

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Neal Trantham
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen Piano: Erin VanderSchaaf
Power point: Katie Jantzen Audio: Van VanderSchaaf
Ushers: Brandon Esau & Doug Casey

Last Sunday Attendance: 60 **Offering:** FMC \$3,947.57; Tech Fund \$225
Today's Offering: Mennonite Central Committee **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, June 22	9:30 am Adult Sunday School only 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, June 24	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, June 29	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

June Birthdays:

3: Dorothy Zimmerman	4: Missionary Dave Stutzman
8: Neal Trantham	16: Van Vanderschaaf, Kollyns Hohensee
20: Gayland Regier	22: Rikki Hohensee
27: Deb Goossen	

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- 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)

Beatrice Farmer's Market – Thursdays, 4-6:30 pm, corner of 6th & High Street. Shop for high-quality fresh food and enjoy fun activities for kids.

Visit mennowdc.org for conference news.

The Worship Council invites you to **share your garden flowers in church** any Sunday!



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

June 22, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who long for justice, who hunger for courage, who dream of a better way.

P: We come, trusting in the God who hears and sees.

L: Come, with voices ready to speak truth, with hearts open to the Spirit's leading, with faith that God is still at work.

P: We come, remembering Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah – who stood with boldness and were heard.

L: Let us worship the One who welcomes our questions, honors our courage, and calls us into a justice that transforms.

P: We come to worship our faithful God.

Prayer

Hymn: "Here in This Place"

VT 10

Prayer of Confession

L: Holy and listening God, You invite us to speak, but too often we choose silence.

P: Forgive us, O God, when fear keeps us quiet. Forgive us when we do not stand with those on the margins.

L: You call us to courage, but too often we settle for comfort.

P: Forgive us when we preserve unjust systems by pretending that nothing can change.

L: You give us voice, Spirit, and truth, but we forget that boldness is also a form of faith.

P: Have mercy on us, God of justice. Empower us to speak and act with integrity.

L: Hear the good news: Just as God heard the daughters of Zelophehad, God hears you. God forgives you.

God give you voice, courage, and grace.

P: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven, empowered, and free. Amen.

Offering Hymn: “God of the Bible”

VT 420

Offering is for Mennonite Central Committee

Scripture Reading: Numbers 27:1-7

Sermon: “Bold Before God”

Pastor Josh

Hymn: “Come What May”

VT 768

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “Go My Children”

VT 830

Passing the Peace

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

Summer Faith Formation Resources to weave into your summer!

- **It’s a Party!** Summer Story Days 2025 at WDC Resource Library! Stories and come & go activities for ages 3-8 and their caregivers with **virtual participation with mailed craft kits available**--sign up for virtual participation at forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6.
- **“Follow the Peace Path” Cards:** Built around the “Peace with God” Peace Path in *The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible*, they are packed with ideas for families to do at home together. **Decks are available by the mailboxes. Please limit to one deck per family!**

2025 MCC NE MCC Golf Tournament – Saturday, July 12 at Hidden Acres Golf Course, Beatrice. Open to the Public. 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. 2-person scramble, \$140 per team with cart & lunch @ nebraskamccgolf@gmail.com.

Pastor Sarah is out of the office this week as she is Worship Leader at Camp Mennoscah.

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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!**

WMS requests donations of **flat single size sheets** in blues, browns, tan, grey, or red, but **no light colors**, to use for backing comforters. They may be left in the basement on the counter. Thank you for your donations of sheets which help us show love to those who receive them!

WDC Annual Assembly Aug 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. Inspiring worship Friday evening and Saturday morning with the theme of “Anabaptism @ 500: Faithfulness Then & Now.” If you would like to be a delegate, please talk to Jerry Reimer.

Subscribe to MC USA emails to see all the Convention activities! The resolutions are posted on their website, mennoniteusa.org. If you have any concerns please talk to FMC's representatives Pastor Josh & John Regier Reimer.

Orienting With the Word - This free five-month program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative builds community and biblical literacy through Bible study. Each participating congregation designates a small group to join with others in Confessional Bible Study. Cohort One runs Aug. 1 – Dec. 21; congregations should apply by July 1 at ambs.edu/orienting-with-the-word

Ervin R. Stutzman, 72, Mennonite Church USA's second executive director (2010-2018), died on June 3, 2025. Stutzman was known as a talented leader, teacher and preacher, who was deeply committed to Christ and the church. He was instrumental in the formation of the denomination as part of the executive board in the merger of the Mennonite Church and General Conference Mennonite Church. He served as moderator-elect from 1999 to 2001 and as the first moderator of the newly formed Mennonite Church USA from 2001 to 2003. He is survived by his wife, Bonita, and children Emma Dawson and Benjamin Stutzman and their families; and his twin Erma Mae Yoder, Pennsylvania. His memorial service was June 8 at Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA. Memorials may be sent to the MC USA Archives, MC USA, 718 N. Main St., Newton, KS 67114. (Note ARCHIVES in the memo line.) Alternatively, the family encourages you to extend an act of service to a neighbor or friend as Ervin did for so many. His expanded obituary may be seen at www.mennoniteusa.org.