

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Accompanist: Karen Wiebe
Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen	Audio: Marv Goossen
Live Stream: Wendy Kyser	PPT: Lori Thimm
Ushers: Kent Hohensee & John Regier	Hosts: John & Zella Penner
Greeters: Needed	Children's Story: Vicki Ensz

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$ 100; MCC \$2,120.

Attendance: 95

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

Happening this week:

Sunday, July 2	10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, July 4	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, July 9	9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. Worship

Late June Birthdays

27: Debra Goossen 28: June Diller

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
29: Eli Scherling	

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- 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

July 2, 2023

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Rejoice, Jesus is in our midst!

P: Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

L: Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

P: Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.

L: Sing for joy, people of God; God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer

Hymn: "Let Us Build a House"

VT 36

Affirmation of Faith

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

L: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you are with me;

P: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn: "Gentle Shepherd"

VT 718

Children's Story

Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Scripture: Mark 6:30-44

Sermon: "We're Going on a Picnic!"

Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me"

VT 540

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Go Ye Now in Peace"

VT 839

Offering to First Mennonite Church

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 is held through August 13. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for teachers and helpers needed each Sunday. Join us at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Several FMC youth are attending Camp Mennoscah this summer. Please pray that may have safe travels and growth in Christ.

Next Sunday, we will hear a recorded sermon by MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton that was preached earlier this year at Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge, KS. It is titled **"Church, do you want to be well?"** Many pastors will be attending the MC USA Conference on July 7 & 8 so this sermon was made available for churches to use in the absence of their pastor.

A Memorial service for Denise Jantzen was held Friday, June 30 at First Mennonite Church. Denise passed away on Tuesday, June 27 at the age of 50. Our prayers are with her husband Scott and children, Asha, Aaron, Leona, and Denise, and other family members. Memorials are suggested to the family's choice in care of Harman-Wright Mortuary in Beatrice.

Sermon Series: Throughout the gospels, Jesus is constantly eating and sharing meals with people. And in pretty much every occasion where Jesus eats, some pretty 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."**

Pray for delegates and other adults, youth and children from WDC attending MennoCon23 in Kansas City later this week, as they join in fellowship, learning and discernment together with others from Mennonite Church USA.

Pastor Josh will be out of the office July 7-9. 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** throughout the summer, Worship Council is happy to schedule it! Please reach out to Worship Council if you have any questions.

The Decorating Committee welcomes fresh flowers from anyone who would like to bring them to decorate the church this summer.

MCC School Kit Challenge: School Kit Challenge: 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Plus, a free download of kids activities to help is available at mcc.org/schoolkitchallenge.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on items for various care kits: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. shampoo (20 oz or more), men's deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship, or bring items, to MCC, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 6711.

The NE MCC Golf Tournament is August 12 at York Country Club. Register by July 30. More info is on the bulletin board.

Camp Mennoscah's M&M Project is rolling along toward our goal of \$100,000! Churches are invited to hold a **fundraising event** that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. If you want camp representation at such an event, we'll try to be there! Our toilet paper roll drive was so successful **we're starting another one!** Drop off your loose bills and spare change at camp or send them in check form for the Camp Life fund. Let us do you the favor of keeping your pockets clutter free! Email tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org with questions. **The Camp Sing** will be August 5 at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. This is a time to gather for an evening of singing and friends. All ages, campers and others--everyone is invited!

WDC Annual Assembly: August 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton with Delegate sessions and a Faith Formation Track for non-delegates. More info is online and in last week's bulletin. If you'd like to serve as an in person or virtual delegate, talk to Church Chair Jerry Reimer. FMC will pay your registration fee.