

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Accompanist: Vicki Ensz
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber	Audio: Jim Ensz
Live Stream: John Thimm	PPT: Debbie Goossen
Ushers: Bill Thimm and Brad Thimm	Worship Leader: Brandon Esau
Greeters: Vern & Dolores Jantzen	Children's Story: Amanda Thimm

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$ 3,828

Attendance: 66

Offering today: First Mennonite Church

Offering next Sunday: Mennonite Central Committee

Happening this week:

Sunday, June 18	9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, June 20	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, June 25	9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

June Birthdays

3: Dorothy Zimmerman	4: Dave Stutzman
8: Neal Trantham	9: Denise A. Jantzen
14: Edna Ensz	
16: Kollyns Hohensee, Van Vanderschaaf, Bryan Funk	
20: Gayland Regier	22: Rikki Hohensee
27: Debra Goossen	28: June Diller

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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.
 - Please ask the office for a **PDF of the church directory** for your phone.
 - Please contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen if you have a task **Men's Brotherhood** can help with.
 - Mennonite **Camp Scholarships** are available through FMC. Register online and then let the church office know.
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Church Chair: Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

June 18, 2023 -Father's Day

Welcome

Call to Worship (*Beth Merrill Neel 'Hold Fast to What is Good'*)

L: Welcome, friend and stranger –

P: Welcome, honored guest.

L: We gather as a community to worship God,

P: to be reminded of God's goodness,

L: to be reminded of the call to be a part of that goodness.

ALL: Let us worship God together.

Prayer

Hymn: "Let's Walk Together"

VT 6

Confession and Assurance

L: For the times we have lied to one another, and the times we have been lied to,

P: heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

L: For the times we have laughed at another's pain and the times we have been laughed at,

P: heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

L: For the times we have betrayed a friend and the times we have been betrayed,

P: heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

L: For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent and the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,

P: heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. And in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

Hymn: "Come Thou Fount"

VT 563

Children's Story

Amanda Thimm

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

Sermon: *“The Fallout of Forgiveness”*

Hymn: *“Amazing Grace”* VT 163

Sharing, Prayer, and Benediction

Sending Song: *“The Lord Lift You Up”* VT 832

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.

The adult Sunday School class will resume August 20.

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.

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

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.”**

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

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

New email: Debbie Goossen: dgoossen627@gmail.com

A Women's Bible Study Group is making **MCC Hygiene Kits** that we will take to MCC Headquarters in North Newton, KS on **Monday June 26th**. As last Sunday's bulletin noted there is a need for **school kits also**. So, if your Sunday School, family or other church group would like to donate kits to MCC, we will be glad to take them to MCC on June 26th. Please have the kits **at church by Sunday June 25** so we can include them in our trip. For questions **contact Dorothy Zimmerman or Marcia Regier**.

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

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory 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 it to MCC, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 6711, or bring items to us. Questions? Call 316-283-2720.



Camp Mennoscah is moving forward on the **M&M Project**. As of now, we are close to one-third of the way to our goal of \$100,000. Churches are invited to put together a **fundraising event** this year that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. If you would like camp representation at such an event, we are happy to see what we can do! We'll advertise for you on our website and Facebook page. For more info contact Tammy at tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org or 316-207-3472.

Dove's Nest officially dissolved May 31, 2023. MC USA will continue the important work of assisting faith communities in keeping children, youth and vulnerable adults safe from abuse. MC USA will use the name **Safe Church**. Eventually resources including the *“Circle of Grace” curriculum*, guidelines for setting up safe space policies, consultation services and a speakers' bureau will be on the MC USA website. In the meantime or for more information contact MichaelD@Mennoniteusa.org.

Summary of FMC General Fund	April 2023	May 2023
Beginning balance:	\$ 6,774.63	\$ 7,587.84
General Fund Offerings	\$ 15,703.01	\$ 8,703.00
Church Maintenance Expense	<u>\$(14,889.80)</u>	<u>\$(14,671.41)</u>
General Fund ending balance	\$ 7,587.84	\$ 1,619.43

Beatrice Community Red Cross Blood Drive! Wednesday, June 28, noon to 6 p.m. and Thursday, June 29, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holiday Inn Express, Beatrice. Please call Robyn at 402-269-5460 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

WDC ANNUAL ASSEMBLY! It's not just for church leaders! It's for everybody! **August 11-13, 2023 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS**, we'll worship, work, eat great, local food, enjoy local music, connect with new and old friends, experience faith formation for all ages, and have many choices of great workshops. It's a great place to learn about and grow in faith in Christ, care for the broader church, and worship our God of love and justice with God's people in WDC!

Assembly Theme: We will explore listening to God and to each other through our theme, "**Holy (Wholly) Listening.**" We will stretch ourselves to listen carefully to one another as siblings in Christ who understand scripture differently and can widen our cultural, racial, and identity perspectives as we focus on faith in Christ together. As we hear the concerns and joys of all of us in Western District Conference, we will explore what it means to respond to one another with God's mercy and justice. Our guiding scripture texts: Isaiah 51:1-8 and Numbers 27:1-11.

Two Tracks: We'll have two different "tracks" going on at the same time. The **Delegate Track** is for those who are voting church delegates who help make decisions on behalf of our conference. The **Faith Formation Track** is for everybody else (except kids 3 and under. Nursery provided for them). MennoMedia representatives will lead adults, youth, and school aged kids in a fun, creative multigenerational faith formation experience with games, art, drama, music, etc.

Church Delegates – The **Delegate Session** on Saturday, Aug 12, will be both in-person & Virtual. Each virtual delegate must have the ability to join via Zoom on their own (not shared) device. On-site delegate work will be shared with virtual delegates via special conferencing technology. FMC can send 8 delegates. Delegates must register themselves.

In-Person Registration fee of \$95 includes Saturday continental breakfast, lunch BBQ supper and snacks as well as access to workshops, worship and the delegate session or multigenerational faith formation. Children's registration (ages 4 to 12) is \$45 each. There are scholarships available for those with limited resources. Email wdc@mennowdc.org to request a scholarship. **Assembly Housing Options** are available in reserved hotel blocks or in homes with local families. Please indicate this on the registration form. **Registration is now open for in-person and virtual attendees.**
****Please email office@fmcbeatrice.org for registration information.**

Virtual Registration of \$40/person gives you access to all worship services, virtual or hybrid workshops, and the delegate sessions. For more assembly information, visit mennowdc.org and search for 2023 annual assembly.