC; **Offering next Sunday:** Bethel College

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, August 20      9:00 -9:15 am Breakfast  
                                  9:15 am Round Table Discussions  
                                  9:15 am PK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunday School, Room 34  
                                  Nursery care available in nursery  
                                  10:30 am Worship with Dave Stutzman  
Tuesday, August 22    1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting &Tying  
August 25 – Sept 8    Pastor Josh out of office; contact Deacons  
Sunday, August 27    9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all  
                                  10:30 Worship with Katie Jantzen speaker  
                                  11:30 Peace Club & Prayer Partners lunch & trash  
                                  pickup

**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

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**Deacons:** Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174),  
Sue Gerber (402-239-8857)

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



**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

*August 20, 2023*

**Welcome**

Katie Jantzen

**Call to Worship** -based on Psalm 22:23-31 (Joan Stott)

L: Awe-inspiring God, we gather together to praise you for your tender compassion and care of needy people.

**P: Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your prayers.**

L: Listening God, we gather to revere and honor your supportive concern for people who cry to you for help.

**P: Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your praises.**

L: People of every nation are called to gather together to worship God, in thankfulness for God's loving mercies.

**P: Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your worship. Amen.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Come, We that Love"**

VT 31

**Confession and Commitment**

L: God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways.

**P: We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.**

L: We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power.

**P: Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives – to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it.**

L: And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

**All: We praise You for Your faithful love, and knowing that You always seek us. Amen.**

**Moment in Mission**

Missionary Dave Stutzman

**Hymn: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"**

VT 624

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:45-46

**Sermon: “The Parable of the Pearl”** Missionary Dave Stutzman

**Hymn: “Rain Down”** VT 703

**Sharing & Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song: “Come What May”** VT 768

**Offering to First Mennonite Church**

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**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](http://fmcbeatrice.org); under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

**Today, we welcome David Stutzman, our Mission Partner from Germany!** We are glad to have you here!

**Children’s Sunday School** began today with a combined class of preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade meeting with Dave Stutzman. 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up were included in the Round Table discussions. **Next Sunday**, August 27, Sunday School begins at 9:30 and Bibles will be presented to Sunday School children during worship. **Peace Club and Prayer Partners** will then enjoy lunch followed by a trash pickup to raise money for MCC school kit supplies. Sunday School will not meet on September 3 and Peace Club will not meet on August 30.

**Adult Sunday school** will resume meeting on August 27 in the basement. That Sunday we’ll meet to catch up on each other’s summers and plan how to proceed with classes. All are welcome.

**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.

**BigGiveGage.org:** September 14! 24 hours of generosity!

**Pastor Josh will be out of the office** August 25-Sept 8. If you need pastoral care, please contact a Deacon listed on the back page of the bulletin.

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.

**Monthly Summary of FMC General Fund July 2023:**

General Fund beginning balance:	\$ 5,004.09
General Fund Offerings	\$ 14,144.00
Church Maintenance Expense	<u>\$(11,773.61)</u>
General Fund ending balance	\$ 7,374.48

**For your calendar:**

**Communion: September 10, 2023**

**Church Picnic** September 24, 5 pm at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle

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

**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. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents is at [mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge).

**Camp Mennoscah:**

**--M&M Project Update:** Camp Mennoscah has received more than \$56,000 toward our goal! That means we are over halfway to the \$100,000 our donor is offering to match! Thank you all so much!

**--WDC Women in Mission Women’s & Girls Retreat** Sept. 9-10.

**--Camp’s 75th Anniversary** kickoff event September 23 at Camp!

**Beatrice Community Blood Drive** Wednesday, Aug 30, noon to 6 pm and Thursday, Aug 31, 7 am to 1 pm at the Holiday Inn Express. Call 402-269-5460 or go online to book an appointment to donate.

**First United Presbyterian Church** of Fairbury invites you to join their celebration of being in the community for 150 years with free concerts on Saturday, August 26. Musical performances from 3 pm to 9 pm. The Mikey Needleman Band plays at 7 pm. Bring your lawn chairs to 2310 H Street, Fairbury. Arley’s Food truck, Scoops ice cream, and bounce house too!