

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

**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen	Audio: Marv Goossen
Hosts: John & Zella Penner	PowerPoint: Katie Jantzen
Ushers: Jim Ensz & Bill Thimm	Video: Kathy Casey

**Last Sunday: Offerings:** WDC \$ 1,020; Camp \$650; FMC \$1,100

**Attendance:** 72

**Offering today:** FMC **Next Sunday:** MTM

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, July 21	9:30 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
	Registrations due for Annual Assembly
Tuesday, July 23	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & tying
Sunday, July 28	9:30 am Intergenerational 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 may go in box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
- Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Jantzen.
- Our service is on <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and heard on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.

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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

*July 21, 2024*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Open our ears

**People: to hear your word.**

Leader: Open our eyes

**People: to see your presence**

Leader: Open our arms

**People: to the embrace of community**

Leader: Open our minds

**People: to the beauty of truth.**

Leader: Open our hearts

**People: to the joy of new life. Amen.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Let Us Build a House"**

VT 36

**Affirmation of Parents**

L: God, our Creator, we give you thanks for those who have been parents for us.

**P: Help us inherit from them that which will make us more fully your people.**

L: Where they have offered us blessings of love, may we incorporate those gifts into our lives.

Where they have hurt us or fallen short of our expectations,

**P: may we learn from them, that we might not repeat their mistakes.**

**All: May the honor we convey toward our parents reflect the honor that we feel toward you. Amen.**

**Hymn: "I Saw a Tree by the Riverside"**

VT 514

**Scripture: Exodus 20:12**

**Sermon: "Watch and Learn"**

Pastor Josh

Hymn: *"O God, We Read the Holy Law"*

VT 571

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *"Guide My Feet"*

VT 816

Offering to First Mennonite Church

**Welcome!** We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon! Our service is live streamed on YouTube. Search Fmcbeatrice.

**Join us for Summer Intergenerational Sunday School on July 28, August 4 & 11.** The Education Council would love to offer a light breakfast for those attending. If you would be willing to bring light refreshments for about 40 people, there is a **sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.**

**Thank you** for your generous donations to make it possible for six FMC children to experience **Camp Mennoscah this summer!** The goal is met!

**WDC ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Delegates:** Talk to Jerry Reimer if you'd like to be one of FMC's 7 delegates. Register at [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) by July 21. FMC will pay for delegate registrations. **Schedules** for WDC Annual Assembly at FMC **August 2-4** are available in the narthex.

- **Faith Formation track** will be led by Pastor Sarah Saturday at Summit Street Church with sessions from 9 am to 5 pm.
- **Worship services:** **Friday** evening's Communion service begins at 7 pm at FMC, with the sermon by Adrion Roberson. **Saturday** worship and morning prayer begins at 8 am. **Sunday** morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. at FMC with the sermon by Michelle Armster. Piano and organ duet prelude will be played by Karen Wiebe and Michelle Shima. The FMC Quartet will also play during Sunday's service.
- **Meals** for registered attendees: Friday evening, pizza and salad. Saturday noon meal catered by Colleen's Catering. Saturday evening meal catered by Bev Acton.
- **The Family Festival** Saturday from 6:30 – 8:30 will feature games, music and Tracy's homemade ice cream.

**Hosts Needed!:** Please consider hosting an Annual Assembly participant or two. Hosts will provide a simple breakfast Saturday and Sunday. All other meals provided at the Assembly. Please let Pastor Josh or Pastor Sarah know if you can serve in this way.

**Childcare personnel needed!** We are still looking for individuals age 18 or older to care for a few children, ages 0-3, Friday evening during worship and Saturday. Please let Pastor Sarah know if you can help. The nursery for those times will be in Pastor Sarah's office.

#### Corrected FMC General Fund Summary for June 2024

General Fund Balance 5/30/24	\$ (2,173.08)
June general fund offerings	17,436.00
June Expenses	18,775.78
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General Fund Balance 6/31/24	(3,518.86)

Check out the **new Library books** that have been donated:

*"Rethinking Life"* by Shane Claiborne

*"Is It Insensitive to Share Your Faith?"* by James Krabill

*"Bountiful Hearts – Women's Bible Study"*, Herald Press

*"Take Our Moments and Our Days"* Prayer Book, Herald Press

*"Lead Me Holy Spirit"* by Stormie Omartian

*"Is This All There Is to Life?"* by Ray Stedman



MCC has a big goal of collecting **24,000 School Kits** during August. Although school kits can be assembled at any time of the year, only school kits collected and dropped off by August 31 will count towards the **2024 School Kit Challenge**. **Church groups are invited** to post a photo by August 31 of your school kit packing group on social media, tag it @mccpeace and use the hashtag #MCCSchoolKit Challenge to be entered to win a pizza party! Packing instruction cards can be found below the mailboxes and on the bulletin board.

#### Camp Mennoscah is excited to announce a new Capital Campaign! **FOUNDATION 75!**

**Camp Mennoscah** is celebrating 75 years in camp ministry with a Capital Campaign beginning in July 2024. This necessary adventure of raising money is to build a Maintenance Fund. This fund will assist in shoring up the foundations of Camp. First monies raised will be used to finish paying for the HVAC system in the Retreat Center, for pool upkeep issues, and for finishing details in the Dining Hall project.

The goal of the Foundation 75 Campaign is to raise \$750,000, starting now and continuing through December 2025. We want to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Camp Mennoscah and assure that funds will exist to maintain our physical plant as we continue to maintain our commitment to be a place where people can find God as they experience God's creation and fellowship with others.

**75 years! And there is so much ahead! FOUNDATION 75**