

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Jerry Reimer

Piano: Erin VanderSchaaf

Audio: Daryl Riesen

Ushers: Rick Brethouwer & Bill Thimm

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier

Power point: Katie Jantzen

Video: Henry Trantham

Last Sunday: Attendance: 101 **Offering:** FMC \$3,822; Camp \$1,000

Today's Offering: Western Dist. Conference **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, July 12

9:30 am Adult Bible Class

10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, July 14

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

Thursday, July 16

7:00 pm Church Board meetings

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am Adult Bible Class

10:30 am Worship with Induction of

New Members

July Birthdays:

1: Grace Tegtmeier

6: Leona Jantzen

7: Tracy Crawford

11: Dan Kunzman

13: Marv Goossen, Larry Thimm

14: Maria DeBloc, Mary Jane Zimmerman

18: Amanda Thimm

22: Zella Penner

25: Marjorie Epp

28: Lisa Goossen

- Our services are on **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice
- The **bulletin** is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!
- 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 for the food pantry may be put in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- **Farmer's Market**, Thursday's 4-6:30 pm, 6th & High Streets

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Sarah Neher; 507-993-6820; sarah@fmcbeatrice.org. Her office hours are generally Sundays & Tuesdays, 9-12; Wednesdays, 1-8; Fridays 9-2

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Deacons: Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210),

Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Brett Esau (402-520-9100)

Welcome to First Mennonite Church
July 12, 2026



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: We gather at the edge of rivers we did not choose to cross.

P: We come with our fears, our grief, and our uncertainty.

L: But we do not come alone. The God of Moses is with us.

P: The God of the Red Sea, the wilderness, and the promised land.

L: He has not changed. He has not grown distant. He has not forgotten.

P: His promise still stands: He will not fail us or forsake us.

L: So we open our hands, we still our hearts, and we worship.

P: For the Lord our God is with us wherever we go.

L: Be strong and courageous.

All: We worship the One who makes that possible.

Prayer

Hymn 419: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Confession and Assurance

L: Lord, we confess that we have let fear have the last word.

P: We have stood at the river's edge and turned back in our hearts.

L: We have heard Your promises and doubted them by morning.

P: We have trusted our own assessment of the obstacles more than Your word.

L: We have confused the absence of courage with the absence of faith.

P: Forgive us, Lord. We want to grip Your promises and not let go.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news: the God who commanded Joshua to be courageous is the same God who never abandoned him when he failed. At Ai, when Israel was defeated and Joshua fell on his face in despair, God did not walk away. He spoke. He restored. He sent Joshua forward again. There is no failure so complete that God cannot recommission you. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and you are sent.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Hymn 203: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(Offering for Western District Conference)

Scripture: Joshua 1:9

Sermon- "Have I Not Commanded You?"

Pastor Josh

Hymn 606: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 421: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshiping with us here and on YouTube. For easy access, bookmark this link: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice and "Like" it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Next Sunday, July 19, we will have membership induction and welcoming of eight new members during worship.

11 FMC Youth are attending Mennonite Camps this summer. We pray for safe travel and a faith growing experience for them.

June 21- Beckett, Ryan Pre-Junior @ Camp Mennoscah

June 25- Sam, Navy, Stella, Piper, First-Camp @ Camp Mennoscah

June 29- Maxson @ Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

July 12- Eli & Rikki, Junior High, @ Camp Mennoscah

July 26- Clara & Henry, Youth Camp @ Camp Mennoscah

FMC pays for kids' registration and a T-shirt. **Thank you for your contributions** to the Camp Fund so the kids can attend camps and grow in their faith while making new friends in our Mennonite circle!

Please keep **Kent & Robbyn** and their family in your prayers as Kent transitions home. FMC members are helping as they are able. If you know of additional ways we can support the Hohensee's or know of agencies or programs that could assist them, please contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174) or Sue Gerber (402-239-8857).

Want to represent FMC at the WDC Annual Assembly? – Registration is open until July 26! Visit mennowdc.org to learn more about it and register. No lodging arrangements are offered except WDC has a block of rooms reserved until July 24 for the Annual Assembly at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX August 7-9. **Talk to Chair Brett Esau if you are interested in representing FMC.** Currently Debbie Goossen is our only delegate. We can have seven. FMC will pay your registration fee.

Marisa Smucker, Executive Director at Mennonite Mission Network will be coming from Elkhart on August 8 and 9. She will be giving a presentation during Sunday School and will also give the message during worship. The hospitality committee is **looking for someone willing to provide bed and breakfast for her.** Please call Marci Regier at 402-230-0342.

MCC's School Kit Challenge is back! Help MCC provide 30,000 school kits for 30,000 kids this summer. School kits provide essential supplies to children and families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles. MCC collects school kits from June - August. To learn more about this challenge and to download a free activity guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge. Call 316-836-5045 or email brociamueller@mcc.org with questions. Kits can be dropped off at MCC, 21 E 30th in North Newton, KS.

Sept 13, 11:30 am: A congregational meeting to introduce the proposed constitution and by-law changes to be voted on at the annual meeting. The changes pertain to the Safe Church policy as well as other proposed changes being reviewed by Pastor Josh and a committee.

First Mennonite Church General Fund Summary June 2026

General Fund Balance 5/31/2026	\$ 20,789.49
June revenue	14,856.00
June expenses	<u>(17,378.60)</u>
Net income for June	-2,522.60
General Fund Balance 6/30/2026	\$ 18,266.89

The annual **Mennonite Women in Mission** Women's & Girls (age 8 + up) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is on September 12-13. Schedule and registration is at www.mennonitewomeninmission.org.

Soil & Soul, a two-part series featuring Thomas Eisenbarth, founder of GROUNDED, a rural resilience initiative focused on practical conversations surrounding stress, mental well-being, and community support in agriculture, will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, Hutchinson, KS Friday, July 31. This first part of the series is designed for agriculture's Front-Line professionals: lenders, farm dealers, vets, agronomists, insurance, healthcare providers, Coop's and employees, etc. A larger producer-focused second event will be November 14, 2026. Brochures are available below the bulletin board.

Beatrice Farmer's Market: Thursdays thru October 8, 4-6:30 pm, 6th & High St, Beatrice. Kids can earn POP's to spend at the market!