

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz
Piano: Karen Wiebe	Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen
Power point: Deb Goossen	Audio: Larry Thimm
Ushers: Gayland Regier & Jim Ensz	Video: John Thimm

Last Sunday Attendance: 83 **Offering:** FMC \$ 6,737; MCC \$300; WDC \$300.

Today's Offering: Western District Conference **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, July 13	9:30 am Adult Sunday School only 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, July 15	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Thursday, July 17	7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Sunday, July 20	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

July Birthdays:

5: 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

- 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 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 when **members marry or have new births** so it can be put in the bulletin and entered in the church historical book.



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

July 13, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all you who are weary,

People: We come with cries for mercy and hope.

L: Come, all you who've been silenced, sidelined, or shamed,

P: We come with faith that dares to speak.

L: Come with your questions, your persistence, your bold prayers.

P: We come to worship the One whose grace breaks boundaries.

All: Let us worship God with open hearts and fearless faith.

Prayer

Hymn: "Let Us Build a House"

VT 36

Confession and Assurance

L: Merciful God,

You call us to be people of bold and persistent faith—
but we confess that too often we stay silent when we should speak,
and turn away when we should draw near.

P: Forgive us, O God.

L: We have drawn lines around your mercy,
decided who belongs and who does not.
We've judged others' cries as interruptions
instead of invitations to listen and learn.

P: Forgive us, O God.

L: Teach us to be like the woman who refused to give up—
who believed in your healing even when the door seemed shut.
Give us courage to cry out, to speak truth,
to stretch the boundaries of our compassion.

P: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

L: Hear the *Good News*: The One who was challenged by bold faith
now challenges us to live in grace. God's mercy is wider than we
know. God's healing is already at work. In Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering Hymn: “Healer of Our Every Ill”
Offering is for Western District Conference

VT 644

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28 -The Canaanite Woman’s Faith

Sermon: “Crumbs and Grace”

Pastor Josh

Hymn: “There is a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

VT 156

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” VT 70

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshipping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at fmcbatrice.org under the documents tab.

Welcome to those who are here for the Penner Family Reunion!

Join us this summer as we explore the powerful stories of **women in Scripture**—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. Each week, we’ll reflect on how their lives speak to our own journeys of faith, justice, and discipleship today. Come and be inspired by the fierce grace and quiet strength found in the **Women of the Bible!**

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/8DnWnLs64VkJoeB6.
- **“Follow the Peace Path” Cards** are available by the mailboxes. Ideal for family time at home. 1 per family please.

The Decorating Committee invites you to **share your garden flowers or special occasion bouquets** in church. Contact Zella Penner with questions.

Abby Trantham is doing well in Spain and thanks everyone for their prayers for safety. To see how her trip is going and what she is learning, see her posts at <https://abigailtrantham012.wixsite.com/the-pomegranate-diar>

FMC General Fund Summary for June 2025

General Fund Balance 5/31/25	- 13,997.74
June general fund revenue	17,411.00
June expenses	- 16,856.73
Net revenue for June	- 554.27
General Fund Balance 6/30/25	- 13,332.47

Congratulations to Alexandra Goossen and Nathan Gradoville who were married on June 21st at the Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City. God’s Blessings on your marriage.

Have a little extra time? **The Beatrice Youth to Youth Center** is always looking for volunteers. Contact them at youth2youthcenter@gmail.com. The center is also available to rent for parties.

WDC Annual Assembly Aug 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. If you would like to be a delegate, please talk to Jerry Reimer.

Camp Mennoscah needs a nurse for July 27-Aug. 1 (Senior High camp) and a music leader (or guitar player to help the music leader) for July 20-24. Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions or to claim a week, or call 620-297-3290.

Camp T-shirt comforter raffle and one for sale for \$500. Raffle tickets are available for purchase through Aug 3, (\$5 each or 5 for \$20) at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/camp-mennoscah-t-shirt-comforter-affle>. If you want to be guaranteed to get a Camp Mennoscah tee shirt comforter, without the chance of a raffle, one is for sale for the flat price of \$500 (the amount that the past two comforters sold have raised in silent auctions). Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Sat., July 19 – The first-ever group to win the national talent competition “The Voice” is three Mennonite siblings from Pettisville, Ohio. Bekah, Joshua and Caleb Liechty, **“Girl Named Tom”**, will give a free concert at **Bethel College**. The Green “opens” at 4:30 and food and beverage trucks/vendors start serving at 5. Local favorites and Bethel alumni **“The Flannelbacks”** open the show at 7, with **“Girl Named Tom”** taking the stage at 8.

The 2025 issue of Mennonite Life, Bethel College’s annual online journal, can be found at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Susan Fish, Ardie Goering, Don Goertzen, Peter Goertzen, Jeff Gundy, Michele Hershberger, Melanie Howard, Melanie Springer Mock, Justina Neufeld, Ken Rodgers, Mary Schertz and John D. Thiesen.

Support Local Farmers at the Beatrice Farmers Market every Thursday through October 9 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the corner of 6th and High!