

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Accompanist: Jan Reimer
Worship Leader: Erin Vanderschaaf	Audio: Jim Ensz
Live Stream: John Thimm	PPT: Lori Thimm
Ushers: Bill Thimm and Brad Thimm	Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen
Greeters: Vern & Dolores Jantzen	Children's Story: Kathy & Vicki

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$ 3,175; Tech Fund: \$200; MCC \$300.

Attendance: 92

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

Happening this week:

Sunday, June 25	9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, June 27	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, July 2	9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

Late June Birthdays

20: Gayland Regier	22: Rikki Hohensee
27: Debra Goossen	28: June Diller

Early 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

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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

June 25, 2023

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.

P: Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.

L: With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.

P: Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with Great joy!

P: Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude. AMEN.

Prayer

Hymn: "Let Us Build a House"

VT 36

Confession & Assurance (Carole Penner, Adapted)

L: Gracious God, we confess before you our complicity in the sins of this world, sins which Jesus felt in his own body and soul.

P: Our hands are not clean. We confess that we have desired power and status and have neglected our duty as your servants.

L: We have allowed ourselves to become preoccupied with things we own or want to own, freely putting on the chains of consumerism. Open our eyes to the way our lifestyles affect and shape the suffering of those here and far away.

P: We confess that we have turned away from the hungry and the homeless in our own cities and towns, thinking they were someone else's problem. We fail even in our most intimate relationships with those we love, showing our worst side to those who care for us most.

L: Forgive us for sour faces, for cold shoulders, for clenched fists, and icy stares. Forgive us for the sins we know and remember,

and which weigh heavily upon us, as well as the sins which we have forgotten, which meant almost nothing to us,

P: Take away our hearts of stone, and give us hearts of flesh, which beat to the rhythm of faith, of hope, and love, All: always love .Amen.

Hymn: "God of the Fertile Fields" VT 750

Children's Story Kathy Casey & Vicki Ensz

Scripture: Luke 14:12-24

Sermon: "The Guest List"

Hymn: "Beauty for Brokenness" VT 712

Sharing, Prayer, and Benediction

Sending Song: "You Shall Go Out with Joy" VT 847

Offering to MCC

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 fmcbearice.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.

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.

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.

Edna Ensz and June Diller wish to thank the Women's Mission Society for the lovely birthday party that they had for them at Samaritan Springs on June 16. Edna is 104 and June will be 95.

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.**"

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.

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.

A Women's Bible Study Group is delivering **MCC Hygiene Kits** to MCC Headquarters in North Newton, KS on **Monday June 26**! If you have items or kits to donate, we can take them along on June 26th. Please have the kits **at church by Sunday June 25**. - **Dorothy Zimmerman & Marcia Regier**.

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.

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._.

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.